

## What areas would you like to see the community improve in?



### Anonymous user's Opinion

better utilization of the civic center. More downtown entertainment. Mass transit train on 2nd street.



### Anonymous user's Opinion

The arts as a whole and more downtown events year round



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Becoming better stewards of the environment. I would like to see another compost site or even curbside collection of leaves. I would like to see recycling expanded so more things can be recycled. I'd like to see an effort to get businesses to not use plastic (not ready for a ban, but movement in that direction).



### Anonymous user's Opinion

working to improve the activities available to most people instead of thinking that 'culture' is the most important. ( wasting money to renovate an old building downtown that will cater to the 'important' people.) people visiting are not looking for high priced gourmet meals and semi-formal events



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Diversity and acceptance



### Anonymous user's Opinion

affordable housing



### Anonymous user's Opinion

metro passenger train service using existing tracks from Kasson, Byron from west, St Charles, Dover-Eyota from East and from south at least as far as tracks now run with parking facilities in Fairgrounds and beyond.



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Pedestrian safety



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Responding to concerns of its citizens and not only responding to the bidding of DMC.



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Improve residential trash and recycling services.



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Protected bike lanes. "Pump track" in parks. Indoor skate park to keep kids healthy and active year round. Reduce speed limits to 25 mph in residential. Increase safety for pedestrians. More streets like the 2nd street SW project but with protected bike lanes so my kids can ride there too. Reduce number of cars downtown. Close historic 3rd to cars... Food trucks on north side of historic 3rd. Get rid of golf at soldiers field turn into a healing garden with large playscape, water access, running trails, meditation garden.... Also, with growth work to reduce sprawl of the city.



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Affordable childcare is critical - it is way too expensive here in comparison with other cities this size. improving snow removal (so it's actually REMOVED not just MOVED around schools and perhaps evaluating the parent pickup setup to make it more streamlined and less dangerous for drivers and pedestrians when people just drive where they want. Having the bathrooms unlocked at the parks and the park parking lot open earlier in the year would be great since everyone goes out as soon as it even remotely warms up.



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Move away from car centered planning. Focus on small developments with big impacts in neighborhoods.



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Youth engagement, work on ways to encourage kids and teens to stay active and healthy, and stay off the streets. I like art but another art display is not going to help the people we need to be helping



### Anonymous user's Opinion

Music entertainment



### Anonymous user's Opinion

There are a couple of items I would like to bring to Rochester's elected officials attention: 1) The Chateau Theater project is the biggest waste of public money I have seen in Rochester. It is ridiculous what the city has spent on this building from the acquisition costs, to the repair costs, to the renovation costs and maintenance costs. That money could and should have been so much better utilized by investing in Rochester's infrastructure, such as better streets, improved traffic flow in and around the city core...or even considering reducing property taxes to make housing more affordable in Rochester. 2) Our neighborhood streets are crumbling! Less than a block from my home in NW Rochester, in a neighborhood which is not even 15 years old, there is a 8 foot by 12 foot piece of the street which has disintegrated into a pothole. The Rochester public works personnel have temporarily repaired it but it is already deteriorating after less than 2 weeks of repair. Why isn't Rochester investing in ensuring that streets in its neighborhoods are properly installed to be long lasting streets?



### Anonymous user's Opinion

One of those counter-intuitive things is that when you designate an area as no driving and allow for a city boardwalk area to take place, it actually increases people visiting the area rather than front row parking. I think we need to designate an area, likely an area downtown, as the Rochester boardwalk exclusively for local businesses and specifically local restaurants. Food is one of those great inviters and there's no denial that while we have a variety of cultures here they're easily sequestered due to our climate and community differences. Providing an area for those cultures to intertwine, as well as visitors, in a positive way should be of great importance and soon. Otherwise I'm afraid we will see issues that come with the growth of cities soon.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The "Big Four" - career and technical training, workforce housing, affordable child care and improved transportation.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It appears lower income housing is a major issue an the homeless issue is growing. Real Estate taxes are increasing for home owners. I don't care of home values for taxation are increasing it doesn't help us pay the tax bills when you are in fixed income or lower income bracket!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This City needs better food. This City needs expanded mass transit, high speed connection to the Twin Cities, and expanded bicycle and pedestrian facilities. This City needs to improve the quality of its surface waters, and this City needs to get greener. Much greener, more environmentally friendly, and literally more green by planting more trees. It's too windy here anyway, so plant a lot more trees.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Increased public transit and increased in connection of bike trails

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Diversify activities/entertainment.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Community spaces in the downtown area.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Yard waste pick up, including Christmas trees. Less expensive parking at the library. Community activities like Easter egg hunt or Christmas lights.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Accessible services. As DMC we have the opportunity to be a leader incorporating safe, accessible resources, locations, travel ...

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Road maintenance Pedestrian safety 100% renewable energy by 2030 Cigarette use illegal when driving

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable housing that isn't low income subsidized or luxury. Affordable for the middle class at 30% of household budget. Mayo should have a part in funding items such as schools and homeless shelters needed as a result of the development that Mayo is pushing for themselves. We could use more full time benefited jobs that aren't medical or high education requirements.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable housing for the elderly. Especially the ones who live on only Social Security.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable housing, activities to do for families with small children. Most activities for families with children take place during the day. Many moms work during the day

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would like to see less incentives given to corporations and more to local businesses or MN based businesses.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

1. Low income housing 2. Revitalizing older parks with in park budget without charging neighborhood. 3. Silver lake project was a complete tragedy and seems to be not maintained like promised the plants were not to grow over 4 feet but many are over 4 feet. A better solution with community input. 4. More schools built to meet DMC project. It seems like city government is a few years behind to meet this need. 5. I would like to see the Mayor have more of a roll in city government than just a public voice. 6. I would like city government to recognize we have a parking and transit issue along with not enough restaurants to meet the DMC project as it expands. I would like to see a better plan for growth than what has been shared.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable family activities, and better parks. More schools, more choice schools. Less stop lights on roads used to get from one side of town to the other. Don't focus all money and energy downtown.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Traffic management with the buses downtown is nearly impossible. need to find a way to get the buses off second street when dropping off passengers.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

1.)We have an incredible trail system but room for improvement. One being safer trail crossings for peds... most cars do not care. I walk to/from work every day, all year long, in any weather and the 11th Ave NW crossing is always a problem. Flashing lights do nothing for my safety as drivers either ignore or do not see. When I get hit it will be there. 2.)I like the plans I'm seeing but I think we should be more aggressive with transitioning from car reliance; take a peds first mentality in downtown area/neighborhoods. Make driving to/through downtown an inconvenience.




















**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It seems the City enforce too much of liberalism's agenda...Bring more illegals immigration in the state, cause the land values to increase as the result the homelessness increase and more students in the classroom and jacked up more taxation to the homeowners'. Now enforce the usage of cellphones in the vehicles, what have happened when a person wants to use a GPS to find his or way away from the city, should he or she gets a fine too? It thinks the city has gone crazy...

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Safer sidewalks and less bike lanes

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

-  Restaurant selection, roads and transportation
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
affordable housing and taking care of the homeless
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Stop the handouts to private developers. The point of the municipal social contract is to provide services for all, not sweet deals that enrich a few.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More family friendly...indoor waterpark, minigolf, go karts, children's museum upgrade, zoo (National zoological society zoo). Better use of civic center, zipline to MSP. Love, love, love the inclusivity of this community!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better bike and alternative transit options. Get ride of old power plant.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More professional approach to vetting developers
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better utilization of the water downtown as an attraction. More use of the civic center and downtown entertainment - should have events year round. Gates on snow plows so street snow isn't pushed into driveways. More attractions and things to do so you don't have to go out of town for activities. Embracing outdoor and nature areas, more environmentally friendly actions
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better roads. Some residential roads are terrible to drive on. Also cleaning up the SE area a bit. Trying to look for a new home is thought because everybody talks about how the SE is the lesser area of Rochester and to stay away from it if you can.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
There is a ton of construction going on without one thought of parking. I had better parking access when I lived in San Francisco. ROCHESTER is in the middle of a cornfield. This is ridiculous!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More consideration for the middle class and elderly living on fixed incomes or minimum wage earners. Too many decisions made by the people with much more money available to them and no consideration for the less fortunate. Taxes in Rochester are very high and getting worse in Minnesota. It seems everyone has a WISH list of how to spend the money but do not live on the NEEDED list. I wish for many things but live with what I can afford.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Community Services (i.e., child and family services) needs training on maternal gatekeeping and biasing fathers with deficit perspectives.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Willingness to try something new that is a proven model for success.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Affordable housing and less bars.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Low cost houses and low cost non fast food restaurants.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Its important to recognize that the majority of people who come here, come for health care at Mayo. Mayo signage is not very good. I've found that when I came down here for that care for a specialist - I often got lost. The signage needs to be large. This is an aging community and the bulk of the people visiting mayo are in fact aging with vision issues. Make the sign easy and large. Have lots of it. Don't focus so much on bikes. No one is biking in this community except for leisure. The overly inordinate focus on biking will put this community in the same place as St. Paul - big bike lanes taking up lots of space with no one using them. People like their cars. Rather than fight that culture - embrace it - and work to make the experience easier. You can't fight that. We aren't Europe and never will be and in fact look at today's weather. Its too cold to bike around Rochester and its not safe. So stop focusing on that and focus on the needs and wants of the community. By the way - most people don't respond to online surveys - so don't make decision based on this. Most of Rochester is elderly. They respond to mail and phone surveys. You are going to have to invest in that if you want broader stakeholder engagement. You can't just hear the loud voices of a few that have time to come to meetings. Thank you for listing.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Citywide free WiFi
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Supporting the arts by implementing the complete Chateau Theater renovation plan.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
All they care about is DMC care about the people that live hear
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Public green space, urban park or other better utilization of unused space at silver lake plant (RPU). Developing a different snow dump location outside of silverlake green space and finishing /adding trails through this part of the lake shore. Adding bike /pedestrian bridge in quarry hill west neighborhood across silver creek (along 7th & 16th) and connecting this to existing trails along the railroad track. Adding a splash pad at soldiers field or three links park!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Reign in spending. Property tax increases like this years is outrageous

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'd like to see the community "improve in" writing questions without leaving a proposition at the end.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

More stuff for people who LIVE here not just patients. And I am sure patients who are here for a long term would like to see stuff after hours too. Downtown kind of shuts down when Mayo Closes - subway shops, Kahler shops. It was a huge loss for SEMVA and Barnes and Noble to leave Peace Plaza. That brought us downtown more. If we aren't eating out downtown, we rarely go. Thursdays on First is nice during the summer, but year round Rochester is kind of dead. Not just music and arts, not much in the way of shopping etc.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would love to see the trail systems be upkept more and better (smooth paved trails) to promote people to be active.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Put as much attention and resources to all areas and neighborhoods as given to the downtown corridor

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Put a moratorium on the incessant rise in fees and taxes. Need to develop a plan to enforce the sidewalk cleaning ordinance in the winter months to allow folks to get outside and walk (or use wheelchairs) safely.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Occupy empty storefronts on Broadway..... almost embarrassing ....

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would like to see other companies, corporations coming to Rochester to help with our economy and growth of the city! Growing out community one business at a time!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Public transportation, more affordable housing

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Quit doing all for mayo and more for the community as a hole . housing,child care,more money to reduce crime and build a homeless community that meets there need.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Diversity acceptance, inclusion, hiring a more inclusive city government.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Rochester needs more local options for arts involvement. More offerings to our youth for accessible and affordable education in the arts is a must. Keeping local talent engaged and thriving is vital for the growth of Rochester.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Concentrate on offering more to the entire community as a whole, not just downtown. There are many areas of the city that have been forgotten or ignored for too long, including residential neighborhoods. There are several high priced rentals being built, but not many single family homes that are actually affordable. New properties do not need to have all the bells and whistles, but start with well-built homes with an open floor plan, 2-4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and 2 car garages for under \$250,000 or an open floor plan, 1-3 bedrooms, 1-2 bathrooms and 1-2 car garages for under \$200,000 would be a great start. Add additional activities at parks for all ages including splash pads and other water features, volleyball & tennis courts, gaga ball, stone chess tables, water painting walls, mazes, botanical gardens, mini golf, public gardens, etc. Add additional pavilions with shaded seating at parks to encourage more gathering (picnics, barbecues, etc.) and overall use of the parks. Increase infrastructure maintenance including roads, curbs (especially blacktop ones), sidewalks, etc. These do not need to be redesigned, just maintain what is already there. On narrow residential streets change to one side only parking to safely allow the two lanes of traffic to be used. Revisit residential permit parking only areas. Some are no longer needed, but the homeowners are still paying for each car they own and their visitors are not allowed to park on the street. There is a push and desire to increase the use of public transportation, but no improvements to the services available have been made to encourage people to do so. Improve bus stops throughout the community offering more bus shelters to those waiting. Build 3-4 substations with large parking ramps where the buses, cabs, and ride-share cars can drive through to pick-and drop off riders and commuters can protect their cars from the weather. Make bike paths across Highway 63, 14, & 52 safer to cross.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

More things for kids/teens to do all year round. Roller skating rink!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There's been lots stores going out of business so I hope to see new stores to fill them soon or use the space by adding new attractions instead of just adding expensive apartments. Maybe some new attractions they could add or consider could include a much larger science or art museum for all ages not just the small one downtown for children. Adding a second level to the mall or adding a theatre in there I could also see being a big help for business. A waterpark for people of all ages to enjoy would be really awesome, Or maybe an indoor zoo, the one in Byron is nice but when it gets really cold out it would be nice to have an indoor one as well. Just some ideas Instead of mainly either Adding to the clinic, building luxury apartments that really no one other than doctors, adding new banks, building hotels, restaurants, and gas stations

**Anonymous user's Opinion**





















Street maintenance, public safety





















**Anonymous user's Opinion**





















Public spaces considered a priority. Existing public spaces kept in good condition. Green space downtown considered a priority.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable housing that includes actual home ownership. Lower property taxes. Better usage and management of The Mayo Civic Center. A cleaner city (the trash along our streets and highways are some of the worst I have seen in the U.S.).

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Redesign and restoration of the path from Northern Heights neighborhood (6th Ave NE) down to Kellogg Middle School. This is an important alternative route for kids and bike commuters, hoping the city has plans in the works.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The local older-focused population is that for a reason. The young ones got out of dodge while they still could. I went to book a guitar lesson and when it was said I don't work at Mayo, I got a snarky attitude! I mean really!? Classist are we?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Easier bussing systems, and being on schedule. The busses seems though they are consistently more than 5 minutes off schedule.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Municipal trash collection, including compost. More schools.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Public transportation
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More affordable housing, more public transit.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Culture, services... something fun to do
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More things for teenagers, live music / concerts
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'd like the community to give voice to those who are not affiliated with Mayo in some capacity more than they do. Mayo is certainly a wonderful player, but it's important to remember there are plenty of folks who need to live and survive here that also have needs and wants.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Diversifying beyond its largely medical focus, continuing to increase support of the arts, parks, outdoors and other enriching aspects of the community.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Crime, Drugs, homeless
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would like to see the restoration of the Chateau Performing Arts Center approved and work stated ASAP. Rochester needs to build its arts infrastructure. While we have an burgeoning grassroots music scene developing, we need the Chateau Theatre project to get out of its current tailspin - enlarge part due to a City Council and admin team that does not support the arts - and move forward. Support for the arts was one of the pillars of the DMC legislation, and it is time to make good on that promise. We need to be like Duluth.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Stop catering to every liberal whim and desire (bike crap that cuts out lanes on major roads and parking areas). Get back to providing the basic's within the revenue available. Stop raising taxes to pay for things that only help a few people so you can advertise it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It would be nice if 21st Ave was opened up again. I have everyone tell me this I tell them to tell the mayor. I'm tired of answering this question.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Diversity in public transit
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Diversity, affordability, sense of being represented.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Attracting a diverse workforce. There are too few workers to support the retail, food and tourism businesses here. No one is doing a good job of highlighting our city to attract these workers! Not everyone moving here can't be a highly educated healthcare worker, we need service workers more than anything.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
needs to place more emphasis on the arts and resolve the problem of homeless sleeping in the skyways.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Improve safety by enforcing traffic laws (all).
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We need more affordable places to go for food and entertainment. There a lot of new places but they cater to the rich. The majority of this community is not rich. We also need more available parking downtown. It's hard to attend events when there isn't enough parking.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The city needs to figure out efficient ways to move traffic east to west in town without having lots of stop lights or zig zagging through streets. Overall the traffic planning for moving people doesn't seem to be effective. Creating bike lanes that randomly start and stop doesn't make sense.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Push for 100% renewable energy for the city, reduce investment in new streets (build inward), and find a way to avoid major budget increases year over year (property tax increases are excessive)
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Public transportation....
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More frequent and later buses
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Put fresh paint stripes on the streets! With all the visitors in town it becomes very confusing to know where the lanes are.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Provide more diverse outdoor activities in the parks system- e.g. expand mountain bike and trail running opportunities, allow more areas where well behaved dogs can be unleashed, make the Zumbro cleaner and more accessible.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Support of local artists. Too many people still believe that you have to travel to the Cities to see good art, listen to good music, attend good shows, etc. I would like to see the city of Rochester spend less money on bringing in outside artists and spending more on supporting the artists we have in the community.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Less taxes more fiscal responsibility. Sell the Chateau so it doesn't become yet another city money pit.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The city needs to stop spending so much on building new schools and instead improve the ones we already have. Our taxes are going through the roof and we can't afford it. The city also needs to better support arts and music in the school and reduce spending on sports, especially football, which is a dangerous and physically harmful game for young bodies. The city needs to get rid of the entire Mayo Civic Center staff and hire new people who can actually sell the venue for performances and events. The city needs to hire police that actually patrol the streets and give tickets for driving violations - all the people I see who barely slow down for stop signs and don't bother to stop and who blast through stop lights when they are turning red are a danger to anyone else driving, biking or walking.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Gang activity addressed.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Larger investment in the arts -- specifically the Civic theatre, Civic Center, RAC
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would like to see something done about the geese and how they are destroying Silver Lake parks.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
affordable housing and public transportation. Too many "luxury" apartments that few can afford, while homeless people are sleeping in the skyways. They need affordable, safe spaces! Rochester seems to cater only to the wealthy
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The citizens of Olmsted County do not want bike lanes nor the streets beautified. We want maintained roads and bridges.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Make bikes pay for any special lanes.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Homeless people panhandling
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
A bigger and better indoor playground or community center that has a zero entry pool, nice playground and a gym for kids to use.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Lower property taxes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Lower taxes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Get an indoor water park already.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More affordable housing for our low income population
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Musical Arts
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More police, our department is roughly 1/3rd the size it should be.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More traffic enforcement! People don't stop for red lights. Rolling stops if they do stop at a stop sign. People staring at phones. People speeding five to ten miles over the speed limit is the norm.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better bus service. On social security Destination Medical Center is making things unaffordable.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better mass transit, especially to the airport. More arts and opportunities for diverse groups to participate. Well maintained parks - not just new parks in new neighborhoods but parks for everyone. Splash pads in parks - not just in the Peace Plaza. Stop making downtown the only destination. I don't want to go anywhere there are huge crowds. Create small amenities throughout the city. More bike trails and lanes. Fewer parking structures. More housing that is actually affordable. Focus on things for residents and remember we deserve good quality of life; focusing on medical tourism is fine but don't forget who provides the care to those tourists.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
plastic bag ban; resurfacing of trail system
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Neighborhood involvement
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More sensitivity to plight of workers and families here. Promotion of things to bring us together rather than dividing us so much. Affordable housing still needs attention. Lowering of property taxes should be a priority as it is a very frequent complaint among residents. I don't think the way council receive input from residents is at all in touch with the prevailing sentiments of residents. The vocal few who are passionate enough to share will generally skew what council perceives in way that does not reflect the true reality. I believe council sincerely want to know what the people are thinking. I still don't think we have found a great way to get that input to our leaders though. I have multiple times been at odds on a topic that a council member believes most people want when most people I hear want the opposite or are completely unaware of what government is doing in the area altogether. Most don't have time to keep eye on it and council members don't seem to have time to branch out and get the input we hear on the streets. This survey is nice but most people won't even know it exists let alone have time and technology know how to access it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More continuous bicycle access thru downtown. Diversity acceptance Affordable housing.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Judges that don't give criminals a pat on the hand and then release them
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More police officers hired to patrol
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Make parking cheaper downtown
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better options for commuting downtown More bike trails and lanes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Trails
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Offering more indoor concert opportunities. Also need a venue for bands since Wicked Moose closed.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Municipal broadband
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
repairing streets
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More community events and festivals, parades, more free movies and music nights in the summer. More bus routes both in frequency and destinations. More crosstown bus routes even if it means needing to transfer. Downtown circular and/or people mover. Pedestrian only streets downtown and more pedestrian friendly intersections downtown.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Consider looking out for the people DMC is leaving behind. So much focus is on development for people who are already wealthy or solidly in the middle class and to my knowledge nothing is being done to support people on the bubble financially.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Icy street corners, turn lanes, and residential streets can be improved upon. Other cities seem to manage this much better than we do.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

-Multimodal transportation -Neighborhoods feeling more connected as a community



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

communication/homelessness/affordable housing



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Art and music



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Make Rochester an exciting city to live in with a lot of options for things to do. The City Council moves at a snails rate. It takes FOREVER for the approval of things other exciting cities have done for years. The city needs to update ordinances to keep up with the times. The developers in Rochester seem to run the show. AFFORDABLE housing is NEEDED ASAP!!! In approving all of these high rent, new luxury apartments and condos, it's driving up the rent of apartments that were previously affordable.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Property taxes Left turns on green arrows! Higher quality paint on streets to actually see the lanes at night and in the rain!! Security cameras at Quarry Hill Park.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Getting the homeless out of the skyways, subways, and popular public places.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable housing, have more areas of Rochester helped out with arts and cultural events on the outskirts of town or at least the uptown area, rather than just always being only downtown.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The over spending needs to stop. There needs to be votes on projects that you are spending our money on by the citizens of Rochester only. I personally have seen the medium and lower tax brackets of people struggling while the wealthy have no problems what so ever. Possibly stop charging so many extra taxes and making the cost of living go up. Maybe create venues for people that can't afford to spend tons of money. More night and weekend activities.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Improve access to affordable housing. Continued focus on development of dining and entertainment options, especially in the down town area. Improved parks and recreation spaces.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Scheduled activities, more things to do in the evening or weekends



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'd love to see Rochester follow the guidelines suggested in "Walkable City" by Jeff Speck. As it is, we are a city whose life is healthcare yet we privilege driving and cars. For instance, our stop lights turn green automatically for cars but none or few of them automatically give a walk signal for walkers. Instead, walkers must push a button and often wait a whole cycle. I'd also like to see updates in to Silver Lake Park such as 1) the old fire station being repurposed as a library branch, children's museum, cafe, or other business, 2) the snow dump being moved outside down and the Silver Lake walking loop completed, and 3) a splash pad being added to the Silver Lake Pool area.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Improve local contracting rather than relying on Twin Cities companies. Publish percentage of local contracts vs. out of town.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Better patrolling of parks. Better listening to community by the city council. Better current park maintenance



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Improvement of all businesses in Rochester banning the use of styrofoam to go containers. Also engaging the community in ways that make them less resistant to changes that help our environment.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

How much time do you have to discuss this? I have lots of ideas.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**





















The people that feel uncomfortable with the fact that Mayo Clinic cannot sustain the same footprint it retained in the 1950's to the 1970's are absolutely ridiculous. I grew up here also and I realize that Rochester wouldn't even exist in the the form you remember it as then let alone what it has grown into being today. The answer IMO is to move Downtown to another location and let Mayo continue to grow and evolve. IMO it is time to take Soldiers Field Golf Course by eminent domain and rebuild Rochester Downtown there with the Soldiers Field Memorial as it's entrance. Run light rail back and forth from the Mayo Downtown Campus. We have plenty of Historical Photos to rebuild OUR Historic Rochester Downtown with modern restaurants, entertainment, retail, housing and business space in the Historic Rebuilt Downtown. We could even build a Central Fire Station and Clock Tower at the South end facing North because the bellline would be the end of the road. The Golf Course can be relocated further out of town. Lets make the decision to combine Mayo Clinic and the Downtown we remember because Mayo will only grow larger. The Mayo Brothers set it up to spend the money that Mayo makes back into Mayo Development thus it is only growing exponentially. The Golf Course is currently being used by how many people of Rochester?? The land is in eye sight of the Mayo Downtown campus. The millions that visit Rochester every year could see Rochester as it was and enjoy modern food, retail and entertainment. This could be done. They did a similar project in San Jose California with the Santana Row development.

































**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Removing bike lanes from busy streets. Should be on side streets with less traffic. Safer for bikers and vehicles a like.



-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
At any given moment most of the people in Rochester are not going to be in Rochester 5 years from now.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It can't. The sooner I'm out of here, the better!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Arts is where we need to improve. None of these three proposals or the current future of the Chateau do that. We are putting keeping this theater on life support and in a coma rather than bringing it back to life. We either need to sell the Chateau (as Mr. Palmer brought forward) or we need to fix the site (yes that is now probably in the range of 30+ million). Our current solution is a very poor choice and just covering the board that put us in this mess.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Silver Lake Park, downtown river engagement areas
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Bus transportation to and through SW is abysmal.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More support from the city government for local small businesses. Instead of providing incentives only for large corporations that likely don't really need them, also provide small business incentives.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better utilize the waterways within the city to be part of recreation. Make more, better access points.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Downtown (lots of potholes, takes too long to clear snow)
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Finding more opportunities for things to do and businesses outside of downtown. Also to create more affordable housing to help with the labor shortage
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More affordable housing.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Alternative event space that is affordable for regular business, personal and non-profit usage. Being able to keep Chateau alive and being offered to all sorts of booking abilities, concerts, etc.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Speed bumps and or more police presence on 81/2 Street SE. Between 15th Ave. and the college.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Keeping and retaining are young people that go away to college. Offer them more job opportunities for them to come back to.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better help the homeless and single parents.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Business diversity, we need more large employers or nationwide companies in Rochester.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Get rid of the residential parking permit near Mayo High School. It makes no sense to have home owner pay \$31 a year per car to park in front of the house they own and already pay a huge amount of taxes on. Either revise the ordinance so that it pardons the homeowners from having to pay fines and fees or abolish the old and out dated ordinance. No high school kid is going to park their vehicle a mile away to walk to school.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Street maintenance (I.E., potholes) need to be addressed more quickly in residential areas.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Downtown housing, specifically condos. There are lots of us who want to work and live downtown and would love to own instead of rent.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better traffic flow and city planning. Stop letting Mayo dictate everything that goes into this city.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Get rid of bike lanes and get bike paths that are safe for families. Have cops that will actually do a job and get rid of crime instead of sitting back and being afraid. Have a city council that focuses on the safety of the community and will lower taxes and get rid of welfare

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More bike lanes! More extended pedestrian crossings! Less focus on cars cars cars :)
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Slow down traffic in neighborhoods. More bike trails for general users; Protected bike lanes on routes to downtown for commuter cyclists. Abolish the us vs. them animosity between drivers of cars and drivers of bicycles; we are all in this together, just trying to get where we need to go; lets work to improve our respect for each other.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Rochester lacks a Conservatory and a Botanical Garden/Arboretum.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Equity, transparency, overall level of kindness.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Green design
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Affordable single family housing in safe neighborhoods. Current situation is applanable
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Bike lanes downtown
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More outdoors entertainment/event options, especially during weekends.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Improved funding for roads. Less wasting of taxpayer dollars on stuff like the weird blob art and the Chateau theatre.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Coordination with other governments in the area!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Neighborhoods and City Council communicate more effectively
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Try to encourage neighborhood retail so people don't have to drive to buy everything. Also, encourage smaller lots and houses. If the houses are smaller and closer together we don't need as many streets, which are expensive.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Make it easier to get around. There is too much construction done in a five mile radius. Parking should not be such an issue. You guys think everyone wants to bike or ride a bus! And how about we stop with all the bike lanes until we see how much the current ones are used. Which is next to none. Also, don't start taking away lanes of traffic thinking this will help with congestion. It's the dumbest thing I've ever heard. I have yet to see the Cities go from a 4 lane to a 2. They usually go up! But not here. Oh, and can we make Silver Lake look appealing again? You can't even see the lake due to all the weeds around it. You guys keep focusing on stuff for out of town visitors and don't do anything for the people actually living here, but we sure pay for it in taxes!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Traffic flow is poor. New streets are poorly designed and by default, the flow will be poor resulting in high speed driving.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Need more recreation opportunities
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
downtown is really bad with traffic, some businesses you have to go around the corner from, construction makes it hard to get around, and taxes are extremely to high outside of Rochester because of the so called excuse of "the mayo" specially on modular homes where you rent the land!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Common sense using budget balanced decisions.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Affordable housing, especially for people with autism Employment opportunities for people with autism
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Actually build AFFORDABLE housing, or is that just a pipe dream now? Rochester needs to accept what it is... It is not a big city, it is a city dominated by one entity and is too conservative. We keep getting things dangled in front of us like the chateau project. The city asks the people what they want the space for, the people answer, then 2 years later they ask again.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't pave the running track at Soldiers Field Park. SAVE IT, DON'T PAVE IT !!!!!

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Stop wasting my tax dollars
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Be nice to have some more street lights on my street... It's so dark in the evenings.. Not good...
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Safer options for cyclists.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Denser development; thoughtful street design; more control over how commuters from outlying municipalities use our city infrastructure and amenities
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Safer infrastructure for biking as transportation. Relying on data and expertise to provide this safety piece, especially for those with little to no voice in the community and that rely on bikes as their sole means of transit.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Public transportation
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Focus the use of tax dollars on law enforcement, crime prevention, public safety, streets, and essential services, and let private money find its way to support arts, entertainment, and aesthetics, etc.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Would like to see more bike lanes and public transportation. More parking and roads are NOT the solution. They just add more cost and congestion in the long-term.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Tax protection and/or affordable housing for the elderly that have decided to stay in Rochester and live from their Social Security only. Help the school district as schools are over capacity. 31 kids in a classroom, do you care!?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
affordable housing, property taxes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
More parking downtown, better access to art center, city and count workers paying for their parking,
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Your app has some problems. I'll try it again next year...
- Anonymous user's Opinion**  
 Plan for public transportation to and from downtown with regularity- especially since residents and their cars are not welcome or considered in the planning process. City-wide wi-fi as part of a public utility, a city-wide snow emergency ordinance so people get their cars off the street so the plows can do their jobs- especially in neighborhoods where every house has a driveway and a 2 or 3 car garage. Vetting developers and their subs before giving TIF funding to ensure no one is taking advantage of workers by not paying them. Reevaluate "complete streets" as the reality is most people drive cars and the "road diets" create congestion and risk of more collisions. The reality is there are very few bicyclists who bike year round. Also, during winter, when the streets are not cleared from shoulder to shoulder, there people are driving in the bike lanes as the right turn lanes aren't cleared. Most bikers use the trails- let's work on the trails and not on adding more on street bike lanes.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
activity choices for children
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Better public transit. More buses, more frequency in bus times. It's time for a tram or light rail system into downtown. Please no more parking ramps.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Low income housing for elderly on fixed income. Also for families. Areas in NW are looking run down. We lost several places to eat in NW area. We could use some new places to eat, rather than going south or downtown.
-  **Anne Marie Griffin's Opinion**  
Walkability and bike lanes. Infrastructure updates to bridges.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Downtown entertainment. Commitment to 100% renewable energy transition.
-  **Tracy Schramm's Opinion**  
Wheelchair accessible transportation. At least having the option of metered wheelchair accessible taxis might be helpful
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
If parking downtown for workers isn't a priority, be sure that cleaning sidewalks is.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Leave the roads for the cars they were built for. Keep the damn bicycle lanes off of them. It's going to take someone getting killed, before you figure this out.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Rochester needs more car-lite neighborhoods. Rochester's current and future mobility issues are actually land use issues, not transportation issues. Rochester keeps ancient, outdated, disproven, and harmful policies in city code that essentially are social engineering of low-value sub-urban land uses. Minimum lot sizes, minimum parking requirements, exclusionary zoning, setbacks, use-based zoning, etc. Rochester city code essentially makes walkable urban land uses illegal. But fret not, that's a huge opportunity, and it's not very difficult. The future of Rochester neighborhoods doesn't have to be some complicated, top-down, expensive plan - just legalize traditional urban neighborhoods and people will do the rest! The future of Rochester is bright.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Maintain bike paths. Maintain parks more so than simple mowing (play equipment seems to get left to fall into disarray). Draw larger, non-service employers. Low paying jobs won't help the city grow. Improved trash removal (cost is silly for the services we get). Improved snow removal. Mayo Civic Center park is gross with all the goose droppings and makes for an area that is hard to enjoy.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop wasting money on "feel good" projects and overhaul basic services.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

AFFORDABLE Housing for we Disabled Persons !!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable housing, affordable childcare, and better solutions to the growing problem of homelessness in our community.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm not interested in having bike lanes on West Center especially if it comes at the expense of parking for community residents who live in this area. This would be a detriment for neighbors for sure, it's taken a negative toll on sixth and I would expect the same. I watch out neighborhood and the biking is infrequent at best.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

more emphasis on affordable housing for low income residents, improved public schools that work for the students and protect students from sexual assault, more emphasis on small businesses and organizations

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Property taxes for people on fixed income.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable housing

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable housing and s city consul that listens to its citizens!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

More enforcement of traffic laws. The number of drivers who turn right on red without stopping first and who scoot through red lights is dangerous!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Young adult entertainment that isn't alcohol-centered. Already seen a lot of improvements since moving here, but more music and physical activity (rec league, community bike rides, fun runs, etc) are appreciated.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

becoming more environmentally sustainable through holistic approach including urban planning, transportation, environmental justice, energy use, economic development

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Low income housing DOWNTOWN. Better coordination with County on public works issues. Better bus service to NW Attract better shopping opportunities. Macy's just doesn't cut it. It is still necessary to make frequent shopping trips to the Twin Cities .

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Managing our money better! Be more fiscally responsible!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Focus on neighborhoods outside of downtown including transit hubs, retail space, community space. I recall this from the comprehensive plan as an option.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The community cannot change without the government changing. The community is not balanced. The community is not safe.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would like to see a year-round common space downtown that has a lot of natural light but protected from the cold during the winter months. Retractable roof over Peace Plaza maybe? More diversity in the talent lineup for city-hosted events. Better waterfront (more attractions, less crazy geese).

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I read in the paper you are doing a survey on trash collection and we can respond thru polco. I don't see it here. I want to keep my ability to choose my provider. Especially since there are only ~3

providers, the city should not take over this private enterprise relationship we have today. I also question that the survey will be done thru phone calls. We all get lots of robo-calls these days - a real problem, so we don't answer our phones. You're not going to get a good sample that way.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Lgbt issues such as making Rochester more gay friendly and more places to go



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Shutting down the downtown to traffic so that the businesses and hospitals and hotels down there can continue to thrive in an environment where everyone has enough space to thrive.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Better policing



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

To be more bicycle friendly and to make downtown an easily accessible destination without having to drive there.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Affordable housing, lower taxes esp. as it seems DMC gets all the attention and the elderly and low income earners struggle to make ends meet.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Make benches available all over town. I can't walk very far at a time and need places to rest frequently, like in the corner of the skyway walking to the library, my legs and lungs give out.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Equity and affordable housing



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Family activities, affordable dining options. Community water park. Affordable housing. Less stop lights (circle drive west I'm looking at you!)