




Report for Budget Survey Fiscal Year 2026

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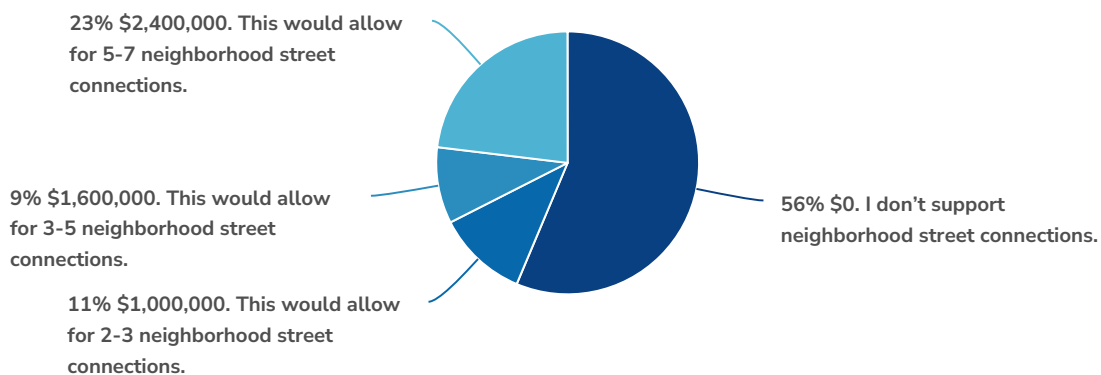
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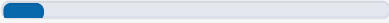
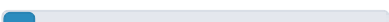
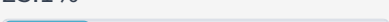
1. Public Safety The Sedona Police Department patrols all areas within the City limits, serving approximately 9,900 residents and an annual visitation of 3+ million, covering 19.8 square miles. Over the past few decades, new development has been growing steadily, from new construction projects, housing and hotel developments, and increased traffic associated with tourism. The Sedona Police Department has had the same number of officers since 2009 and is considering adding new positions. Question at hand: Prioritize the highest need for public safety resources in the future: (1 being the highest rank, 3 being the lowest rank. If none of these options appeal to you, don't drag anything).

| Item | Overall Rank | Rank Distribution | Score | No. of Rankings |
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| An emergency management position dedicated to enhanced community preparedness for wildfires and other emergencies. Initial year-one costs are approximately \$140,000, which includes training, salary, equipment, etc. | 1 |  | 954 | 375 |
| Additional Patrol Officers to ensure ongoing quick response times and provide adequate officer backup during multi-officer calls. Initial year-one costs for one officer are approximately \$200,000 for training, salary, a police vehicle, equipment, etc. | 2 |  | 801 | 370 |
| A community outreach officer dedicated to helping the homeless population and connecting them to resources. This position will coordinate with other agency partners to address impacts of homelessness. Initial year-one costs are approximately \$200,000, which includes training, salary, a police vehicle, equipment, etc. | 3 |  | 493 | 314 |


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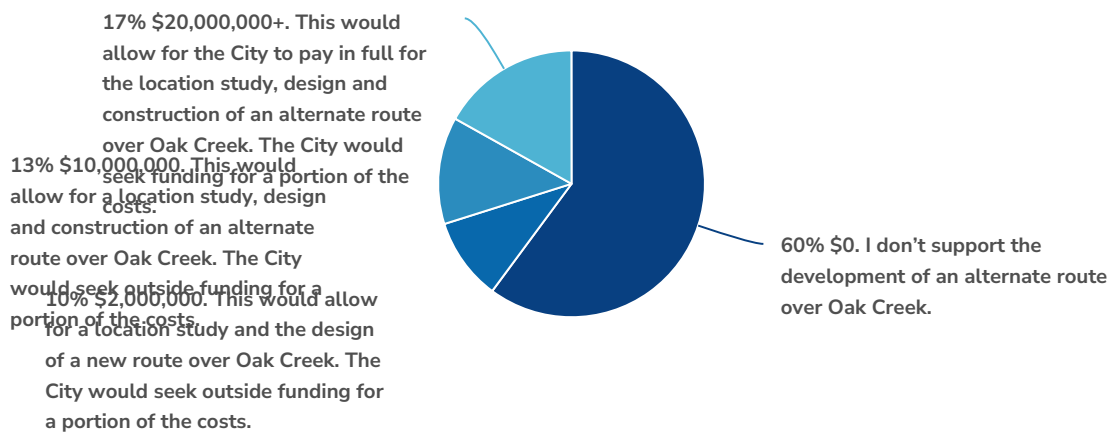
2. Transportation and Public Safety The need for at least seven neighborhood street connections is included in the Transportation Master Plan and will aid in emergency evacuation efforts. The City continually evaluates wildfire risk and the necessity of neighborhood street connections to aid in future emergency evacuation efforts and for better mobility. To address emergency access needs, the City is exploring building wider than normal shared-use pathways in strategic locations that only in an emergency would be available for evacuation by car. The pathways would allow pedestrian and bicycle use on a day-to-day basis. Question at hand: Recognizing the more that is allocated towards this project, the more robust and expedited the solutions will be, what level of funding would you like to allocate to street connections?


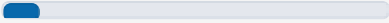
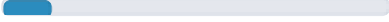
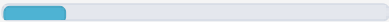


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| \$0. I don't support neighborhood street connections. | 56.4%  | 470 |
| \$1,000,000. This would allow for 2-3 neighborhood street connections. | 11.2%  | 93 |
| \$1,600,000. This would allow for 3-5 neighborhood street connections. | 9.4%  | 78 |
| \$2,400,000. This would allow for 5-7 neighborhood street connections. | 23.1%  | 193 |

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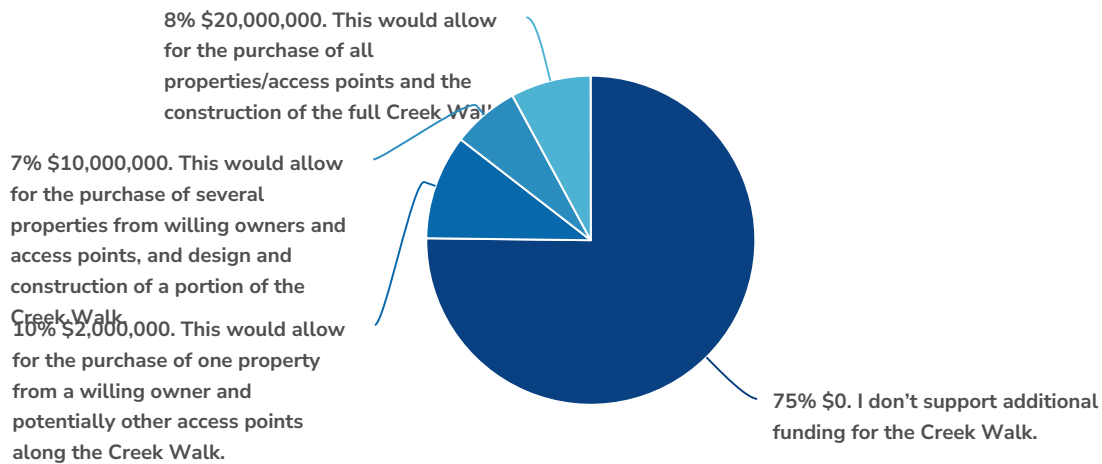
3. Transportation A prominent goal of the 10-year Community Plan is to improve circulation. The Transportation Master Plan outlined various opportunities to improve traffic circulation, resident commutes and evacuation planning, including new roadway options to connect West Sedona (89A) to South Sedona (179). There are several locations for a new route that could be located within or outside of the City limits that cross Oak Creek, linking the west and south regions of the Sedona area. To build an alternate route over Oak Creek the City will need to work with regional partners to accomplish this goal. An average estimate for the entire cost of the alternate route project is approximately \$20 million, but could be more depending on the location, length of the route connection and complexity of the project. Question at hand: Recognizing the more that is allocated towards this project, the more robust and expedited the solutions will be, what level of funding would you like to allocate to the development of an alternate route?


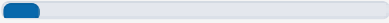
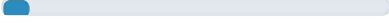
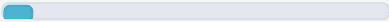


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| \$0. I don't support the development of an alternate route over Oak Creek. | 60.2%  | 506 |
| \$2,000,000. This would allow for a location study and the design of a new route over Oak Creek. The City would seek outside funding for a portion of the costs. | 10.0%  | 84 |
| \$10,000,000. This would allow for a location study, design and construction of an alternate route over Oak Creek. The City would seek outside funding for a portion of the costs. | 13.0%  | 109 |
| \$20,000,000+. This would allow for the City to pay in full for the location study, design and construction of an alternate route over Oak Creek. The City would seek funding for a portion of the costs. | 16.9%  | 142 |

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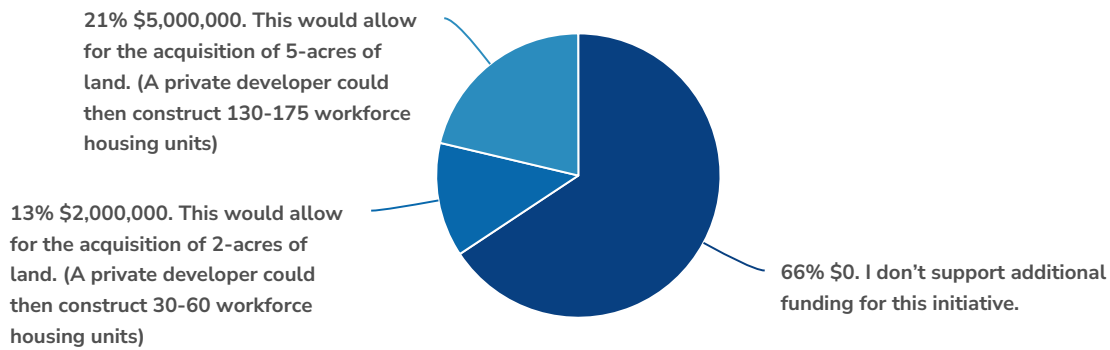
4. Property Acquisition City Council has directed staff to begin the planning process and purchase of property and/or property access along Oak Creek for a Creek Walk. A Creek Walk could increase opportunities for outdoor recreation, education and watershed protection. A Creek Walk would include a pathway for non-motorized recreation along Oak Creek. Access to the area would be limited to the pathway and restricted from the creek water. The Creek Walk is anticipated to extend from northern Uptown to near the Gallery Row area. To build a Creek Walk, properties and/or property access would need to be purchased. In the current fiscal year 2025, we are planning to spend approximately \$1,000,000 for the property closest to Gallery Row. The price estimates below will depend on the complexity of the project. Question at hand: Recognizing the more that is allocated towards this project, the more robust and expedited the solutions will be, what level of funding would you like to allocate to the development of a Creek Walk, in addition to what is already allocated?



| Value | Percent | Responses |
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| \$0. I don't support additional funding for the Creek Walk. | 75.2%  | 626 |
| \$2,000,000. This would allow for the purchase of one property from a willing owner and potentially other access points along the Creek Walk. | 10.3%  | 86 |
| \$10,000,000. This would allow for the purchase of several properties from willing owners and access points, and design and construction of a portion of the Creek Walk. | 6.6%  | 55 |
| \$20,000,000. This would allow for the purchase of all properties/access points and the construction of the full Creek Walk. | 7.9%  | 66 |

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5. Property Acquisition A prominent goal of the 10-year Community Plan is to increase affordable housing. According to the 2021 Sedona Housing Study, the City has a deficit of 1,620 housing units. One of the City’s strategies is to acquire land in order to partner with housing developers to construct workforce housing. Question at hand: Recognizing that the more funding allocated toward land acquisition, the more workforce housing opportunities can be developed, and given that the cost of land in Sedona is approximately \$750,000 to \$1 million per acre for vacant land, what level of funding would you support to acquire land for workforce housing?

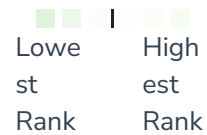


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| \$0. I don't support additional funding for this initiative. | 65.7% | 550 |
| \$2,000,000. This would allow for the acquisition of 2-acres of land. (A private developer could then construct 30-60 workforce housing units) | 13.0% | 109 |
| \$5,000,000. This would allow for the acquisition of 5-acres of land. (A private developer could then construct 130-175 workforce housing units) | 21.3% | 178 |

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6. Priority Ranking Resources are limited. Please rank the survey topics in order of importance to fund:

| Item | Overall Rank | Rank Distribution | Score | No. of Rankings |
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| The development of neighborhood connections for improved bike/pedestrian and emergency access. | 1 | | 1,483 | 407 |
| Additional positions in the Sedona Police Department. | 2 | | 1,466 | 420 |
| The development of an alternate route over Oak Creek. | 3 | | 1,385 | 410 |
| Land acquisition for workforce housing developments. | 4 | | 1,216 | 391 |
| Land acquisition and the development of a Creek Walk. | 5 | | 758 | 366 |



7. Are there any other comments you would like to add?

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| 4 | NOPE! |
| 14 | The city needs to show the return on investment and savings possible by building and operating a vehicle maintenance facility. Why can't this be done by third party providers less expensively? |
| 18 | I am NOT in favor of workforce housing, an alternate route over Oak Creek, or wide sidewalks because of the increasing destruction of our priceless and irreplaceable natural areas. I'd rather we buy existing buildings and transform them into apartments. We are already tragically overbuilt. How many more red rocks will we blow up? Please keep lobbying instead for restrictions on BnBs and cut back on advertising for tourism. Why not spend money to give taxpayers a break on water & sewer bills!!!! |
| 22 | The emphasis on workforce housing is too great. This will work itself over time out as the City should not be in the business of housing. More emphasis should be on making life better for citizens such as completing the sewer systems as promised, traffic issues and safety. Too much money is being spent on studies and a small homeless issue that keeps escalating in the eyes of the government. Just get it done! |
| 29 | The "alternate route over Oak Creek" must allow certain traffic to bypass the Sedona core, not just provide additional crossings within it. The police line item does not provide sufficient justification (present staffing, call volume, # new positions proposed), though expansion may be warranted. |
| 30 | . |
| 31 | Creekwalk is interesting but parking around it needs to be figured out. At this time bypass roads, neighborhood connectivity (finishing the SIM) and workforce housing are the biggest priorities. |
| 34 | None |
| 36 | Reduce the City expenditures and pay down debt. |
| 38 | Given that many projects are actually multiyear, I chose FY 26 expenditure levels assuming more can be spent in future years. In other words, I chose a middle road of funding for the single fiscal year although I support a more robust multiyear set of expenditures. |
| 39 | survey would be better if the links were provided for current police response time to calls, amount of police overtime etc. and justification for other public resource personnel. -has the city spent money for studies for alt. route over oak creek before? - I think the city should stay out of affordable housing development. -2 million on a plan for a bus barn is obscene. - in light if the recent CA fires, there should be focus on property owners and city to do limbing/clearing , fire breaks |

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- 44 I would like to see money allocated for use of reclaimed water for landscape shade and enhanced fire protection. The categories for police force enhancement are excellent. I'd like to see money put toward protecting our community from increasing heat as verified in the heat study. I'd money going towards reducing the heat island effect?
- 46 NO NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS: This was resoundingly defeated - City manager Clifton acknowledged the community's strenuous opposition and assured us no Neighborhood Connections would not be pursued. NO ROUTES OVER OAK CREEK: The broader community has been clear for years that routes over Oak Creek are undesirable and unwanted. Stop destroying all that brings residents and visitors to Sedona. This only creates more problems longer-term. I only support Land Acquisition for OPEN SPACE.
- 48 There is zero need for sidewalks in Sedona West.
- 49 The uptown parking garage is a huge mistake. The residents did not vote for building a massive cement monstrosity that is a fire hazard. EVs can ignite at charging stations and you cannot put out fires. Sedona is a high fire risk location with minimal evacuation routes. \$90,000 per parking space is absurd and money can be used instead to put tiny homes, at the Dells. That addresses affordable housing needs and is a good use of govt. Funds. It makes no sense to create such risk. Stop it now!
- 53 This city WASTES so much money on things that really don't benefit us. How about finishing sidewalks under the plan from 3 years ago to make it safer for pedestrians (I.e. Andante is an accident waiting to happen). How about no more long paths along Dry Creek that requires road realignment. How about not wasting money to essentially create a dedicated left turn lane on 89A at Forest Road. How about dropping the bus garage and micro transit. I won't even start on the Forest garage.
- 54 More funds need to be directed to citizens. Where was an updated library, new senior citizen which is pitiful? Too much to roadway infrastructure to increase capacity for tourists. Make it easier to navigate the city then the more will come to the city. Nothing for parks?
- 56 The city council spends too much money. We never needed people sleeping in their cars on city property.
- 57 Your "shared use" paths are way too wide. They ruin the neighborhoods and send tons of tourists riding bikes right next to homes. Not to mention putting dog poop holders right next to houses (check out Sanborn.) With an average age of 61 in Sedona, these paths are not for locals. It is clear that the objective is to get tourists off 89a and into our neighborhoods. Please stop the nonsense! You are continuing to ruin our neighborhoods with these massive paths.
- 61 Years ago the City added .05% tax to sales tax for traffic improvements. I would like that addition to end in 2025. I think the parking meters bring in money for that and, frankly, I think we've done our best to accommodate tourism traffic and reorient our priorities to the list above.,

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- 63 Evaluate how many people need housing. Ask them what they want and then ask businesses what they are willing to contribute. Addressing STRS and other creative ideas would be my first approach to the housing. What are the evacuation plans and evaluate the weaknesses. Educate home owners on how they can mitigate the spread of fire. Encourage or educate what building traits are more fire safe etc. Have meetings about fire safety before its upon us. Thank you for asking
- 64 Thank you for surveying residents and focusing on resident needs.
- 67 Stop wasting money on short term rental lobbying. Feels like we are subsidizing the hotel industry.
- 68 I feel a creek walk is unnecessary and will burden me with extra taxes. I feel workforce housing developments are unnecessary-workers can commute from other places like Cottonwood utilizing their own transportation, car pooling, or taking the shuttle buses.
- 78 Make the city more bike friendly and setup bike shares... bikes and bike paths are cheap compared to shuttles and roads!
- 79 The needs to add a position to the Budget this year - City Trails/Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator/Planner to ensure the development of bike/pedestrian connections, the alternate route over Oak Creek, the Creek Walk and the Western Gateway development all consider biking/pedestrian needs.
- 80 The Police Department is short staffed against the approved levels. That needs to be addressed first. We have so many SIM projects left to be done, we don't need a creek walk to serve as a distraction. We bought the Cultural Park for affordable housing. Let's focus on getting that designed and built vs. buying more property.
- 84 Need understanding of how projects would be paid. Debt? Increased taxes? Or??
- 86 The Creek Walk is excessively costly when currently walkability is lacking. Alternate connections from the "Y" to S Red Rock Loop should be advanced. Affordable housing should be a public/private objective.
- 87 Create homes ☐ for our working class!
- 88 I would like to see an increase in sworn patrol officers. With the increase of drug running on 179 and 89a, traffic associated with tourism, and running code 3, I feel an increase in sworn patrol staff is needed. We need affordable housing to be able to support our community and bring families back to Sedona. I feel our homeless problem is minimal compared to our other regional cities, and a small priority should be assigned to this issue. Oakcreek: I am neutral on the issue.
- 89 There are properties that the City already owns that could/should be developed for workforce housing. Creek Walk would benefit tourists, not residents.

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| 94 | Connecting road/s through west Sedona and Uptown for local traffic to avoid 89A is vital to all residents and emergency services. |
| 95 | I would support funding in excess of \$5 million (maybe \$10 million) to acquire land for workforce housing. |
| 96 | I understand that pending construction for workforce housing on land already owned by the city has been postponed indefinitely. Can the city complete these proposed units prior to additional land acquisition for the same purpose. Thank you. |
| 97 | Let's make Sedona safer A creek walk no way!!!! |
| 98 | Stop the madness, save our neighborhoods and resident quality of life. End SIM. |
| 99 | Limit new hotels to limit tourists and none of these issues will be pertinent. |
| 100 | NA |
| 103 | The chapel neighborhood needs to have plans for emergencies. There is a major traffic issue during busy times. Many of the homes have only one road egress, and that is a big concern for public safety and well being. |
| 104 | Can you cut staff? This is all about spending more money and hiring more people. Cops protect the community, Parks and Rec hosts good event. I don't know what the other 150 to 200 of you do except waste money. "Sustainability," for instance, is useless. |
| 107 | Decrease the amount of city administrative positions. The growth of the city government does not equate to the value received. |
| 108 | There needs to be a plan to relieve the congestion during busy times on Chapel Rd |
| 109 | It is virtually impossible to build affordable housing when dirt is so dear as it is in Sedona. I suspect you are just kidding yourselves. |
| 115 | we need to really move on public transportation, its only going to get worse. This was the problem after the crash of 2008. Everyone just said wait, economy got better and things got way worse! |
| 122 | Connecting streets and roads for public safety in the event of an emergency evacuation is a sound and highly necessary strategy. The emphasis seems to be focused on West Sedona and Uptown. What are the City's priorities for residents in other parts of Sedona (i.e., SR 179) and to the city limits near VOC? |
| 124 | Alternate route or bus for pedestrians and/or vehicles visiting the Chapel of the Holy Cross. At least a sign off of 179 when the Chapel traffic is backed up for vehicles to go there at slower times of the day. Possible a web Chapel traffic website so people can book a convenient time when there is no backup. |

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- 127 As we have seen in the past, improving infrastructure to accommodate more visitors has not solved congestion. Likewise, adding more amenities such as a creekwalk will increase visitation, esp transients seeking a place to camp. As a community, we need to consider measures to limit the number of visitors during peak periods to reduce peak congestion and maintain a decent quality of life for residents and visitors who have reserved nightly lodging.
- 134 I support neighborhood connections, but not as shared use paths as outlined. I would like to see roads connecting neighborhoods so primarily residents can use these to avoid 89A/179 traffic to navigate thru town
- 137 The community plan referred to the annexation of the Dells, which the city is pursuing, but it also referenced the master planning of the Dells, which I think should be put on the cities to do list so it can think through the future of that land and perhaps that can solve some of the discontent from folks that once the old Cultural Park amphitheater rebuilt rather than looking at a more practical solution on flat land like the Dells. It would be a good start. A planning process would be healthy!
- 138 The city needs to limit the number of STRs and hotels- we have too many. The number of STRs reduces the availability of renting long term for workers in Sedona or for people wanting to move here. Not enough thought goes into the long term impact of some of the issues. It feels like those living here are not important (like the connector roads- that would impact residential neighborhoods). The proposed drive thru coffee shop at Posse will add more traffic, which I thought was a goal to reduce.
- 145 We must lobby the state to make Schnebly Hill Road a viable escape rout to I-17. Free parking for visitors in the vicinity of the Y should end. This has become a tourist town; they should pay for capital improvements.
- 146 I hope that Sedona can find reasonable and compassionate ways to share its beauty and peace with residents, whether they are housed or unhoused, and with visitors.
- 148 None of the proposed initiatives will do anything to improve the quality of life in Sedona. Our elected officials and city staff need to look at the long-term ramifications of many of their recent/upcoming decisions.
- 149 There is a need to provide open space/park for Uptown residents. Most of the improvements and acquisitions appear to benefit tourists and tourism. We need to focus on proactively seeking out land and property that will benefit residents and take some available open space out of play for development of additional lodging in the community. Recently we seem to have increasing proposals from outside developers to increase the number of available rooms. This just exacerbates the need for housing.
- 152 More playground equipment for those under 5 years old, please!!
- 153 Please work on the lack of Emergency Egress situation before you work on purely recreational projects.

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156 CREEK WALK: IT IS NOT NECESSARY OR BENEFICIAL to invite visitors to invade relatively undisturbed private creek property in the busiest most congested part of the City WHEN THERE EXISTS CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC ACCESS in OC Canyon, at Crescent Moon and Red Rock State Parks. A Creek Walk WOULD NOT BENEFIT THE VAST MAJORITY OF CITY RESIDENTS who have to drive into the most congested part of town and find parking.

157 Reducing wildfire risk and reducing crime should be the only priorities at this time, IMHO. Until those things are taken care of, other items are irrelevant since the current situation encourages us to sell out and turn more homes into to airbnbs. I would support city subsidies for wildfire insurance as more policies are cancelled. Vegetation near power lines will cause fires. Neither APS nor the city will listen. Put the power lines underground, trim trees, and stop chasing owners away!

158 Additional landscaping on medians and along sidewalks into west Sedona to enhance the western gateway using native plants and trees.

159 I believe the single most important thing the city should do, if for no other reason than fire evacuation, is to build an alternate route from west sedona over oak creek to 179. We are screwed if on fire.

161 When Nepenthe was being built, units were set aside for low income locals. The developers managed to get their hands on the units and made a huge profit. This has happened many times with Sedona & affordable housing. Why is it locals are not hired for these city positions. There is extra expense to pay for transferring to Sedona. If anything Sedona is overstaffed & they have no parking left but on the streets--poor management.

166 I do believe strongly that workforce housing should be number one above but I don't understand why you need more funding for it. You have been allowing other hotels, etc. to be built when that could have been workforce housing.

168 residents are leaving

172 Really, the number one priority would be to reduce conversion of whole neighborhood houses into short-term rentals. This would likely slow down housing price increases and allow for more moderate income earners who live and work here and to afford housing without the need for the City to come in and buy up land for workforce housing developments.

174 Stop turning Sedona into a homeless haven.

178 Stop all developments until the ones that are in process are completed. There are too many people here already for the infrastructure. You cannot change the road in the canyon, it is one lane each way. If the city continues to push for more developments and more people Sedona will be a gridlocked, overbooked and overrun open air hotel with increased crime, trash, and destruction of the very thing that originally brought people here. The beautiful red rocks and the quiet trails of Sedona.

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| 179 | No to route over Oak Creek and Creek walk, under any circumstances. |
| 183 | Bury power lines along evacuation routes Help create healthy, resilient, sustainable communities by ensuring residents have air purifiers, help with metal roof installations and costs, and water catchment systems. |
| 189 | Any workforce housing should be in the Dells where the property is already owned by the city. It is easier to build out there due to the geology. Money should be allocated to convert the water treatment spray area to injection wells to open up that land for use |
| 193 | As usual, the city is expecting public support from shallow, vague questions. This is a worthless survey. |
| 194 | I am disappointed in seeing this mayor and city console constantly trying to blame affordable housing or the lack there of on short term vacation rentals. I've lived in Sedona for over three decades, and in my humble opinion, the city has failed decade after decade in creating affordable housing. I do not think there's a pathway by which you can take \$1 million vacation, rental property and somehow magically convert that into an affordable rental property. |
| 211 | Make it safer to bicycle. I'm 70 years old, and cycle 110 miles a month, but never ride in the bike lanes on hwy 179. Too many tourists, drift into the bike lane. Work with ADOT to install rumble strips. A bridge over oak creek at the end of VVSR, with toll access for residents only. Shuttles - get local hotels involved. Other tourist towns have shuttles circulating the hotel circuits. The current Park N Ride system doesn't decrease traffic, just trail head parking. |
| 212 | Making Sedona more pedestrian friendly is important to me as well as reduction of short term rentals whilst creating affordable housing options for those that live and work in Sedona. |
| 214 | A bike & pedestrian access over Oak Creek allowing trail access or bicycle commuting from West Sedona to South is my preference over a vehicular traffic bridge. Emergency vehicle access only. |
| 217 | Under no circumstance should the city own workforce housing. |
| 225 | Once entry is given to the Creek.....you have opened Pandora's box...look at all the problems in the Canyon for example and fire hazards will be increased by lack of mindful tourists. |
| 226 | I would like the reiterate the support for bike paths throughout the city and safer options for commuters |
| 227 | A sidewalk is needed from the ranger station to Tlaquepaque. Handicap friendly! The city is doing a great job with the shuttle services! |

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231 We don't need more cops in our town. We don't need more militarized police equipment. We don't need more road. We need a safer, more sustainable model and end the reckless growth.

232 No Creek Walk. There is currently miles of Oak Creek and hiking trails available on public land. The City doesn't need to develop a Creek Walk through private property in the most congested part of town. The City needs to get housing built on property they already own BEFORE purchasing additional properties.

238 Why are we not looking at building housing outside of Sedona toward water treatment facility. Cheaper land. Short drive to Sedona!

241 Widen the roads for better CAR access, and NO low income housing in our Sedona paradise!

245 The city has been irresponsible in the management of capital acquisitions and projects over the past several years. There has been little to no accountability for projects that have been extremely poorly planned and executed with excessive cost overruns but little to show for in actual improvements beneficial to the residents, or for that matter, visitors and tourists. The current council will prevent future councils from making any real progress since the budget will be mostly paying off debt.

247 How many studies are we going to do to explore an alternate rout from 179 to 89... Don't waste any more money on this. It will not get done!

248 Thank you for making surveys easily accessible and efficient to complete.

251 My primary concerns relate to safety— evacuation routes, alternative routes, police response times and wildfire preparation and resilience. Workforce housing is my secondary concern— it is important, but adding housing without addressing the ability to evacuate or have an officer arrive quickly would be counterproductive. A riverwalk, while nice, would not be worth the money or unintended consequences. I didn't choose max funding amounts b/c completing projects in budget- poor history by city

252 Can't see having a dedicated police officer only for emergencies or only for helping the homeless would be justified. Additional officer or two which would allow more focus in those areas seems better. I don't favor shared use paths on quiet neighborhood streets. Paths on Coffee Pot, Andante, Mountain Shadows would be helpful. Additional road connections south of 89A seems like a good idea. Improved conditions for bikes such as wide shoulders on Dry Creek Rd. would be helpful.

259 We need to focus on our residents needs first. In addressing issues from tourism we need to focus on those that most negatively impact our residents. 1. Traffic congestion. 2. Over crowding of trail heads. 3. Short Term Rentals

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- 262 We need an alternate route! So everyone doesn't have to go through the Y. More money needs to go to our schools, They have been neglected. Money for teachers, and first responders so that they can live here. We have too long supported tourism, transportation, and not the people. It is really sad that the city has not purchased apartment complexes for housing teachers and police etc. luckily we have some big hearted people that have taken action. Very sad, the wasted money
- 263 Be more fiscally responsible with our tax dollars. Your projects are always way over budget with minimal improved results!! We are tired of this wasteful spending!
- 264 Please make the city safer for pedestrians & bikers. 1 death is too much. I almost get hit daily.
- 267 The residents of Sedona will fight the idea of an alternate route over Oak Creek. BAD IDEA!
- 268 26 years ago with a population of some 11,000 , City had approximately 1/3 of The current number of Staff . (Excluding police) Get rid of the additional positions .
- 270 Not in favor of the Annex on 89A nor the Bus Barn
- 271 Reduce destructive tourism and leave Oak Creek community alone
- 276 GOOD LUCK!
- 278 I would like to see a survey that documents numbers to support the need for housing for workforce. Are you talking about 20 people, 200, 2000?
- 279 Alternate route spanning Oak Creek is by far the most impactful issue for the future of Sedona and solving the traffic congestion problem. We must have a route to travel from 179 to West Sedona and not near the Y. Back O'Beyond roundabout to Shelby Drive or similar. Also we need to support our S hook systems and please create a new park with an outdoor venue and other park facilities at the Sedona Cultural Park! Thank you!
- 284 How about an outside study of Sedona government efficiency and staffing levels?
- 286 Hire a City Trails/Bike/Pedestrian Planner
- 289 I wish the City government would consider before taking on projects whether it is the proper job of government at all. I don't know enough about the connectivity issue to have a worthwhile opinion as to whether it is necessary.
- 290 Road connections and safer pedestrian and bicycling are needed the most. If an emergency happens Sedona is totally gridlocked. Also most areas especially 89a are very unsafe for non motorized transport. Chocolate tree lot being one of the worst lots for public pedestrians and dangerous along 89a. Cars are constantly in the sidewalk area in that lot. There's also lot entrances every 15 feet the entire way on both sides of 89a, its a shitshow. Birch n Willow have no easy left turn access to 89a.

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291 There is no need for a sworn full time police officer dedicated to emergency management. Stabilize the executive staff of the PD. If you cant then probably the Chief is weak link. To improve traffic, #1 focus on a veh bypass over the creek. #2 Solve problem of the east roundabout traffic jam created by southbound cars from uptown, turning onto 179 #3 re-look at SLIP lanes at the Y or Forrest/179 intersection and create zipper lanes outside the of the Y

292 Stop trying to split up neighborhoods!

294 No

301 Funds to start burying powerlines is high risk, poor emergency egress areas. Expedited closing of the crosswalk at Tlaquepaque. Decreased development of hotels. This is what Chat GPT says: The City of Sedona's 2026 budget should focus on key areas that balance tourism management, infrastructure improvements, environmental conservation, and resident quality of life per Chat GPT.

302 I am against multi-use-pathways in quiet, low traffic neighborhoods. It's a waste of money, and the construction of these 'bikeways' is desruptive as it destroys yards and takes out landscaping. They are not needed in quiet, owner occupied neighborhoods!

309 The city is spending too much money on the Forest Road Connection and Parking Garage! How can the cost overruns continually be approved with absolutely no accountability? The parking garage should be downsized to meet the original budget!

310 The amount that is being spent on the Forest Rd. connection and the parking garage is out-of-hand and absurd!!! These were not thought out and are terrible ways to spend the citizens' tax dollars! I am very disappointed how both of these projects were quietly and quickly pushed through without consulting with the citizens!

312 Affordable housing within City limits is not feasible. I would support an effort towards affordable housing at the Dells site which would be far more practical.

313 This survey should have had a trails/multimodal coordinator/planner position included in it.

317 Yosemite, Glacier and other tourist areas limit tourists; why can't we?

325 The city should hire a position for bike trails/ connectivity / safety for non- motorized transportation

329 It is still the local communities recommendation that the City hires a full time Bike Park, STEPS & Trails Coordinator. The City needs an experience professional to take over managemnt of the Sedona Bike Park. It is not longer a part time job. This person will also be able to focus on integrating STEPS and local City trail connections as a comprehensive plan.

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332 It's time to reduce City Staff numbers and salaries. They are way too high in both regards for the size of the City and the actual job requirements. City Council also has been profligate in their spending on almost every project they have created.

344 Expand the area serviced by the Sedona Shuttle Service.

346 Please prioritize work on an alternate route for the backup of traffic on 179 between VOC and West Sedona

348 Please landscape or do something to improve the appearance of the barren hill along the Forest Road extension. It appears as a scar on what is otherwise a beautiful (green and red) area of Sedona that is visible from many vistas and vantage points in and around the city.

351 We need additional routes through town that would also help during an emergency evacuation.

354 The crosswalk at tlaquepaque needs to be closed period. The pathway needs to be only route. This will help with traffic, fire safety and evacuation if a wild fire.

355 I think low income housing is important for a workforce needed to help the restaurants and hotels but housing needs to be respectful, not demeaning -housing units/apartments or small houses not a place to shower, sleep in car or camper and portopotties -that idea was disgusting!

356 Fix, the drainage problem you caused by putting an SUP Across rodeo on Sanborn. Houses on both sides of rodeo flood every single time it rains because you took away the drainage when you put in the SUP. This is not 100 year flood as engineer Phillip said. It happens every time it rains. Put some money to fixing the mess the SUP created.

359 We desperately need a full time position at the City for managing the Sedona Bike Park and Trail Maintenance. This position has long been overlooked and is desperately needed.

361 The Y intersection needs to be addressed somehow

373 Quit Wasting Money on worthless initiatives. This survey, for instance, was completely biased and skewed toward the answers someone wanted.

375 I'd like to see an increase in short term rental taxes and permit fees. Visitors are a strain on our public services, and short terms rentals are bringing more visitors while reducing housing options for residents.

380 Creek crossing!!!!!!!!!!

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382 Double down (triple down) on fire prevention and education. The city has an annual yard debris pick up that should be at least quarterly. We should have a volunteer fire department that can help when a big fire comes. Try to set an example not only in AZ but for the rest of the US when it comes to preparedness by the whole community

383 We need a dedicated trails coordinator!

384 Sedona is unique. There is only one Sedona. Protecting the natural character of this special place is paramount. We don't need to destroy existing neighborhoods & generate pass through traffic by attempting to "connect" them. We don't need to destroy the peace for residents of Red Rock Loop by adding bridges over Oak Creek. The city should be prioritizing residents & our quality of life rather than prioritizing tourism. Keep Sedona natural & keep it beautiful!

385 Council and the city government need to recognize Sedona isn't a suburb, nor can everyone afford to live here. Council needs to recognize the concerns of the RESIDENTS, and not just represent the business community, many of which don't even live here.

388 On question 6 we would have liked to have seen an option for a city trails coordinator that could work hand in hand with the USFS. This is crucial for the city to be involved in as they directly benefit from the trails and with the continued defunding of the USFS and grants that support trail upkeep it will be important to have more resources across different entities helping to maintain, improve and expand trail/outdoor recreation opportunities in and around Sedona.

393 Revitalize the amphitheater and construction of community center at the Western Gateway land.

394 For Cultural Park, add in a recreation center like Cottonwood Az, Durango CO, Salida CO, Moab UT, etc have that includes an indoor pool, climbing wall, weight/workout room. Revitalize the Red Rock Amphitheatre. If the city is serious about infrastructure for the citizens, these are the type of projects that should be undertaken along with Oak Creek Road and pedestrian crossings and neighborhood connectivity via trails and roads.

400 I am deeply distrustful of the City of Sedona's efforts on workforce housing. I fully expect the city to construct workforce housing and then price it out of reach of the actual workforce.

401 Why did the city waste money on underground walkways around Tlaquepaque when the crosswalk is still open for use?What a freaking waste of our money. Traffic is still a mess there. Until that mess is resolved, do not waste more of my taxes on fixing other options.

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- 406 State route 89A needs a median from Dry Creek road to Soldiers Pass Road to improve safety and traffic flow. I realize this is a state highway but the city needs to initiate action with the state for this improvement.
- 408 To many dollars are spent on studies. Don't be afraid to do less complex studies and get stuff done.
- 413 Thank you!
- 420 workforce housing is needed but the City should use land it already has and make an effort to construct affordable eco-friendly housing developments with deed restrictions preventing the property from EVER being used for short term rentals.
- 421 My Survey input via HSS request, but either as a City partner entity Volunteer or Resident, appreciate the opportunity for input. I will comment; my Wife & I moved here years ago, Safety a major factor. At that time, SPD had 26-27 Officers - I believe. Sedona has grown. How SPD Officers cover all the multi-tasking required, considering Resident Visitor numbers, is surprising. Ofc. Health, & Turnover a concern.
- 424 We need to discourage / prohibit beggars from city streets and private land close to city streets. ie Whole Foods exit. I would support hiring a police officer to enforce the above.
- 427 Consider purchasing middle school east parking area and abandoned ball field to alleviate the inevitable parking issues for trailhead shuttle, pickleball courts, disc golf course, etc.
- 428 Does the city consider the mixed use path along Sanborn & Thunder Mountain road to be complete? Because the section between Rhapsody & Dry Creek can't really accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists.
- 429 Wildfire and emergency management should receive the necessary funding to keep our community safe
- 431 It is difficult to understand where the Creek Walk would be without a map, and while it is a nice idea, we need much more investment in affordable housing and in a position to support the homeless and resolve that humanitarian issue.
- 434 Stop spending so much money on consulting firms.
- 439 I believe that development of an alternate route off of 179 into West Sedona is of immediate importance.
- 451 #1- Housing for Our Workers and existing homeless. Use 50% of the Culture Park that We Already Own. (Need) #2- Adding Police position/s are needed as Tourist Industry grows and new emergencies arise. (Need) #3- Very little money toward STUDY ONLY of Widening SIM and Bridge Across Oak Creek. (Need ??) #4- NO to Creek Walk!! There are already enough accesses. #5- NO Study, Thought or Land to be given for an additional Performing Arts Venue!! To Me NEEDS always come Before WANTS.

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| 463 | Please spend my tax dollars on things that make my life better, not tourists. |
| 465 | The city needs an arborist. The possibility of wildfire(s) in Sedona is real and must be planned for. That should be a top, if not the top, priority. Next comes affordable workforce housing without which the negative repercussions will cascade throughout town indefinitely, severely impacting the quality of life in ways people do not realize yet. The police dept needs more funding to keep up with growth. Traffic is a big problem and the creek walk would be nice. We have the budget so let's do it. |
| 469 | NO CREEKSIDE WALK!!! THE FIRES PAST AND PRESENT IN CALIFORNIA TRULY EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR AN EMERGENCY PLAN HERE IN SEDONA/VOC. |
| 475 | As my parents said, "Money doesn't grow on trees." |
| 494 | Support for neighborhood connection for emergency evacuation: While I support this, the only options are in West Sedona in this survey. What about the Chapel area. Residents in the areas identified for the survey have alternatives. The residents in the upper Chapel area only have one way out – Chapel Rd. What happens if a fire is along Chapel Rd? What if residents are block due to the tourist exiting the Chapel? More thought should be given to other areas of Sedona. |
| 504 | Please don't build a street through our complex. |
| 516 | I agree with some land acquisition by the city. I disagree strongly that these acquisitions must be developed. Open space is a resource we cannot replace once it is developed. |
| 517 | The Cultural Park would be excellent for workforce housing development! |
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| 522 | I think Cultural park should be brought back in a smaller venue, and the remaining land set aside for mid priced house not worker housing and trails with Mountain bike access, |
| 524 | If the City continues on its present quest to increase homelessness in Sedona the city will lose Home Rule. The city may want to make financial plans for that likelihood. |
| 525 | The city has shown such fiscal irresponsibility it should begin to plan for losing home rule and the funds associated with it. |
| 527 | Community neighborhood connections will create liability issues, noise, trash, insurance issues, confusion about what is private, parking issues, dog poop, and other problems. It is not necessary to offer biking and walking through private areas. |

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- 532 Alternate routes over Oak Creek SHOULD BE discussed with and INCLUDE VOC residents if those routes will increase VOC traffic, safety and ability of VOC residents to evacuate if/when Sedona residents swarm through the VOC. If VOC property is slated for purchase for any projects VOC and COUNTY residents should be informed, educated and allowed to vote on potential projects after multiple public meetings and full dissemination of pertinent project information.
- 534 Use the new transport vans at bus stops along 89a for trailhead pickup and general public transport. To decrease trash along 89a to cottonwood, have a periodic traffic diversion setup at the parallel road near sedona shadows. Trash is from loose items thrown into the bed of trucks and flying out when they reach highway speed.
- 545 Traffic is the # 1 reason which will make us leave Sedona. Wildfire is the second biggest reason.
- 547 This survey is flawed. We are told that there is a surplus of \$2.1M but we are offered the opportunity to spend up to \$47.4M . Is this a test of our budgeting skills or is there additional information that you should be telling us about how these expenditures would be phased in over multiple years?
- 548 Question 5 states: "...the City has a deficit of 1,620 housing units." This same figure was presented at the Western Gateway meeting. I asked the presenter if we built all 1620 units would we be done. He said "no." He said we'd always have a deficit, meaning it is never ending unless something else changes. Until there is some kind of comprehensive plan to limit the growth of massive new developments, I do not support any funding for new housing.
- 553 No van parking and living/encampments/ability to squat ANYWHERE in Sedona
- 581 Alternate route over Oak Creek is most likely outside City limits, so should be paid for mostly with non-city funds. VOC especially should cough up major funds.
- 588 Do NOT do neighborhood connections. I bought my house on Northview because it is safe and does not have through traffic. My kids and neighbors kids can safely play in the streets. Inviting tourists into a residential area would decrease the safety of my children. There is zero benefit to connecting the neighborhoods. We know how to get around just fine.
- 593 Thank you for working to make Sedona awesome.
- 594 We need a community trail position.
- 597 No needless and overly complicated road connections in the northview neighborhood
- 604 Fire preparedness and evacuation should be the number one priority. The safety of the residents of Sedona should be the first job of our city government. More police and fire protection is essential.

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608 Better bike lanes along our busy roads would improve safety for riders as well as the pedestrians as currently many riders use sidewalks as opposed to the narrow gutter of a bike lane on 89A

615 Keep Sedona simple, less concrete and less construction

618 We have land but we aren't building on any of it!

621 In addition to allocating funds for purchasing land for new housing units, the city needs to aggressively curtail the short term rental market as this greatly impacts opportunities for families and residents to own homes in Sedona. I frequently see "investment opportunity" as the leading headline in a for sale homes details and it disgusts me that the city does not encourage the settlement of permanent families and community members over the prioritization of a tourist.

623 What committee gave feedback to those who created the questions for the survey? A piece of information that would have been of use seemed to be overlooked at the beginning of the survey: What was the anticipated budget to begin with? Interesting there were no questions about the "Cultural Park" AKA "Western Gateway"

624 Great work with trail systems keep up the good work. Love the outdoors especially sedona.

626 Make a bike path and trails here We have no way of commuting by bike without a lot of danger, and with traffic being so congested it seems odd that this is not a priority

627 The trails systems also need attention, they are vital to the community. And there were no options for allocated funding. The trails are another way to connect through town Also people come here from all over so the more trails the moser places for people to not be congested while being outdoors

628 With the recent changes to USFS staffing, we need to help protect the area round us. Adding a wildfire mitigation officer will help keep Sedona more pristine.

631 We need a full time trails position to help all outdoor recreation enthusiasts that we see every year in Sedona. More bike and pedestrian pathways will help limit traffic and get more people moving and healthy. Please don't let the trails suffer more than they already are!

632 Stop promoting the over-tourism of Sedona (and then using the profits/taxes to expand the government unnecessarily).

634 You need a full time trail crew, similar to Bentonville, AR to keep the hiking and biking trails in good condition. Please allocate to this and stop relying on volunteers, it's not enough for the amount of visitors to Sedona now.

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- 635 As recent cuts from DOGE and Trump administration I would like to see city allocate funding to help bridge gap with Forest service and keeping up with land and fire management around the city
- 636 Full disclosure, I am not a resident of Sedona. I live in Scottsdale, but have clients and friends that live in the Sedona area. I visit the area often
- 638 No workforce housing! Low cost housing in other communities has brought in drugs and crime...I have not seen any examples where this has actually worked. It is comparable to section 8 housing in the population it attracts and often does not help the "workforce" but transients from out of town who have no interest in working and are looking for cheap housing. Do your research on this please. Lower taxes for local businesses in exchange for higher wages for employees.
- 642 More effective use of our police as opposed to adding to the force. Saw 3 police cars at one incident searching a car full of "stuff". Were 3 necessary. Connections will destroy neighborhoods and not reduce traffic. They will ultimately end up on 89A. Condemnation costs would be prohibitive. Work with Forest Svc to arrive at diff. crossover pt. Not at Oak Creek. City has enough land already for housing. Build that out before purch. more. City personnel grown more than necessary.
- 662 Thank you for your service!
- 669 There should be a trail coordinator position to manage and improve Sedona's trail network.
- 672 No spending on homeless
- 683 Thank you for your hard working too! 😊
- 687 Emergency evacuation needs to be first and foremost
- 688 Please address the need for emergency evacuation before it is too late. Please. Please. Please.
- 689 Trail development around the cultural park. No apartments, fix the amp. Leave it as wild as possible. We don't need more people
- 691 Building a huge high building at cultural park would be such a negative for the nature and the trails that are accessed there. Taking away access would further congest the other trail systems that have limited parking Not to mention it would be an eye sore
- 692 The city needs to consider some sort of trails coordinator to help manage the trails in and around Sedona and work in tandem with the USFS so that current and future trail initiatives/infrastructure can be mutually beneficial and coordinated. Additionally the proposal for a 5 story apartment complex would ruin the view shed of most of the Western Gateway system and does not mesh well with the existing low lying building style that is prevalent everywhere except for maybe uptown.

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| 695 | Workforce and other housing should not be high rise unless it would not obscure views and interfere with hiking/biking trail access. |
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| 697 | Budget for Maitenance and expansion of hiking/biking trails and infrastructures. |
| 701 | Regarding the proposed apartment building near the cultural park, I am concerned about the impact to the view shed of that area. Please consider hiring a trails position that would provide needed insight on a project like this as to how trails would connect and interact and how a project like this might affect user experience. |
| 704 | The city should allocate money towards a trails and recreational planner. |
| 706 | Why do you want to keep on buying more land when you don't even do anything with the land the city has already purchased??? STOP BUY AND START DOING SOMETHING WITH THE LAND WE ALREADY HAVE !!!!! |
| 709 | A road over oak creek would not be beneficial. The Upper/ Lower Loop roads as well as Verde Valley School Road cannot support the potential traffic volume. Traffic jams would be a common occurrence. There is already an alternate route established via 89A to Page Springs Rd. |
| 710 | No high rises anywhere |
| 711 | No high rise buildings at Posse Grounds 2 stories maximum |
| 712 | Seeing a proposed development in the western gate. I would hope the city of Sedona does not allow for a 7 story building. Nothing over two stories should be built, keeping the views should be priority. More investment and prioritization of keeping/managing existing trails that bring tourism should be included. Strategic developments should be considered with those developers reinvesting into infrastructure enhancements for the community. A creek walk should be explored using easements vs purchase |
| 715 | Need more trails and trail access. This is what people come to Sedona for and need more to accommodate the usage and projected usage and impact on existing trails. |
| 716 | Development of any multi story buildings would ruin the beautiful Sedona scenery |
| 717 | Please consider the natural beauty we are trying to preserve and protect, so people can still explore areas but not also be greeted by large numbers on a creek side walk. must preserve the fishing holes and remote creek solitude. this is why we live here. do not commercialize all of sedona please please please. |
| 723 | We need a Sedona urban bike/pedestrian trail planner position-- even more urgent in light of Forest Service cuts. |

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727 Sedona needs to consider the hiking and mountain bike trails. The trails are what fuel the economy and without them Sedona will die out. The building of housing over by Outer Limits take no consideration of the trails and will ruin the views that Sedona is known for.

736 Very alarmed by the apartment complex that was shown, developed within close proximity to the trail systems that are being worked on. The location is priceless. Very disappointed that anyone is even attempting to propose this.

737 Add a position to the City for a Trails & Bicycle/Pedestrian pathways planner. The designs at Cultural park show the desperate need for this position asap.

743 Keep trails not housing complex. Open up more camping. Bike paths for all!

744 Most of these well-intentioned projects will blow up even more red rocks, destroy trees, and otherwise ruin our irreplaceable natural areas. I cannot fathom the millions of \$\$ & wish some of that money could be spent instead on Sedona citizens, such as lowering the incredibly high sewer bills (but not for STH or hotels), rising water costs (again, for full-time residents, but not for short-term housing or hotels), and swiftly bringing in reliable & inexpensive internet for residents.

745 This government budget is out of control.

750 I do not support a seven story building at the cultural center. That is an area of town that offers incredible views and recreational areas. There has to be other areas to build that won't obstruct what makes Sedona so beautiful.

751 STOP BUILDING THE APARTMENTS WILL NOT BE AFFORDABLE!! The idea of this is so stupid. Nobody wants to live in Sedona, they love to visit. Also stop trying to make things for more tourist, put funds towards no e-bikes and more trail work, support the town for what it is.

752 Please do not overdevelop the Cultural Park/Western Gateway. Yea, we need more apartments, but we do not want to see this parcel become packed with housing. This parcel is directly adjacent to some of the best trails for Sedona residents and we don't want to see the land spoiled with so many apartments.

753 We DESPERATELY need a Trail Manager position to adequately protect and manage Sedona's MOST IMPORTANT resource and reason for the tourism we have! This absolutely needs to be the city's top priority!!!!

755 More bike trails and trailheads are needed. A 7-story apartment project in Western Gateway is unharmonious within Sedona or West Sedona.

757 Save the trails! No high rise buildings! More shuttles for trails users! Expand popular trail parking!

769 Additional police officers is the most important! They can make an instant and positive impact on life safety!

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773 Our West Sedona streets are in need of restriping, including the 15mph bumps. Andante Dr could use a couple of stop signs to control speedsters.

790 I feel giving residents of Sedona a registered car sticker for free parking would help residents enjoy their town more during high tourist seasons. I've lived in other high tourist traffic areas and they have successfully implemented a resident parking sticker program.

791 City promised to drop neighborhood connections from sim. Honor your commitment to residents

800 I support the addition of a city trails bike and pedestrian coordinator/planner.

819 Stop developing hotel properties. Every hotel bed brings one more car on our all ready congested streets. People do not want to vacation here and sit in traffic. This is not good for our community. All this development is compounding the congestion and availability to see our beautiful city. The small town charm has worn off and the reason people are leaving this community is the city doesn't support the residents living here. The development is driving up the cost to live in Sedona.

836 nothing else matters until the tourist problem is dealt with.

858 We already have many trespassers on our property even though we have No Trespassing Signs and Camera Signs displayed in several spots, especially down by the creek. We have had minor thefts over the years and incidental damage. We have even had people become belligerent when asking them to leave. Sometimes people make obscene gestures at our cameras. It is very worrisome and not a fun way to live. We are strongly opposed to a creek walk that would affect our privacy and our property.