

CITY OF SAN DIMAS DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN

COMMUNITY MEETING #2 // MAY 11, 2022



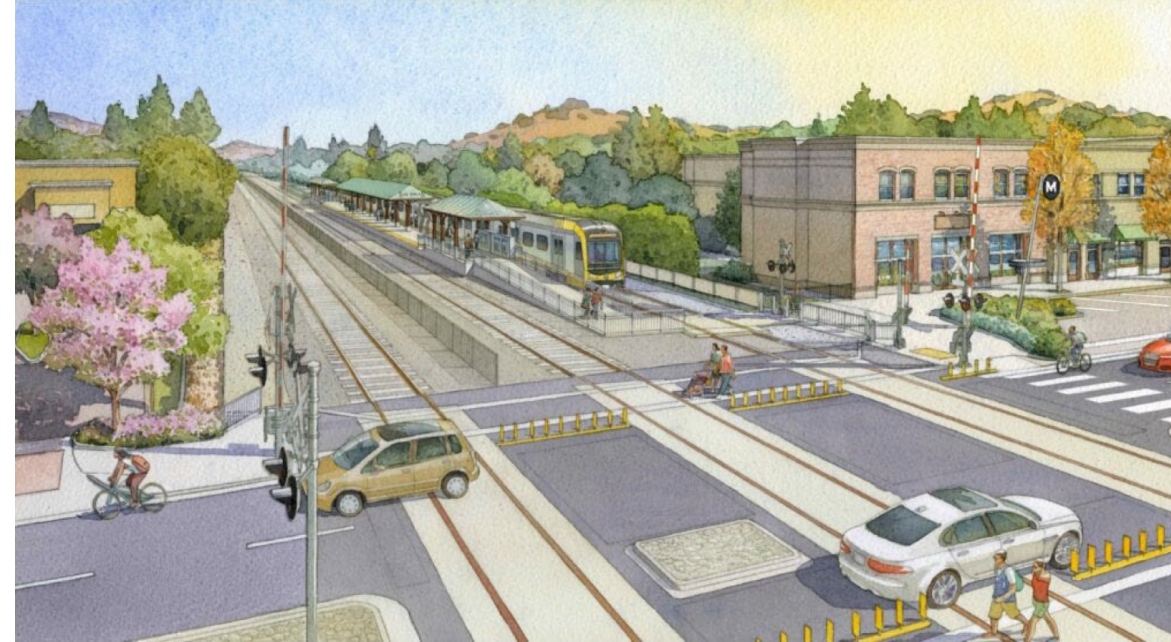
MEETING AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Purpose of Specific Plan and Project Timeline
- III. Public Input to Date
- IV. Draft Vision Statement and Goals
- V. Breakout Group Exercise – Opportunities and Your Vision
- VI. Presentation of Big Ideas from each Breakout Group
- VII. Next Steps
- VIII. Adjourn



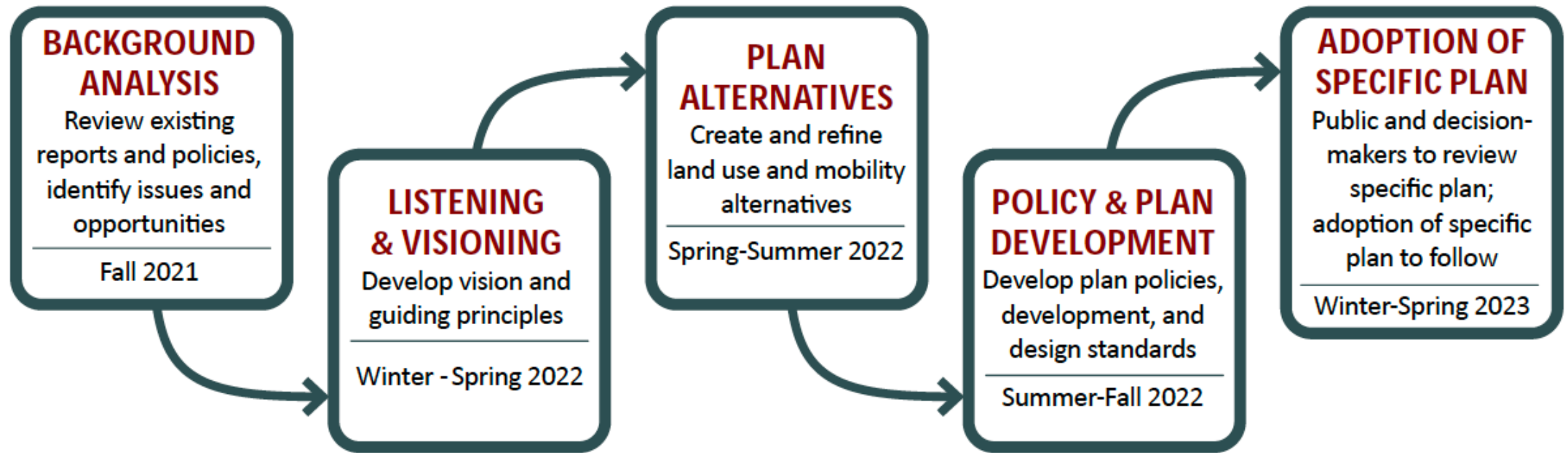
PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC PLAN

- ➔ Provide a vision for the future of downtown over the next 20 years
- ➔ Provide a regulatory tool to implement the vision
- ➔ Capitalize on new transit station opening in 2025
- ➔ Ensure streets are safe and user-friendly for all modes of travel
- ➔ Streamline the CEQA process for future development



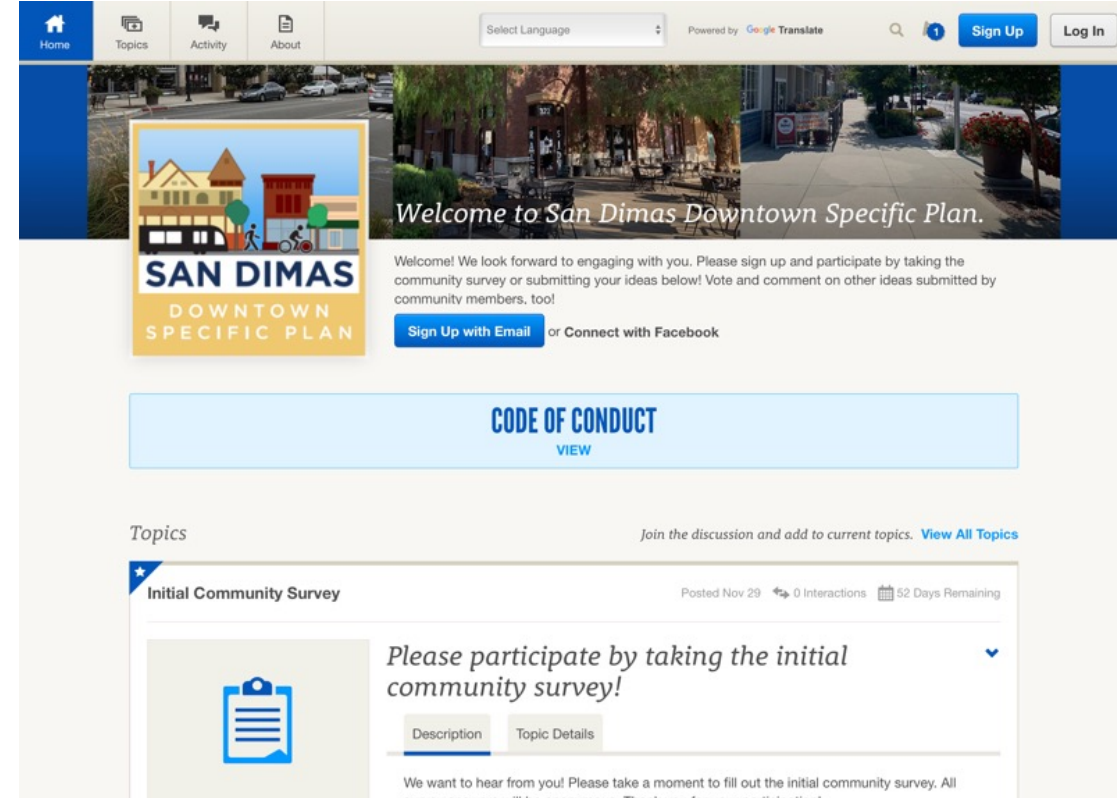
PROJECT TIMELINE

TIMELINE OF SAN DIMAS DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN COMPLETION:



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- ➔ Community Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee meetings
- ➔ MindMixer Participation
- ➔ First Community Meeting was held virtually on February 23, 2022



The screenshot shows the website for the San Dimas Downtown Specific Plan. The header includes navigation links for Home, Topics, Activity, and About, along with a language selection dropdown and a Google Translate logo. A main banner features a photograph of a street scene and the text "Welcome to San Dimas Downtown Specific Plan." Below the banner, a welcome message encourages users to sign up and participate in a community survey. A "CODE OF CONDUCT" link is visible. The "Topics" section highlights the "Initial Community Survey" with a "Please participate by taking the initial community survey!" message and a "Description" tab.



MINDMIXER OVERVIEW

- ➔ As of May 5, 2022, there are 205 total participants
- ➔ Approximately 8 combined city staff/consultant team
- ➔ Remainder are public accounts

*There are **205 Total Participants** in this Project*

- ➔ As of May 5, 2022, site has generated 117 ideas and 81 comments

PROJECT TOTALS



117 Ideas

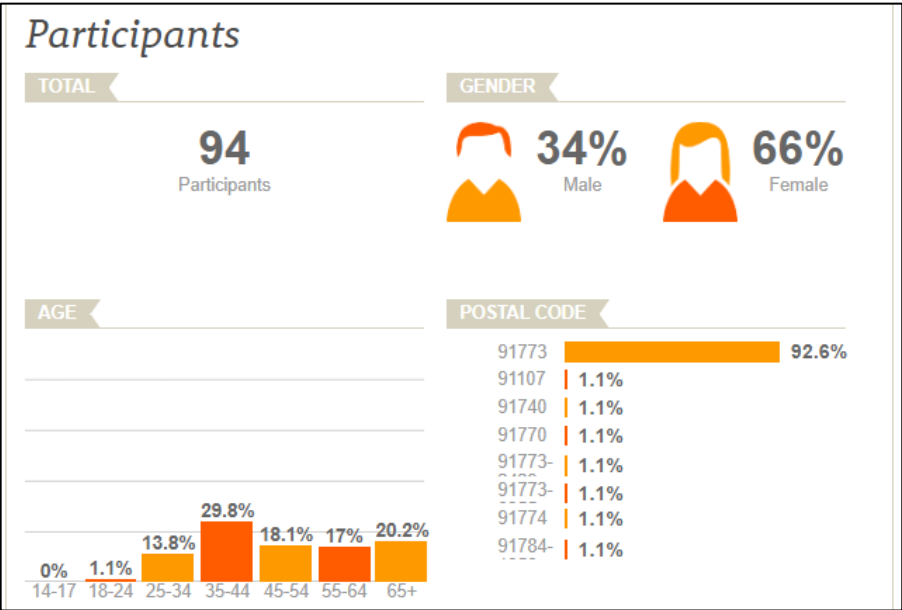
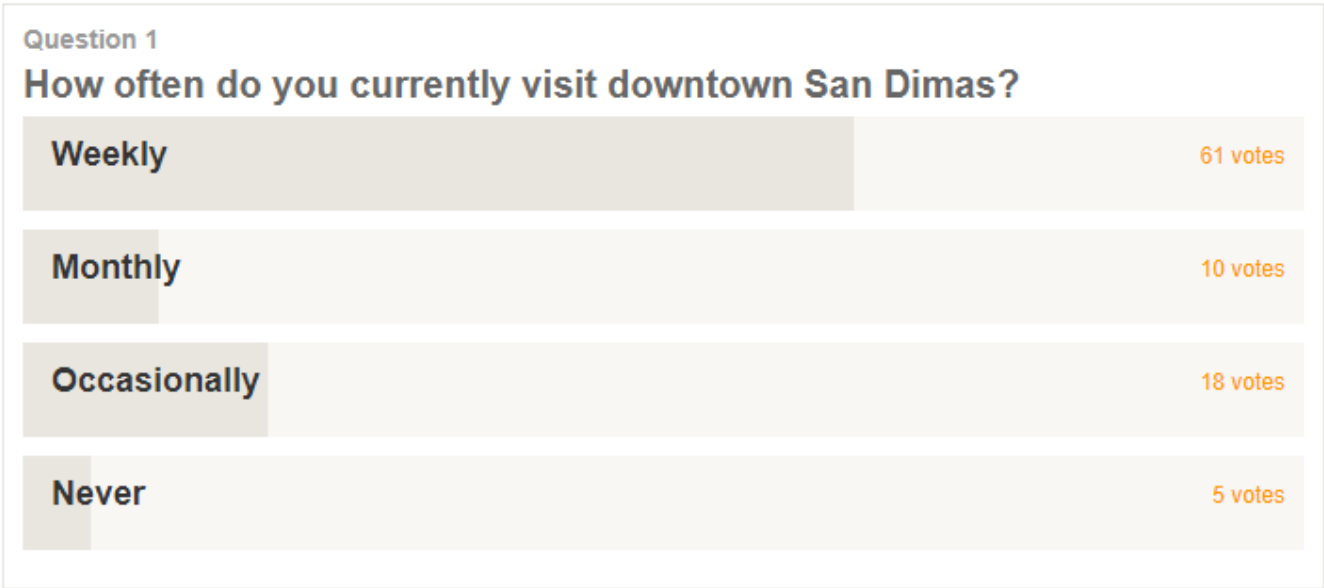


81 Comments

MINDMIXER SURVEY RESULTS

There are **94 Submissions** in this Survey

Survey **Please participate by taking the initial community survey!**
94 Submissions **0** Comments



MINDMIXER SURVEY RESULTS

Question 2

What of the following do you like about downtown San Dimas? Select all that apply.



MINDMIXER SURVEY RESULTS

Question 3

Which of the following do you consider most essential to improving downtown San Dimas? Select your top 3.

Additional dining options	78 votes
Additional shopping options	45 votes
Additional nightlife options- bars, nightclubs, live entertainment, etc.	44 votes
Additional family-friendly and child-centered activities	35 votes
Additional cultural, art, and/or civic activities	26 votes
Additional personal services businesses- salons, barbers, dry cleaners, etc.	3 votes
Additional housing opportunities	6 votes
Increased public safety	23 votes



MINDMIXER SURVEY RESULTS

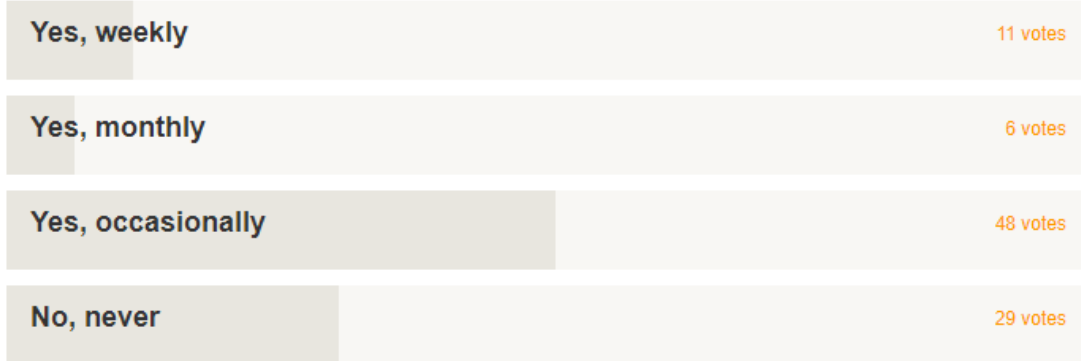
Question 4

Are you aware of the improvements to extend the Gold Line light rail from Glendora to Montclair, and the future light rail station that will be located in downtown San Dimas?



Question 5

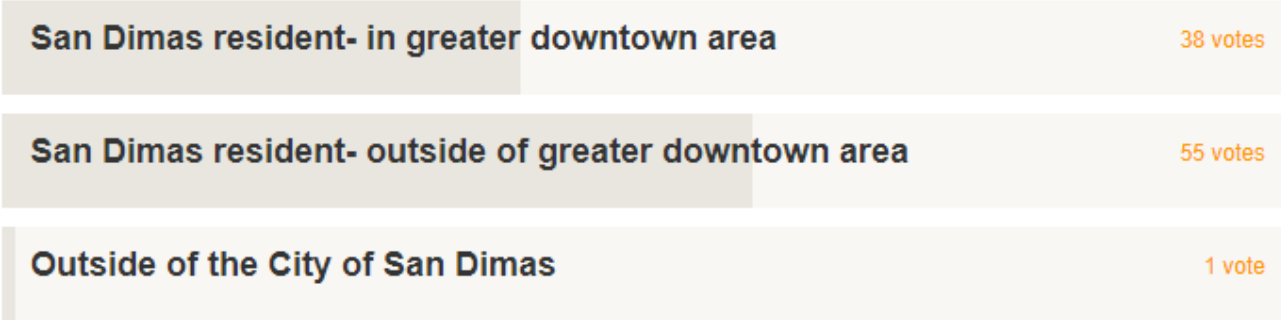
Once the downtown San Dimas light rail station is operable, do you plan to use the light rail?



MINDMIXER SURVEY RESULTS

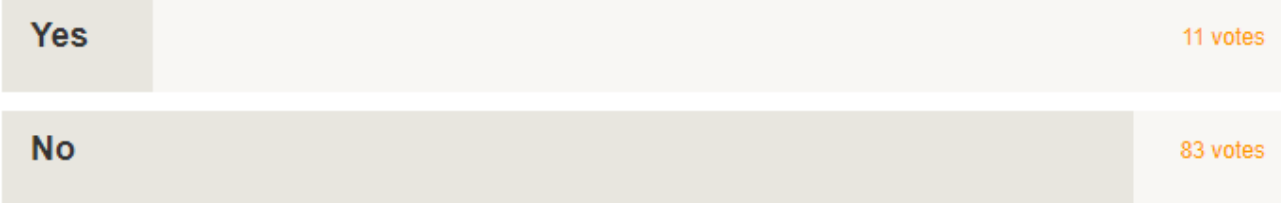
Question 6

Where do you live? If needed, a general map of the Town Core downtown area is provided for reference under the "Topic Details" tab above



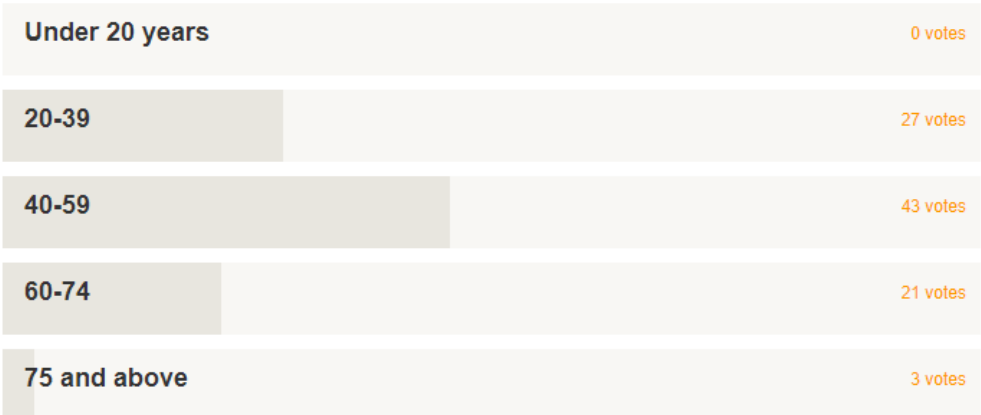
Question 7

Do you work or have a business in downtown San Dimas?



Question 8

What age range are you in?



MINDMIXER – INTERACTIVE MAP

Explore Downtown San Dimas - Interactive Map

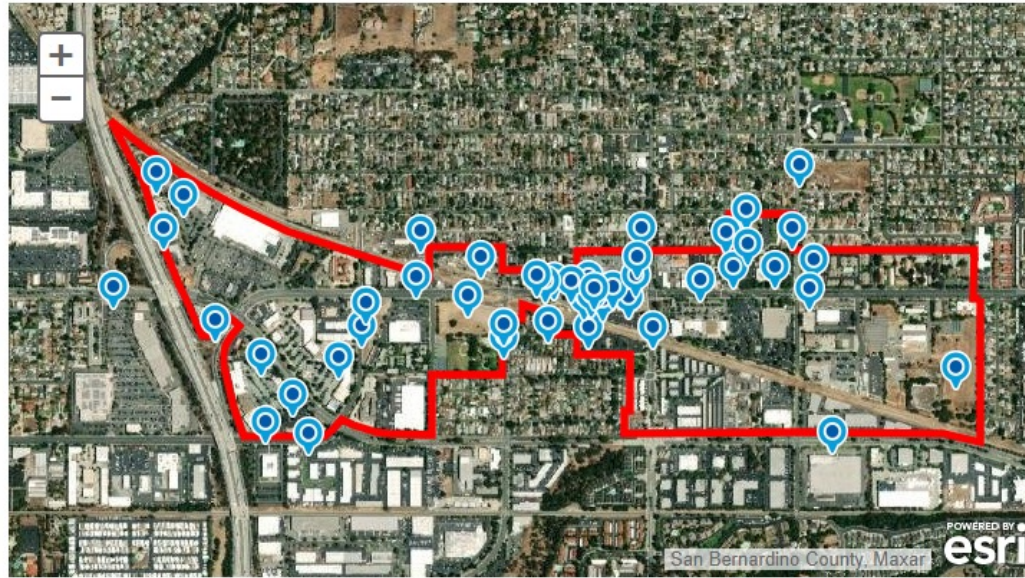
Posted Feb 9 ↔ 197 Interactions 📅 148 Days Remaining



Add your thoughts and ideas on planning for and improving downtown San Dimas to this interactive map!

Map

Description



Jennifer C. added an idea in Explore Downtown San Dimas - Interactive Map

Feb 19

Splash pad

There are many families with small children in and around San dimas that would love a place to splash on hot Southern California days. A splash pad would encourage families to spend more time downtown and would bring visitors from neighboring cities. There are no splash pads nearby and it would be a huge hit with families!

41 ★

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Sean C.

2 months ago

Great idea!

0 Agree

Reply Edit Delete



MINDMIXER – INTERACTIVE MAP

- ➔ Many other great ideas. Highlights include:
 - ➔ Add kids' playground at Civic Center park
 - ➔ New restaurant in the Walker House
 - ➔ More restaurant and shop variety
 - ➔ Slow traffic on Bonita- make more pedestrian friendly
 - ➔ Build a parking structure w/Gold Line station
 - ➔ Install colorful pollinator-friendly landscape

Philip E. added an idea in Explore Downtown San Dimas - Interactive Map Feb 23

Playground for Kids

Civic Center park is great, the added sidewalks spearheaded by our great Aline Kranzer is terrific. The new exercise equipment is a wonderful idea. But this park is lacking some sort of playground/equipment for kids.

What I think would be awesome is some sort of kid-friendly Boulder playground similar to what is at Horsethief Canyon Park, one in Bonelli Park, or Higginbotham Park in Claremont. I imagine kids climbing to watch music in the park. Something that fits into the natural park, without being a total contrast to what is already there would be great!

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Sean C.
 1 month ago
 Ladera Sierra in Via Verde too.
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Philip E. added an idea in Explore Downtown San Dimas - Interactive Map Feb 23

Slow Down Traffic, Make Pedestrian Friendly

This is a downtown, not a thoroughfare. Angled parking, a stop sign at Monte Vista & Bonita, raised crosswalks, etc could be used to make this a more pedestrian friendly, walkable city.

Arrow Hwy is the route we should encourage people to take if they're trying to get from one side of town to the other. We should use more traffic calming devices to make Bonita more calm.

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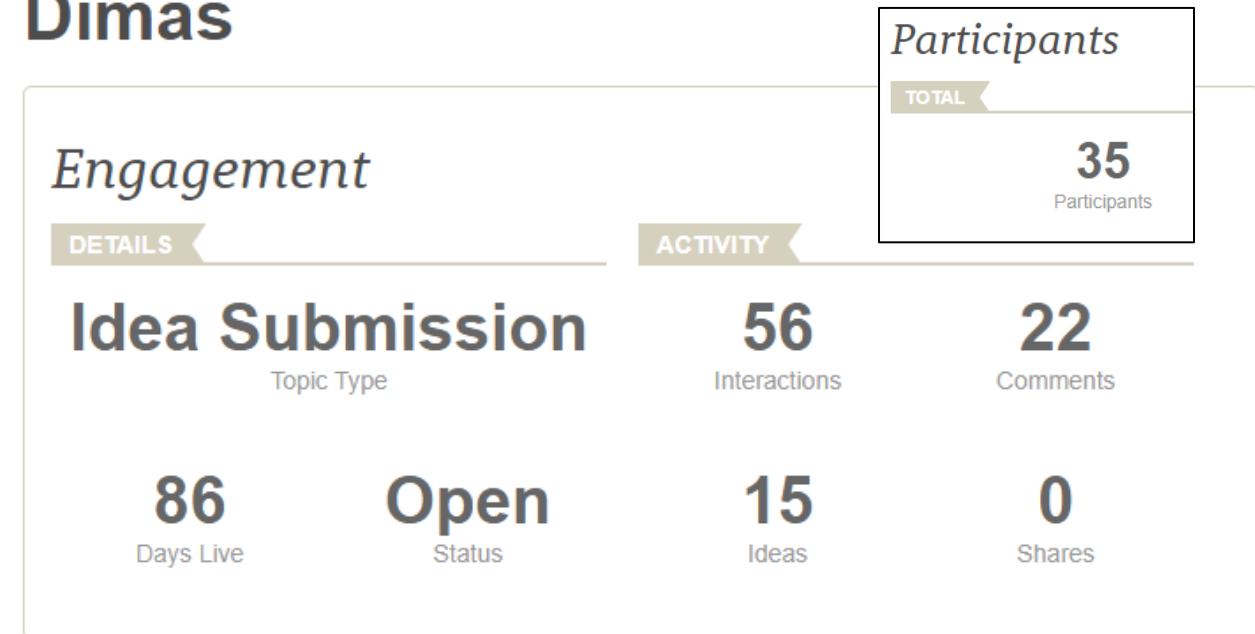
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MINDMIXER – WHAT I LIKE ABOUT DOWNTOWN SAN DIMAS

- ➔ Top Submissions Include:
 - ➔ Love the look of downtown. It is unique. Historic buildings are charming.
 - ➔ Preserve the historic and add to the character
 - ➔ Walkability, wide sidewalks, and ability to peruse shops
 - ➔ The hardware store, florist, antiques, and Pozetto's

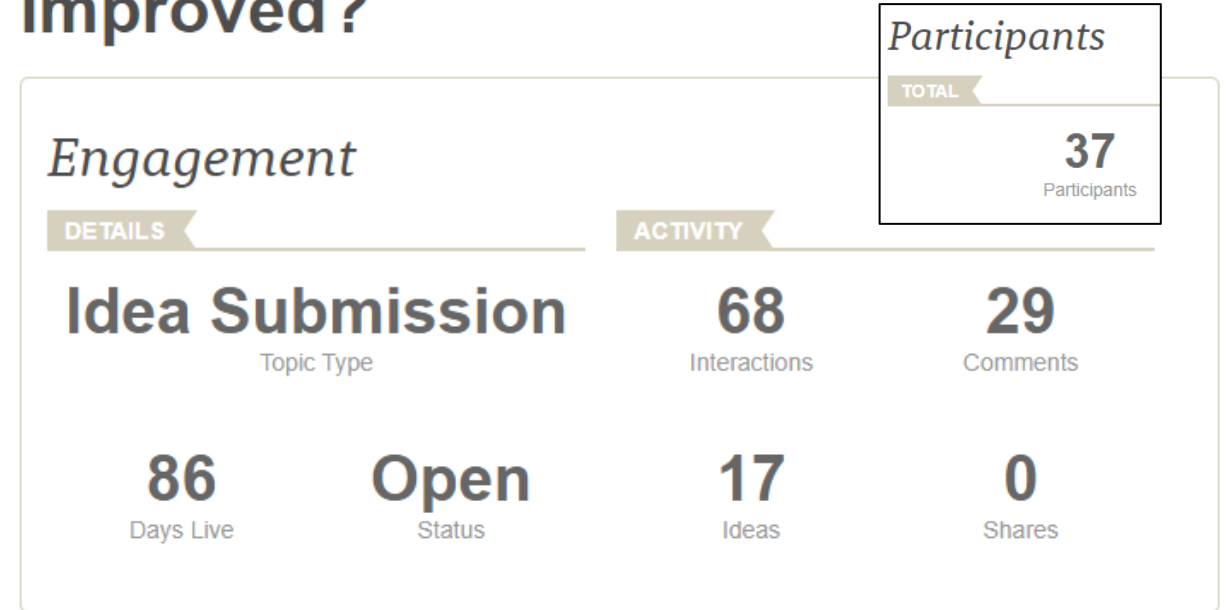
What I Like About Downtown San Dimas



MINDMIXER – HOW CAN DOWNTOWN SAN DIMAS BE IMPROVED?

- ➔ Top Ideas Include:
 - ➔ More dining, bars, and shops
 - ➔ Additional uses including hip eateries with alcohol service, gift shop, ice cream salon, dinner show theater
 - ➔ Reduce salons/barbers and antique stores
 - ➔ Adding dining, shopping, and entertainment venues
 - ➔ Connecting plazas, bike lanes

How Can Downtown San Dimas Be Improved?



INPUT FROM COMMUNITY MEETING #1

BREAKOUT ROOM QUESTIONS

- ➔ What are the best things about Downtown San Dimas today?
- ➔ What are some of the top challenges facing downtown?
- ➔ What could be better about downtown in the future (next 10-15 years)?

DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN BOUNDARY



BREAKOUT ROOM ACTIVITY SUMMARY

- ➔ Existing Positive Attributes of Downtown San Dimas
- ➔ Downtown San Dimas has a **home-town charm**, **historic feel**, and is the life of the community (x7)
- ➔ Downtown is very **walkable** (x5)
- ➔ **Community events:** concerts in the park, farmers market (x2)



BREAKOUT ROOM ACTIVITY SUMMARY

➔ Opportunities for Improvement

- ➔ Have more people stay and shop locally, and provide **diversity of stores, activities, entertainment, restaurants** (x14)
- ➔ **More community programs** like rodeo, parades, 5k in downtown, local high school performances, farmers market (x3)
- ➔ **Create identity** through signage, landmarks, and placemaking (x2)



BREAKOUT ROOM ACTIVITY SUMMARY

- ➔ Challenges Facing Downtown San Dimas
- ➔ Provision of adequate parking (x6)
- ➔ No places for social gathering or places to linger (x4)
- ➔ Lack of economic development (x3)
- ➔ Housing affordability - average home price vs. income (x3)



DRAFT VISION STATEMENT & GOALS

- ➔ A draft Vision Statement was crafted to capture the key values and aspirations expressed by the community for the future of the Downtown San Dimas Specific Plan area.
- ➔ The Vision Statement paints a picture of what the Downtown area could look like and how it could function in the next 10-15 years.
- ➔ Following the Vision Statement are draft goals which will help implement the vision and provide direction for the overall Specific Plan area.



DRAFT SAN DIMAS DTSP VISION STATEMENT

Downtown is the heart of the City of San Dimas- a walkable and vibrant activity center which celebrates and preserves its historic, charming character and provides a diversity of retail, restaurant, cultural, and civic uses, a variety of housing types, and local employment opportunities which breathe life and activity into the town core.



DRAFT SAN DIMAS DTSP GOALS

1. Human-Scale Environment with Historic Character

- ➔ Preserve Downtown's charm and its historic resources.
- ➔ Ensure new development is compatible in scale, massing, and architectural design.
- ➔ Enhance sense of place and City's identity.



DRAFT SAN DIMAS DTSP GOALS

2. A Diverse Economy with a Broad Mix of Land Uses and Activities

- ➔ Compatible, compact development around Gold Line station.
- ➔ Promote mix of uses and services to serve needs of entire community (i.e. youth, families, seniors).
- ➔ Support local businesses to generate activities and stimulate local economy.

DRAFT SAN DIMAS DTSP GOALS

3. Vibrant and Active Public and Private Spaces

- ➔ Encourage development and events that activate public streets (i.e. farmers markets, outdoor dining, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, etc.).
- ➔ Create a safe and enhanced public realm with outdoor furniture, seating, fountains, etc.
- ➔ Enhance pedestrian linkages between Gold Line station and Bonita Avenue.



DRAFT SAN DIMAS DTSP GOALS

4. A Safe and Comfortable Pedestrian and Cycling Environment

- ➔ Ensure downtown streets are pedestrian-oriented.
- ➔ Design complete streets that emphasize safety and accommodate all modes of travel, including pedestrians and cyclists.
- ➔ Provide lighting and traffic calming measures for safety.
- ➔ Provide landscaping to enhance pedestrian experience.



DRAFT SAN DIMAS DTSP GOALS

5. A Range of Housing Types

- ➔ Allow for a range of housing types to meet the needs of current and future residents.
- ➔ Allow and encourage the development of affordable housing choices within walking distance of the Gold (L) Line Station.



DRAFT SAN DIMAS DTSP GOALS

6. Parking That Is Supportive of New Uses and Activities in Downtown

- ➔ Increase parking opportunities around the downtown core.
- ➔ Develop and incorporate parking management strategies around the Gold Line station that encourage efficient use of parking resources.

DRAFT SAN DIMAS DTSP GOALS

7. “First/Last Mile” Connections to Transit

- ➔ Provide safe and accessible “first/last mile” multimodal connectivity between the future station and downtown destinations.
- ➔ Encourage and facilitate shared-ride options include e-hailing services, carshare, bikeshare, and microtransit.



DRAFT SAN DIMAS DTSP GOALS

8. Sustainable Development and Infrastructure

- ➔ Support growth that is sustainable for the City's public infrastructure and overall built environment.
- ➔ The Downtown Specific Plan area grows in tandem with the City's public infrastructure and be conscientious of its environmental impact and environmental sustainability.



DRAFT SAN DIMAS VISION AND GOALS

- ➔ We want your feedback!
- ➔ Fill out comment sheet to provide your thoughts/feedback
- ➔ Turn in this evening or return to City Hall (Planning Department)



BREAKOUT GROUP EXERCISE

- ➔ Opportunities and Your Vision for Downtown – Mapping Exercise
- ➔ Breakout Group Presentations – share vision and big ideas to the entire group (3 min. per each group)

NEXT STEPS

- ➔ Refine Vision Statement and Goals
- ➔ Land Use and Mobility Concept Plan Alternatives
- ➔ Community Meeting #3 in August (TBD)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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THANK YOU

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