



ENVISION SANDY 2050

2050 Vision and Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

CAC Meeting #3
July 20th, 2022, 6:30- 8:00 PM

In-Person:

Sandy Public Library, Community Room
 38980 Proctor Blvd
 Sandy, OR 97055

Online:

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AGENDA

Time	Subject	Lead
6:00	<i>Food and Drink available – come early to grab a bite!</i>	
6:30	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonight’s Agenda and Packet Materials 	Shelley Denison, City of Sandy
6:35	Envision Sandy2050 Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process • Schedule 	Anais Mathez, 3J Consulting
6:45	Update on Outreach and Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where did we go? • What did we hear? 	Anais
7:00	Crafting the Sandy 2050 Vision Statement: <i>Creating statements for 6 Vision Themes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and Culture • Governance and Growth Management • Housing and Economy • Natural Hazards and Resiliency • Parks, Trails and Natural Resources • Transportation and Infrastructure 	CAC Members
7:30	Vision Themes Report-Back	CAC Members
7:45	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next CAC meeting • Community Open House in September 	Anais
8:00	Adjourn	Shelley



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INTERIM Draft Summary of Visioning Outreach

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I. Envision Sandy 2050 Process

The City of Sandy is launching “Envision Sandy 2050,” a citywide effort to update the Sandy Comprehensive Plan that will help guide land use decisions over the next 20 years. The first step in the process is to create a community vision that reflects what community members enjoy and want to preserve about Sandy, and what they would like to see changed in the future. The Comprehensive Plan will consist of broad goals and policies to implement the vision and guide future growth and development.

Beginning in March 2022, City staff led outreach and engagement efforts to better understand the community’s vision and priorities related to Sandy’s future. As of July 2022, the *Envision Sandy 2050* process has touched more than 1,000 community members through Community Conversations, Community Events, an online survey and the *Sandy Speaks* webpage. The purpose of the outreach effort was to ask the following types of questions:

- What do you love about Sandy today?
- What do you want to see in Sandy in the future?

While there was variation in how these broad questions were posed across different activities, they are designed to identify common themes around the aspirations and concerns of a community, which are a key piece to the development of a community-wide Vision Statement for the Comprehensive Plan.

This memorandum provides an update on the various outreach efforts and summarizes the preliminary key themes that are emerging from these activities. Note that the visioning process is ongoing and set to conclude by the end of summer 2022. This memorandum will be updated to reflect final feedback by September 2022. A compilation of raw community feedback can be found in the Appendix.

II. Outreach Activities

Community Conversations

To reach a wide spectrum of Sandy community members, project staff and members of the Community Advisory Committee (SAC) facilitated community conversations with local groups, clubs, committees, and organizations in Sandy.

A community conversation is a structured discussion about a range of high-level topics. Community conversations are an exercise in “going to where the people are” i.e., they are usually held or conducted where people already gather or through channels which they receive information.

While most community conversations were facilitated by City staff and CAC members, a “Community Conversations Kit” was available on the project website for anyone to download and conduct among their own networks.

Over the course of five months, twelve community conversations were conducted with the following groups, engaging approximately 85 community members in Sandy:

- Chamber of Commerce
- AntFarm Youth Services
- Parks and Trails Advisory Board
- Economic Development Advisory Board
- Sandy Police Department
- SandyNet Advisory Board
- Library Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- Group of Sandy High School staff
- Group of local developers
- Group of Spanish speakers

Community conversations were held both virtually and in-person, and the discussion questions followed the same questions posed through an online survey. These discussions helped extend the reach of the online survey, which ran concurrently through the spring and early summer. Notes from discussion leaders were submitted to the project team for compilation with other feedback mechanisms.

Sandy High School Youth Engagement

During the week of May 16th, the project team held community conversations with multiple Sandy High School classes, including Leadership and Advisory classes. These events engaged over 250 students in group discussions and interactive polling. Students learned about civic engagement, community development, and the City’s land use planning system, and shared their ideas for Sandy’s future. The CAC’s youth representative Amaya Peralta supported the project team in taking notes and representing the advisory committee.





Outreach to Spanish Speakers

To reach Sandy’s Spanish-speaking community, the project engaged with Nelly Rodriguez, talk show host of the popular *Cita con Nelly* news media outlet. Outreach to the Latino community was conducted through a grassroots process that leaned on wide-reaching social media posts, informal gatherings at the Vista Apartments, St. Michael’s Catholic church, and community members connected to Todos Juntos and Olga Sanchez at the School District. The project team also connected with Spanish-speakers from NW Family Services who provides services at Vista, as well AntFarm's Nuevo Futuro program. Regular Spanish-language project updates have been posted to Nelly Rodriguez’s popular *Cita con Nelly* Facebook page.



We were invited by Ant Farm to join a Nuevo Futuro educational event at Vista on June 9th. We used the opportunity to interview residents about Sandy's future, and do coverage of the event and its Public Service Announcement.



Themes so far from Spanish Speakers:

Why Sandy: Quiet, calm, clean, pretty, close to work.

What's Special: Friendly, community feel, little crime and violence, feels united.

Changes or Improvements: More parks & basketball courts, more transportation options, more police & security, address the homeless that have recently been arriving, better roads, more activities/amenities for families, a community pool, more signs in Spanish, more Spanish library books.

Community Events

Throughout the months of May and June, the project team staffed an *Envision Sandy 2050* booth at multiple Farmers' Markets, the Longest Day Parkway event, and the Sandy Mountain Festival. Tabling at community events provide a unique opportunity to reach many people in one place. Materials for tabling were designed to solicit community comments, create project awareness, drive people to the project website, and describe the opportunities to get involved. City staff and members of the CAC helped staff the booth. In addition, Nelly Rodriguez and the Veritas Collaborations team conducted more targeted outreach at the Sandy Mountain Festival through intercept surveys in English and Spanish.



Online Survey

Running concurrently with outreach through Community Conversations and community events, an online survey opened in early March 2022. There were 137 responses to the online survey, accessed through the *Sandy-Speaks* project webpage, which received over 450 visitors to the site. The survey was promoted through the Sandy Source newsletter, social media, community listservs, as well as through business flyers and door direct mailers that reached all Sandy residents within the UGB. All public-facing materials developed for the project during this phase directed community members to the online survey.

The raw data are included as an Appendix to this document. Note that this is not a statistically valid survey and is only meant to qualitatively explore themes regarding the future of Sandy.

The image shows a screenshot of the online survey interface. On the left, a list of four survey questions is visible, each with a corresponding text input field. The questions are:

1. Why did you chose to live in Sandy?
Please add your comment here...
2. What makes Sandy special today? What should we strive to preserve or enhance?
Please add your comment here...
3. What about Sandy would you like to change in the future? What can improve?
Please add your comment here...
4. Is there anything else you want to share about the future of Sandy?
Please add your comment here...

On the right, a larger screenshot shows the main survey page. At the top right, there are links for "Home" and "City of Sandy Website". The main heading is "SANDY SPEAKS" in large, bold, blue letters with a black shadow. Below the heading, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Comprehensive Plan > Survey". The survey title is "Survey". The instructions are: "Please complete this 5-10 minute survey to share your thoughts about what makes Sandy special and what you'd like to see change in the future." A progress bar is shown with "Survey starts" on the left and "Finish" on the right. Below the progress bar, it says "All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required." At the bottom left, the text "Sandy 2050" is visible.

III. Key Themes

The following preliminary key themes have begun to emerge from the outreach conducted through this process. They are bulleted below and include a word cloud developed from the compiled feedback. These will be updated and refined once the outreach concludes at the end of summer 2022.

What makes Sandy special today?

- Nature/Recreation
- Parks/Green space/open space
- Small town feel
- Local businesses
- Friendly Community
- Community Events/Programs
- Community Amenities
- SandyNet
- Smart growth principles
- Beauty and aesthetics
- History
- Safety and low crime
- Family friendly
- Accessibility and walkability
- Schools
- Downtown/Main Street
- Rural feel
- Infrastructure
- Fire and Police response
- Cleanliness
- Inclusivity
- Tourism
- Quiet
- Public art
- SAM transit service
- Housing options and affordability



What about Sandy would you like to see change in the future? What can improve?

- More community amenities
- Limit growth
- Reduce traffic
- Attract businesses (mainly local/small)
- Update infrastructure
- Address crime and safety issues
- Increase affordability
- More community programs/events
- Improve walkability
- Natural hazard planning/environmentalism
- More Natural space
- Vibrant downtown
- Improve cleanliness/garbage
- Living wage jobs
- Make Sandy a destination
- More parking
- More transportation
- More greenery
- Increase tourism



See Appendix A for a compilation of the raw data of all responses and feedback received through the outreach process.

APPENDIX A. COMPILED OUTREACH RAW RESPONSES

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS (AS OF 7/11/2022)

	#	Why did you choose to live/work in Sandy?	What should we preserve or enhance?	What would you like to see for Sandy in the future?
Local developers	3	Community feel A lot of land for sale	Business-friendliness	Better cooperation between the City and developers More thought to zoning buffers between residential and industrial
Library staff & advisory board	12	Small town feel Hub for the mountain Lots of relationships/community Well-functioning city Employment opportunities SandyNet Proximity to the natural world Arts community Community events Small businesses are key assets Everyone willing to help everyone Small town life with urban amenities Culture of betterment	Preserve mature trees Preserve parks and trails More mixed use (residential downtown) Grow and maintain community buildings and services Build on communication efforts (especially crisis comms and offline comms) More community events Keep the SAM	Divert traffic Multi-modal transportation options Maintain what we already have More diverse small businesses More diverse population More parking and make it safer/more attractive to walk Eliminate barriers created by one-way streets on couplet Better communication on change and development Move forward on community campus Move forward on aquatic center
Economic Development advisory board	5	Family is here ✓ Employment opportunities Proximity to Mt. Hood ✓ Natural features ✓ Outdoor recreation ✓ Green buffer to the west Community feel Community cohesion Relationships with neighbors Live and work in the city: "non-commute"	SandyNet Community feel/assets Trails and parks ✓ Meinig Park Transit Public employees Small business community Volunteerism (Ant Farm, Sandy Helping Hands, Action Center) Sandy Style architecture Urban Renewal District Community events Downtown beautification	More living wage jobs (industrial, manufacturing, medical) ✓ Retail shopping options Nice restaurants (specialty/variety) Ease traffic on 26 (bypass) Stronger farmers market Downtown walkability More speed limit enforcement More parking Medical facilities (hospital, pediatrician, urgent care) Support for ageing in place Childcare facilities Infrastructure that keeps up with growth Ensuring we have a vision and take action on it Keeping "Metro creep" at bay More emergency planning
SandyNet advisory board	5	Not happy with Gresham SandyNet ✓ Available housing Small town/medium town feel Lower crime rate Walkability "Everybody knows your name" Local businesses Not inundated with big box stores Grew up here Sandy Style Location Proximity to Mt Hood Family Employment opportunities	Historic buildings Quality of SandyNet Generations of families Support for local businesses Strong local business community with lots of collaboration Smaller buildings Parks ✓ Trails Local control (SandyNet, transit) out of Metro Mountain festival Events at Meinig Music/movies in the park Community events foster a small town feel Museum Public wifi Capitalize on heritage	Manage growth Ease traffic Bring back First Fridays Defend quality of life Connect taxes with results Left on red signs Traffic circles Kate Schmidt completion Volunteering professional services Family wage jobs (light industrial, class A office) Office space/coworking EV charging Upgrade power network Upgrade sewer and water Underground utilities Short term rental neighborhood Ageing in place/assisted living Hospital Destination hotel Fine dining Sports complex Pool Community college campus Demo old Jr. High
Chamber of Commerce	10	Housing used to be affordable Small community Get away from Multnomah County Rural area without close neighbors Family was here ✓ Business opportunity Proximity to outdoor recreation Safe for family Hub for larger area Lots of outdoor space Low business competition Business visibility on highway Growing market Errands in one city Local businesses	Museum Christmas tree lights and flower baskets Murals Meinig Park Dog park Open space Mountain Festival Protect small businesses Joe's Donuts Tree canopy Library Non-profits Community events Downtown walkability Cleanliness Food carts Intergenerational city Friendliness Investment/pride in Sandy Keep Fire and PD in Sandy First responder presence Farmers market Tickle Creek Trail (safety) Local businesses Enforcing speed limits Transit system	Housing at multiple price points Bigger yards More space for business Ease traffic on 26 and 211 Bypass Infrastructure keeping pace with development Downtown parking, including trailer parking Hotel More businesses open later Meeting space Dump station for RVs More retail Update City Hall Hospital/urgent care More business-friendly sign code More cooperation between City and small-scale/individual lot developers More community parks No MAX train Improve access to river More park amenities Better relationships with the City Expand SandyNet Workforce development Have all the services you need Central community center
Police Department	2	Family Access to amenities Out of busy area Good city to work for School district Job opportunities Seeing growth (job creation, community policing, relationships) Local businesses Slower pace	Parks and rec Support for local law enforcement Managed/responsible growth Managing traffic solutions Park programs Trails and sidewalks Transit system SandyNet "Innovation meets elevation"	Bypass Better infrastructure Enough staff Housing affordability Further managed growth Working at the state level Transparency Community engagement Low crime rate High quality of life
Planning Commission	5	More affordable housing Small town*** Kids playing in street Kids could walk to school Surrounded by community Friendly neighbors Didn't have to drive far to get what you needed Sandy is the best of both worlds: city amenities, location close to the mountain Family-oriented neighborhoods Relationships/community interaction Proximity to mountain Community events	New high school Events in the park Kids are known here The people: the community Aesthetically architectural style (cascadian architecture): cohesive look Tree canopy Flower boxes Entity like Ant Farm (community based organizations) Local businesses and local nonprofits Town is small enough that initiating change can happen Farmers' Market SAM transit - proud of that, it has grown SandyNet Don't have to leave Sandy often to go shopping, more diverse selection of businesses More restaurant choices Community Organizational collaboration	Sandy housing has become less affordable. More middle housing, more affordable housing so other people can join in with us in the community Traffic - make things more local so there is less commuting We could do a better job of connecting sidewalks, ensuring walkability Making sure we have our eye on infrastructure Make sure we need to have all the amenities More stringent rules around trees and natural resources Climate lens. Need safety conditions into our planning and subdivisions Biking and pedestrian access More connected neighborhoods Tree City USA Health benefits of access to nature Make sure to have community spaces (i.e. where does the farmers market go when the lot gets developed?) More local jobs - more family-wage jobs Wildfire vulnerability/resilience Community spaces and events

#	What should we preserve or enhance?	What would you like to see for Sandy in the future?
	the little forests and greenery that we have left because of stupid construction	the building and the growth of this gross community
	How close we are to Mt. Hood and the views we have of it.	Homelessness
	The location	I would like to see the apartments and unnecessary buildings that take over beautiful fields disappear.
	My favorite part idy sandy is the parts that still are in touch with nature.	Gas stations, fast food.
	Fun environment. Nice to drive around and do activities with friends	Apartment buildings. Sandy is seems to be getting really crowded and if more apartment buildings continue to be built then Sandy will become to crowded.
	The nature and wildlife and forests	Unneeded buildings to make the population of the town bigger and feed into the demands of living here
	I like the current size of the town.	Continuing to expand the town. Sandy was a small town but it keeps growing, even though most of the ho?ang still isn't being inhabited.
	Baseball field	One way roads
	The one in the picture	Traffic
	None	Everything
	It is green and you can see the mountain.	Rednecks. We need to go more green.
	Programs are offered to youth by Anifarm	Nothing
	The amazing sports teams	Idk
	It feels small	People
	Pretty open	Garbage
	The food carts	People destroying land to build
	The movies	Random RV's that are burned or trashed on the side of the road
	The Scenery	Nothing
	I like how it's close to the mountain	Homeless coming from Portland, large amounts of housing
	Its downtown is nice and it is fun to go hangout with friends	Nothing
	the community support that keeps the city together	Something that I want to see disappear is the empty buildings that seem to have no purpose along the strip in downtown. Those should be fixed with small businesses.
	How close it is to mt hood	I've been noticing a lot of homeless people recently and I would like to see them go back to Gresham
	My favorite aspect of sandy is the scenery. I also love that we have small businesses.	The amount of people. Sandy has grown a lot and you love to see it but at some point the amount of people in this town will just be overwhelming
	I like how it's small and easy to walk around without anyone else worrying you or getting in your way.	garbage
	The view point or meing park	Nothing
	food trucks	people and growth and destruction of nature
	The nature and joes donuts	The rising population causing us to turn into a mini portland
	I'd like to see the building and growth NOT continue	The growing aspect of the town. I think there are too many people in the town because the town is too small to fit them all.
	Park building and upkeep	The increase in traffic, fast food, and developments.
	I would like to see more small businesses.	The growth. Sandy is growing to fast and a major reason is apartment buildings
	We don't have a lot of it, but I hope we continue to have locally owned business.	Something that worry's me is
	More activities, an arcade or bowling etc..	The influx of the amount of homeless people and drug addicts on the street, making public areas progressively less safe. You used to be able to walk anywhere without having to worry about getting mugged or things like that. But now you have to be careful about everything.
	Sandy mountain days	One way roads
	Having public areas that are safe for people to relax and hang out with friends.	Nothing
	More baseball	Everything
	A thriving community and something to happen about the traffic running through it	Carbon footprint and lack of affordable groceries.
	Nothing	The amount of gas being used
	Community events	Nothing
	Programs being offered to youth	The kids are soft
	Nothing	Amount of people
	Huge turnouts for events/games	Sports
	Church	The people
	Clean city	3 cops
	Community support	The traffic
	More food variety	The homeless and rising prices
	The businesses and schools	security
	I hope sandy doesn't get to big but I hope to see new business like restaurants, shops, etc	The roads
	non influenced and continued support	Things in town that worry me is the traffic! Very annoying, and when the proud boys held a rally in town that was very alarming.
	Nothing	Homeless
	I would love to see the small businesses thriving.	New and you get people polluting
	I would like sandy to stay small and not grow into something like Gresham	sketchy people
	I would personally like to see some more land added to the small town. Not major ones but some that would be remembered	Some people
	sidewalk on 362	nothing
	Not sure it's honestly pretty small so I don't really see it going anywhere in 50 years	To see if the town changes for the better.
	if not like my opinion will be listened to and im not gonna stay here	The prospect of it being small and unique.
	I would like all of the farm land and fields to stay the same.	The memories
	I like the flower baskets and the feeling of knowing most people. I would hope it continues to feel like a small honey town.	The possibility of minorities having more to do in town weather it be arcades just so that teens and younger people don't resort to drugs like they do now.
	The people	The aspect of a nice, semi-urban town with nice, safe public areas.
	Sandy mountain days	Baseball
	I would like to see the town stay more rural.	Seeing it flourish
	Baseball	Nothing
	The simplicity	How the town will adapt
	Nothing	Nothing
	Community parks.	We are getting better
	The food restaurants and food carts	Friends
	Not thing	McDonald's in sandy
	Idk.	Nothing
	amount of people	The things to do
	The nature	The growing population and businesses
	Nothing	Seeing new people
	The people	development
	The amazing people	Nothing
	All the little restaurants and shops I want them to stay	Something that excites me in this town is how connected the students are with the community I think that we should make sure that clubs at the high school are able to interact with the town.
	Nothing	Idk
	Something that I would want to stay the same is the pool. I think that we need to bring it back. It was a very influential part of our town and it was very nice for elders and children. It also held the waterpolo practices and without it they have to travel to Barlow which is inconvenient.	Smarter new people that will help the town thrive
	I would like the community accept	we'll get more coffee shops
	The nostalgia of the city	The schools
	the pretty lights during the holidays	I'd like to change the population the city is small so when there are big crowds it is just total chaos
	Joes donuts	the amount of gas stations that are so close together
	The land has a beautiful landscape and can escape the crazy city	I think the city should stop expanding so much, we are ruining the natural beauty
	we're a gateway to the mountain	Probably more countryside
	Jonasud Viewpoint	apartments
	The beautiful views	I would like for less traffic
	I like how close the community is.	I think I would change some streets in sandy since some of the roads are badly made, and how people get hurt and killed on certain roads and is very dangerous
	that's it's a smaller town	Less littering
	Joe's donuts definitely! :)	Nothing
	Place I grew up most my life, and I've had many of family members here. A lot of memorable landmarks and places in sandy	less potholes in the road
	The friendly towns folk	More roads.
	it's small	entitlement
	joes and many people pass through for the mountain	I would like to see more trails or places put in that give people that live further from downtown able to have a chance to have something close to walk to and hangout around.
	the community	Nothing
	Small businesses.	I would like to see Sandy stay clean and not see homeless people take over
	shell burritos	The homeless that are coming in and ruining the parks and areas.
	I like how everything is somewhat closeby in town. I can walk easily from one end of town to the next.	More representation of different groups
	Through people who live further on Bornsted dont have much access to walk to those areas.	None
	it's close to the mountain for snowboarding	None
	my favorite aspect of Sandy is the smallness of the community and the rural parts where there are no neighborhoods and just trees and wildlife, like where I live.	how crowded it is
	The skatepark and the old fat spots you can skate.	How much it is growing makes me nervous for what it may look like in 25 years
	My favorite part is the nature is nice	Im not sure
	I'd like to continue to see viewpoints and areas to go explore	This town might get too big or busy.
	sandy mountain days	Idk
	I would like to see a move towards green energy	That it might get over populated
	Our community growing	The streets and roads that connect.
	I would like to see that views and opinions of the residents of Sandy are taken into consideration when people make decisions regarding the future of Sandy.	There could be too much people of we keep growing
	more coffee shops	The homeless people making our town ugly
	I would like to continue seeing everyone staying connected and close to friends and family.)	None
	I feel like the whole city of sandy as a whole is in a good state now and feel like the future would be Somatan and still in good state, there isn't really much I would want to change.	furies
	Proby the acces to internet through out sandy	Roads becoming more crowded.
	I want small	nothing
	Joes and new construction	Some people are bad influences at parks or even at school. Thats the only concern i have
	the low homeless rate	Nothing
	More small businesses.	I am worried that the rural areas are going to turn into neighborhoods and there will be less places for wildlife to live
	community building	The homeless due to them acting crazy and ruining nice places I liked as a kid.
	I would like to see the trails and parks continue to be maintained and be a good environment for people and kids.	Some of the people here
	Joes donuts	The building and thoughts of fun activities
	I would like to see Sandy keep so rural areas for people to live where they are not right next to the road and they can be secluded from people by trees	Not sure
	indoor skatepark because we have a lot of rain and thats something all skateboarders want.	nothing really, me moving out
	I would like to see more overall improvements continue	To see how much it will change in the future
		Sandy events
		Good food
		New people
		not much
		New business buildings, shops.
		nothing
		I just like walking and seeing what changes
		Nothing
		The rumor of a new skatepark.
		The potential to be so more

School Students (additional Community Conversation)

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#	Why did you choose to live/work in Sandy?	What should we preserve or enhance?	What would you like to see for Sandy in the future?	
School Staff	37	<p>Small town</p> <p>the landscape</p> <p>I love the tickle creek trail</p> <p>The lush greenery all around and throughout the city!</p> <p>Promote small businesses</p> <p>the community building and more farm lands</p> <p>I like the consistent food options</p> <p>Food carts and other low cost dining options. Low cost buses! (Though more routes/more frequent routes would be awesome!)</p> <p>Promote small businesses</p> <p>the community and history</p> <p>I wish for the housing to stay the same instead of deforestation</p> <p>Free street parking!</p> <p>The high school</p> <p>the growth of small businesses</p> <p>More diverse food options!</p> <p>The scenery</p> <p>The small businesses</p> <p>The amazing fields at the high school</p> <p>It used to be the pool but now it is Sandy River or Joes or Tai home</p> <p>Small town</p> <p>nature</p> <p>More food places of different cultures and more things to do</p> <p>I think there should be more town summer activities</p> <p>7 eleven</p> <p>Kindness. I want to see prices go down, people helping people and all the same delicious restaurants.</p> <p>To stay small town</p> <p>lots of nature</p> <p>The nice people</p> <p>I would like to see Sandy grow and develop more</p> <p>The downtown with the easy access to everything and the high schools great layout</p> <p>The restaurants and having access to water</p> <p>Small town</p> <p>the amount of people in sandy, the roads are already crowded</p>	<p>Less racist people</p> <p>Improve the traffic</p> <p>crossing the scary road on dubarko! It needs a pedestrian bridge or a safer way to cross for walkers and bikers</p> <p>Less racism and exclusionary/hateful behavior</p> <p>Less excessive right wing protests</p> <p>new comers</p> <p>the community</p> <p>Traffic on 26 increasing so that it inconveniences both residents and people passing through.</p> <p>Reduce the horrible traffic after school</p> <p>I would like to see crime rates go down and I wanna see smaller houses stop and start building houses vertical instead of horizontal. It saves room and trees.</p> <p>Less people in sandy</p> <p>Fix the racism</p> <p>Fix the growing homeless issue</p> <p>The horrible traffic after school</p> <p>Crime rates and prices</p> <p>Getting bigger</p> <p>Less racist, homophobic people</p> <p>Food</p> <p>The great community we're building</p> <p>Hopely we will be more eco friendly and things will open up more</p> <p>Staying the same small town</p> <p>more businesses, we need a boba place</p>	
AnFarm Advisory Committee	8	<p>To be close to family</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Concerts in the park</p> <p>Proximity to outdoor activities</p> <p>Available housing</p> <p>Small school district-change can happen</p> <p>Job opportunity</p> <p>Closer to nature</p> <p>There was people and a need</p> <p>Access to a community</p> <p>Small-town feel</p> <p>Impact that anyone can have in the community is quite intimate</p> <p>A community of acquaintances</p>	<p>AnFarm Program and place</p> <p>SandyNet</p> <p>The country feel</p> <p>Close to Portland, right by the mountain</p> <p>Access to outdoor recreation and mountain biking</p> <p>Living well with the land-enough pockets of people that "live with the land"</p> <p>Historical roots of farms and old economies, generational lineage</p> <p>Small business owners are sprouting up; rise in restaurants and breweries</p> <p>Thriving downtown corridor-businesses are starting to cluster</p> <p>Façade Program really changed main street: touched 45-50 buildings, adding architectural details</p> <p>Library has amazing programs; the space is amazing</p> <p>Longest Day parkway</p> <p>Yoga in Meing Park</p> <p>Cascadia Park</p>	<p>We need more knowledge and respect of other cultures</p> <p>We are too homogenous</p> <p>Gridlock traffic</p> <p>People might not stop for gas in the future-what will they stop for in the future?</p> <p>Build better road networks for better connectivity</p> <p>Roads have no shoulders</p> <p>Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity is poor</p> <p>Upgrading school buildings</p> <p>Support digital access expansion</p> <p>SandyNet doesn't access all apartment complexes and manufactured home parks</p> <p>Lack of education and coordination and connection of information about Sandy services and community organizations</p> <p>Safe access to parks</p> <p>Homelessness</p> <p>Wayfinding to parks and trails</p> <p>Access to services for mental health programs-healthcare facilities</p> <p>We have a shortage of commercial and industrial land-Pleasant Street Master Plan can be a potential solution to that. Redevelop downtown for commercial. Pleasant street looks like NW 21st in Portland</p> <p>Losing greenspace</p> <p>Affordable Housing</p>
Spanish Speakers Outreach		<p>Quiet</p> <p>Calm</p> <p>Clean</p> <p>Pretty</p> <p>Close to work</p>	<p>Friendly</p> <p>Community feel</p> <p>Little crime and violence</p> <p>Feels united</p>	<p>More parks & basketball courts</p> <p>More transportation options</p> <p>More police & security</p> <p>Adress the homeless that have recently been arriving</p> <p>Better roads</p> <p>More activities/amenities for families</p> <p>A community pool</p> <p>More signs in spanish</p> <p>More Spanish library books</p>
Parks and Trails Advisory Board	6	<p>Small town feel</p> <p>Single story housing</p> <p>Accessible/affordable</p> <p>Community feel</p> <p>Personal relationships</p> <p>Friendly</p> <p>Clean/inviting</p> <p>Close proximity to big city</p> <p>Natural areas</p>	<p>Parks</p> <p>Community Campus</p> <p>Community events</p> <p>Community building</p> <p>Family oriented events</p> <p>Physical assets</p> <p>Growth boundaries</p> <p>Small businesses</p> <p>Safety/security</p>	<p>More community athletic facilities</p> <p>Pool open</p> <p>Kid friendly activities</p> <p>Accessibility of community locations</p> <p>Traffic signals on 26</p> <p>Bypass</p> <p>School growth and adaptability</p> <p>Street parking</p> <p>Less multi family development</p> <p>Infrastructure</p>

COMMUNITY EVENTS (AS OF 7/11/2022)

	What do you love about Sandy?	What do you want to improve?
Farmers Market (May 20)	I love the community and schools as I am 12	Tiny home community so families can stay in Sandy
	The view of Mt. Hood!	Create tiny home communities
	The view points!	Zone for homesteads
	Good food in town	No big box stores. Keep Sandy country
	The parks, the food and drinks and the nature	Keep Sandy fire dept in Sandy
	The community/Its farms and rural areas	Bike paths
	The people	A pool
	Nature	More patrols in Meinig Park
	Tickle Creek Trail	Less/slower development
	The country feel	Sports fields
	Small businesses	Protect open spaces!
	Awesome people	Re-route traffic
	Ant Farm	Another route to Mt. Hood. If there's an accident, it's 3 hour traffic.
	The parks	More affordable housing
	The food carts	
I love Sandy because of the parks		
Its really cool		
Sandy High School	Travelability, connection to metro and Mt. Hood	Pool
	Clean	Satellite imaging and drones for traffic
	Youth	University/community college campus
	Main street (flower baskets, lights, décor)	Drive-in
	Trolley	Connected sidewalks on Meinig + next to school
	School Facilities	Education about natural hazards/fire bans/fireworks (how to take care of properties)
	Garage sales	Heating and cooling shelters
	Small town feel	Small business support
	Trees, views	Arcade/Entertainment/Food area
	More to do	Renewable energy sources, solar power
	Road connectivity	Garden or green space
	Farmer's Market	Healthcare facilities and improved clinic
	Homes with yards	Floating houses
	Easy transportation to schools	Water resources
	Community	Transportation options
	Local businesses (Mt. Moka, Sandy Family)	Involved emergency response teams and services
	Easy to drive around	Another highway or bypass
	Events (Mt. Festival, parade, carnival)	Micro mobility
	Ant Farm	Nature reserve
	Parks	Youth sport programs
	Local Emergency services	Diverse housing architecture
	Food options and culture	Emergency water services/sprinkler systems
	Trails and parks	More amenities to reduce driving
	Activities (arcade/bowling)	More government services in generalized area
	Town activities	Diversity
	Indoor skatepark	Affordable housing
	Sidewalk	New grocery store
	Green energy	Light at shorty's corner
	Pool	Less houselessness (shelters/human services)
	Pedestrian bridge over 211	Firework/fire pit regulations
	Community voice	Housing developments with charging stations
	Support for small businesses	Flying cars and robot teachers
	Coffee shops	Greater employment opportunity
	Landmarks	Better skate park
	Nature	Road safety
	Family	More youth services/activities/volunteer opportunities
	Sport facility	Partnerships with other communities for disaster relief
	School	Renewable resources with construction materials
	Job	Traffic
	Nature/Mt. Hood/Scenery/Trails/Parks	Apartments
	Walkable/things are close	Fast food
	Small town/Community	Sprawl
	Skate Park/Movies/Pool	Dangerous roads (potholes)
	Ball fields	One way road
	Joe's/Small businesses/Shell Burritos/Ant Farm/Food carts/Downtown	Racism
	Family	Litter/trash
		Roads with no walking access
		Increasing population
		Homelessness
		Several gas stations
		Empty buildings
		People in community
		Lack of entertainment/businesses
		Not enough acreage
		Opportunities/jobs
	Too small	
	Growing	
	Sandy Mtn. Fest	
	Growth	
	Construction	
	Youth programs	
	Farmland	
	7-Eleven	
	Civic representation	
	Less homelessness	
	Parks	
	Low-cost bus	
	Kindness (people helping people)	
	Community	
	Improvements	
	Small businesses	
	Restaurants	
	Small	
	Internet	
	Cleanliness	
	Public spaces	
	Trees	
	Nature	
	Joes	
	Church	
	Community events	

	What do you love about Sandy?	What do you want to improve?
Longest Day Parkway	No Place Saloon	Pool
	Rias Bar	Free money
	Neighbors	An alien park
	Nature	Winco Foods
	Small community and closeness with neighbors	Rec Center
	Tickle Creek Trail	Pump track
	The people	More nature areas
	Public parks and trails	Water for dogs at parks and trails
	My friends	Community pool
	Nature	Less people
	Trails	Carls Jr
	Police	New skate park
	Parks	Dive platforms at pool
	That it is amazing	Sports park with turf for softball, baseball, and soccer
	Everything	Rec center
	Nature trails	More schools
	Immence beauty	Pool
	Everyone smiles and is friendly	Community rec center
	Low, low stress level	More sidewalks
	The weather is nice	Pool
	The mountain is close	Rollercoasters and slides
Low crime	Rollercoaster	
friendly neighbors	Sports	
Not Portland weird	Sports complex	
Police and firefighters	Pool	
Baseball	Youth programs	
Family	Community pool	
	After school care/sports	
	More restaurants	
	Walmart or Ikea	
Farmers Market (June 17)	Small town feel	Open the pool
	Mount Hood	More community recreation spaces
	I know my neighbors	Fix traffic
	Meinig Park	More police support
	community events like the farmers market	Better/new elementary school
	the food carts	More well-paying jobs
	The parks and nature trails	Slow down growth
	Close to nature	
Library programs		
Sandy Mountain Festival	Peaceful (28)	Better house pricing (13)
	Park and trails (18)	Places/Activities for youth - YMCA, Rec Ctr (8)
	Small Town/ Secluded (14)	Better Roads/ infrastructure (7)
	Outdoor living (7)	Community Pool (5)
	Community feel (6)	Less traffic (5)
	Secure (5)	Less Discrimination (2)
	The people (4)	Cheaper utility bills (2)
	Lack of discrimination (2)	Stay small (8)
		Keep the safety/security (4)
		Protect nature; Keep Sandy Green (3)

ONLINE SURVEY (AS OF 7/11/2022)

Q1 Why did you chose to live in Sandy?	Q2 What makes Sandy special today? What should we strive to preserve or enhance?	Q3 What about Sandy would you like to change in the future? What can improve?	Q4 Is there anything else you want to share about the future of Sandy?
The small town feel, the rural atmosphere and the the ability to live in the country but only minutes from town	Sandy is special because its small. It has a boutique, little Sisters type feel that should be preserved. A bypass would not only hurt the small businesses that rely on the business that tourists and commuters provide but it would RUIN the essence of Sandy as well as force many long time residents out who will not stand to live on their property that was once a beautiful, tranquil place once there is a busy bypass in their front yard. Sandy would become a smaller version of Portland and loose the identity that it's residents value.	I enjoy Sandy how it is now. I moved to Sandy recently for what it is. I did not move there to live in a city or have a bypass in my front yard. There's a fine balance with growing Sandy and not loosing it's identity.	The city's money should stay within Sandy and enrich the lives of the people who call it home. The bypass would negatively impact the resident's who's land is in it's path, the businesses that are avoided because of it and for what? An average savings of a few minutes commute. It is not worth the impact it will have on people's lives. The money should be going to help schools, businesses, original infrastructure such as road repairs not spending \$1billion tax payer dollars to benefit people who don't even live in Sandy
My family and I chose to live in Sandy because I was offered employment in Sandy. Otherwise, we most likely would not have chosen to settle down in Sandy.	My list: 1) Tickle Creek Trail, Meinig Park, and Fantasy Forest; 2) Mt. Hood Athletic Club; 3) Toigate Inn bakery; 4) The ease of walking around town and the existing density; 5) Proximity to the Salmon River, Mt. Hood, and hiking; 6) Proximity to Portland and the Gorge.	My list: 1) Install more trails and parks, especially newer park amenities like pump tracks, natural playgrounds, and a new skatepark; 2) Plant more street trees in older neighborhoods (i.e., enforce replacement); 3) Install sidewalks in sections that are missing or deteriorated; 4) Slow traffic on HWY 26; 5) Work with OTSD to have newer elementary school options as Sandy Elementary and Firwood Elementary are in very bad shape; 6) Turn Pleasant Street into a vibrant downtown walking, shopping, and eating/drinking destination.	I really hope the City can pass a bond for a new aquatic center and upgrades to existing parks. I also hope that OTSD can pass a bond for some new or remodeled elementary schools. The children and parents in our community deserve better!
To leave Multnomah County Quieter than Portland (where we moved from). Affordable larger lot size for our house. Closer to outdoor recreation that we enjoy.	I'm still learning and exploring Sandy after 1.5years living here so I can't fairly say. We do appreciate the trails that are in place.	a Highway bypass around the City	Add more and protection for Parks and Trails and Waterways
It what I could afford	Small town feel	The downtown 'walkability' and infrastructure for local shops and eateries and goods. Keeping the 'small town' vibe but enhancing the quality and attractiveness for small biz owners.	If Sandy wants to boast that they are not like Portland, why is the food court named Sandlandia. Sounds a lot like Portlandia.
Easy access to recreation areas. Smaller town far enough away from Portland, but not too far.	Access to recreation areas. Controlled growth, not too fast (like it's been). Move away from the main road (traffic). Build up a side street to have outdoor eclectic dining experiences (outdoor, too). I recently visited Bend and there were so many places to choose from.	I can't understand why some streets in Sandy are so narrow. New neighborhoods are designed with narrow streets. Is this to give the developers more room for houses?	Need to have a Mayor that actually cares about the City v. using it as a platform and stepping stone.
At the time, it was affordable and had a safe, small town feel while being close to a major city.	Walking trails, community events, liberal community values.	Need more opportunities for kids/teens. Need a community center (even if it doesn't include a pool). Covered areas with all the rain. Low cost things to do for people after schoolwork.	I love this town, but think if we are going to continue to grow we need more stores, more sidewalks, and better traffic solutions.
Husband grew up in Sandy.	Sandy is a small town.	Rampant development and increasing traffic is impacting our quality of life.	High wage jobs need to be available in Sandy to avoid being a bedroom community with loss of community engagement and identity.
It had a good feel Grow up here. 3rd generation Small town, grew up here.	Kindness and helping your neighbor, accepting others opinions Natural beauty, Gateway to mt hood Mountain days, community events	High density has changed the traffic. I am scared to turn left onto Bluff Road from Nettie Connett Drive. There is going to be a fatality. You cannot see traffic coming up the hill. I went to a meeting at City Hall before the huge apartment complex was built on Sandy Heights. It was already a done deal. Traffic at times is really heavy. I wait sometimes forever making a left turn onto Hwy 26, as well. My street Nettie Connett Drive use to be a dead end- I went to a meeting at City Hall before Nettie Connett went through and it was Re- zoned High density. It was already a done deal. People speed by on the street around the curves and down the hill. Most are renters and don't care... drop trash everywhere..... and other issues(people burn when they want and set off fireworks year round. People are not as kind, there is not the neighborly feeling it use to have and drivers are crazy and will just make a uturn right in front of you- quick to honk..... The highway running throw the middle.	I hope there is less high density areas Sandy could be a cute town. The traffic ruins it. More Artisan shops and less chain stores.
Many years ago Sandy was a wonderful small community and a great place to raise children. I live just outside Sandy. We chose to raise our children where there was still plenty of outdoor activities available. We wanted to be just outside of Sandy because it was a small town with a lot to offer. The location of Sandy was also a draw (mountain, gorge, Portland) The mountain life Close to ski resorts, new high school, trees, affordability, small town feel but with restaurants & walkability, parks	Nothing makes Sandy special any more. Too many housing developments have increased traffic and crime. The small town has a lot to offer. SAM was a draw when we moved, especially that it was free. I signaled a vital town with the right priorities. SAM must remain. Sandy Mountain Festival is wonderful, the high school is beautiful. It is a very safe town. I feel safe at the park and walking around town. That safe, small town, easy to get around by bus or foot must be preserved and enhanced. The mountain life Preserve parks, views of Mt. Hood, no homeless on the streets or in the parks	Update Zoning to allow for 1/2 acre or 1 acre lots. This will bring higher end homes to the area and less lower income, higher density housing. A small town can not take too many houses as the infrastructure has not been updated when it should have been. The bypass should have done years ago so it would go from one end of the business district to the other and be able to feed both ends. Think Redmond. They did it right. Walkability should be improved. Availability of teen activities, whether that is disc golf in the park, enhanced skate park, a bike park, a better pizza parlor, an ice rink, a climbing facility.... Traffic A skatepark that can be skated and isn't dangerous terrain. An overbridge over hwy 26 connecting north and south sides of town.	No, because I'm probably leaving Sandy. It's not peaceful any more The housing is typically very small lots with homes that don't seem to be built to last. I would create some more livable space with larger lots and mixed use housing sprinkled in. I would also love to see the culture that is here (outdoor, athletic, adventurer) embraced in more available opportunities.
Born and raised My parents moved me here in the 90s. Good deal on new house	The true Oregonians make it special. Gentrification is destroying our uniqueness The now mostly erased historical buildings with iconic western architecture, and the now mostly gone 'small town' community feel. Nothing comes to mind	Too many 'cookie cutter' housing developments that attract Californians and other outsider influences. Sandy should restrict development and embrace rural life. I would love to lessen traffic through town, improve our aging school buildings, and bring businesses to the downtown that people actually want to visit that aren't head shops or bars. Better restaurants, more art shops, more ambiance.	Trendy hipster traffic is polluting the 26 through Sandy making it virtually impossible for residents to get around and navigate through town. Please Abolish "Cartlandia" this hurts local established businesses. Less people, less traffic.
When I came to Sandy it was the small-town feel (Community). There was a pool open for my children to swim, parks, and trails. IT was close to the Mountain and my work in Gresham. Great schools at the time.	Well a lot of the reasons that I moved here are no longer intact or available, no public pool, schools are a mess and the City is crowded and the cost to live here is much increased. IT is better than other places but the streets and planning have not kept up. Lots of can-kicking from the wastewater issue to the domestic water and the transportation. We rey indeed to work to preserve the community's feelings and I would say we need to move on the pool and the purchase of Cedar Ridge school property. These facilities could have been used but they have been very underutilized. For example, the City has opened the school for a Daycare Center operated via contract and keep the property being used.	Let's build and fund a public water facility including the ill-maintained pool. Yes, this will take money but investment in the community. Not everyone can or wants to use the Athletic Club pool and maybe a City or third-party operated pool would give them some competition, they have very few open hours for family swims and can not serve the entire community. The Baily Meadows sub-division - The Developer should have had built the road, we must be better the City dropped the ball in not being prepared. This cost the tax papers money that truly benefited the developer. The existing development should never be allowed without another access or egress point. That was very obvious during the Wild Land Fire scare.	See above
Close to nature, clean and safe, cheap. My family lives here and I was able to find affordable housing - well...that was 6 years ago. I doubt if I could find affordable housing now.	The parks. the parks and I feel safe walking in my neighborhood and in the city parks	The level of tolerance/apathy towards hate and lack of public safety. The whole past few years with the proud boys/flag waves, no mask enforcement in businesses, the anti-lgbtq church rally looking things in the middle of town, and now what happened with SHS basketball team saying racial slurs..?! I thought this town was cute and leaned a little conservative, but now we're thinking about leaving because there is just a level of tolerance from higher ups (school admin, school district leaders, mayor, etc.) to this type of stuff that I don't want my son raised in. Fix the pool!! Invest in the community so we can have a place like the East Portland Community Center on SE 106th in Portland.	I'd love to see this town get educated on lgbtq suicide rates, what bim really means and how the "blue lives matter" flag looks dumb in our police station, and the red one at the fire station. Also, a mayor who doesn't tolerate this kind of stuff would be great. It's hard to be a part of a community that is pretty much not accepting anyone who doesn't fit into its bigoted box.
I'm a divorced single mom whose parents live in Rhododendron. After my marriage fell apart, I moved home. After 2 years of working hard and scraping together a down payment for a house, Sandy seemed like a logical choice. So mainly location. Good school district, friendly people, family lives here.	The Tickle Creek Trail. Meinig Park. My neighbors. Great schools, neighbors caring for each other.	My house is on a street that encircles a little park. It's one of the reasons I bought it in the first place. On my drive home from work last summer I noticed a transient camped out at the park. The Sandy Police stopped by, so I felt like the situation was resolved. But after supper, she was still there, complete with her blinged out shopping cart with a duct-taped on extra wheel in front. I walked up the sidewalk prepared to tell her to move out, just in time to see her shoot up IV something or other. It was disturbing to say the least. I told her to leave and that I was going to stand there until she did. The Sandy Police came back by after she left. They said it was the fifth call about her that they'd gotten about her that day. They were not allowed to arrest her. And... I am a registered nurse. I managed the Fresenius Dialysis Clinic for 4 years.... Transients live in the woods behind the clinic, do drugs under the shelter of our clinic, mark it up with graffiti, leave garbage everywhere... Smash our signage.... I know the current laws are lenient, but it makes me want to move away. More community programs, improvement on infrastructure to decrease traffic.	I really wish the swimming pool would reopen. There needs to be more family/kid friendly things to do. Try to keep the small town feel as much as possible.
Get away from homeless, less high density housing Smaller community, outdoor activities, could purchase land, focus on kids.	Don't allow more apartments and keep the homeless out!!! Community involvement	Better side walk system, more bike friendly, less homeless. Better schools, limit developments,, bring the community back together (it feels very divided), community pool, homeless issue and crime	The park behind the old middle school needs to be visible and anything new that is done should be done too keep teenagers from making it a trash pit and to clear the homeless out of the woods. Keep Sandy a smaller community

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Relocated family for work and better schooling for our children.	Small city providing big city transportation. Work on infrastructure and bypass for less traffic for residents.	Flow of traffic. Bypass is needed. We could benefit from a community center available for Sandy residents through parks and recreation to offer swimming, workout facilities and fun activities for all ages. This could be offered for lower costs and would attract a larger user base. It would help our community to be healthier and come together to make a better future for all.	We need to support our law enforcement officers and all of our first responders. We need more officers to protect our rapidly growing community and neighborhoods. The ratio of police to population needs to reflect our needs as we grow. Our call loads for officers is very high.
Home price, close to Mt. hood Close to Gresham but allowed for ISDA funded loan. We thought schools and community would be good. My husband's grandparents lived and worked here.	Beautiful natural surroundings, vacation retreat town, historic importance, small-town quiet N/A	Crime, clean up and improve main street along Hwy. 26. Open the pool. More inclusiveness. More activities for families with older kids.	It has so much potential because of it's location but needs thoughtful and careful development and leadership.
Small town feel We purchased a home in Sandy to get out of Gresham and because the home was affordable. My wife grew up here and it offers nearly everything we want Small, clean, safe, family friendly, no homeless, not a strip mall community Sandy is the connection between metro Portland and Mt Hood. I love the proximity to both urban and outdoor adventures. We moved to Sandy in 1999 loving the small towns feeling.	Downtown is walkable. Many trails and parks. The small town feel is important to preserve as well as maintain infrastructure to support a growing community. The mountain culture The city's relationship to the mountain and Oregon history. SandyNet Not much! It is time to make Sandy a small safe village again. Stop trying to be an extension of PDX or Portland. We need to take a suburban village type "ommunity." Sandy is positioned in such a great location to take advantage of outdoor activities. I'd love to see natural space integrated with new development and creating an environment that inspires people to get outside in their daily routine. Unfortunately so much has been lost. There is not the small tight knit community feel there once was. We should try to keep outdoor space available and keep our little town clean.	Wildfire and other natural disaster plans and prevention. Our natural world is going to be an integral part of our continued viability. Traffic. Utilizing vacant lots downtown. More community events Grt rid of homeless and make it a walking safe town. We need the whole city connected by beautiful trails. In addition to a system of trails and bike paths, I would love to see a revitalized downtown that is attractive to pedestrians and families (restaurants, cafes, boutiques, parks). Also would like a grocery store (like Trader Joe's or Market of Choice) on the east end of town. Traffic needs to be addressed and there are far to many apartment complexes going in. It would be great if we could stop with the housing developments. We're going to turn into Gresham if we keep going at this rate. The cost of houses and rent here needs to be controlled somehow. Long time Sandy residents can't even afford to live here anymore.	Transparency is important when making large changes. We are a small town that links between the large cities and the recreation on Mt. Hood. I think that we can become a modern small town and still provide a great stopping place during the multiple recreational seasons we experience.
I didn't choose, I've lived here since I was a kid.	The trees and nature surrounding Sandy. It would be like every other town without that. That and the historic buildings. Instead of tearing them down, they should be fixed up.	It would be great if the community center got some improvements as-well. Unique restaurants, shops, infrastructure in downtown. Make a Sandy a place to stop and visit before heading in to Portland or over the mountain. Less traffic through downtown. Speeders being stopped and ticketed. Rules to limit trucks using engine brakes. It's extremely loud all through the night.	I love the city and look forward to raising a family here. I don't want Sandy to lose it's charm, but I equally want to see progressively evolve We will only hurt dandy by adding more strip malls and apartments. Please make sandy safe to walk in again I would like to see a growth plan that has the intention of inventing Sandy as a destination rather than a travel pit-stop or bedroom community. I would love to see growth slowed down.
Housing prices It WAS a small progressive town which we were attracted to	Nothing comes to mind Sandy Style makes it more charming and should continue to be implemented	Definitely need infrastructure improvements, in our sewer systems, roads and working on our schools. Find ways to funnel traffic to bypass downtown, at least to some degree. On Sunday afternoons the traffic is backed up to The Tire Guy. How about a bypass from 211 to Shorty's Corner? .. just spitballing. The traffic light at the library needs rethinking. Bell street to 362nd is a good start on relieving the mess on Bluff and it could open up new areas for development of business and homes. We would benefit from a community recreation facility, complete with pool and other services	Not at this time. With all the developments happening in our town the developers need to be putting the work into the infrastructure in our city.
Schools and smaller town	The community events and small businesses	Definitely need infrastructure improvements, in our sewer systems, roads and working on our schools. Find ways to funnel traffic to bypass downtown, at least to some degree. On Sunday afternoons the traffic is backed up to The Tire Guy. How about a bypass from 211 to Shorty's Corner? .. just spitballing. The traffic light at the library needs rethinking. Bell street to 362nd is a good start on relieving the mess on Bluff and it could open up new areas for development of business and homes. We would benefit from a community recreation facility, complete with pool and other services	Yes, please put infrastructure before development. Sewer, water and road first please.
Rural beauty, proximity to Mt. Hood and National Forest and only 20 minutes from work. We could afford to purchase a new home.	Sandy Library, events in Meinig, small town friendliness, a really nice high school building, local entertainment and the "country/rural" feel. Safety	Better traffic flow when it comes to stoplights. A possible bypass, however I have much bigger concerns with Gresham. Would be amazing to have a bypass from somewhere between Sandy and Gresham directly to 84. No more vagrants in the parks, more police to crack down on thieves. A moratorium on new homes and land annexation until the infrastructure can sustain the current level we are at. To have controlled growth, with planning and input on housing and infrastructure, parks, and more. No more building. Stop approving new homes. We are going g to out grow our town, schools will be over run by new kids in the area... our streets are packed. Let stuff just grow, natural and wait a couple years for new home to catch up...	Other than the quick and high rise in the cost of city utilities (sewer bill), we really like living in Sandy. Sandy Net is awesome! Was a positive when choosing to move to Sandy. Need better and more timely repairs of potholes and streets. The intersection of Meinig and Pioneer (across from the backside of Ace hardware) needs major attention. Actually, that entire little stretch of Meinig needs to be repaved. We live close to Portland and really need police to patrol for suspicious nighttime activity to deter crime. Stop trying to move hiway 26. Stop building homes right on top of each other and give people space so we can go back to that small town feel. I would still like to explore the feasibility of an aquatic and/or Community center. Also, Where do we stand on a developing a Bypass highway? Vote the mayor out. Too many people. Not enough space.
Better commute to jobs. Used to live in Vancouver and the 205 bridge was too much when it came to the commute.	Small town, unique characteristics. Quiet, yet has a good amount of large town necessities when it comes to food, shopping, etc.	Better redishare or taxi options. More trails and natural spaces for people to enjoy. Perhaps the Springwater trail could be expanded into Sandy to bring more visitors. A sidewalk along 211 between highway 26 and the new housing developments. I would like to put an end to the truckers who use their loud exhaust breaks early in the morning on HWY 26 driving into the east end of town. Our grade school building is old and should be a historical site, not a functioning school. Our children deserve and need much better places of learning.	I moved to Sandy in 2015. I bought a home in 2019. I love Sandy and it feels like home to me. I hope we can maintain the small town feel. A separation of the downtown and highway would be huge.
I like how it is well kept and quiet I was a kid when we moved here in 1979 so it was not my choice. I love the small town vibe, and it's also very close to family.	Being clean and quiet What makes sandy so special is the way over building of homes, the lack of any infrastructure planning, the out of control taxes and constant increases in utilities approved by the city council. The community, I feel people are friendly, and most seem to have a common goal to make Sandy a livable city where there's a nice balance of services, culture, fun & creative activities, and recreation.	Vote the mayor out. Too many people. Not enough space.	
Small town. Grew up near by. Not a big city. Internet I love the small town feel. 45 min to Portland or the mountain. An easy walk to various businesses along the highway, but far enough away to be near the Tickle Creek trail, live in a home where I can't hear the highway, and lots of great neighbors. However, that small town feeling is starting to disappear. If Sandy continues to grow too much I will move to Boring, Damascus, or Welches.	Nothing. Community. I'd love to see the downtown area revitalized and separated from the main highway by a few blocks. Better restaurants and more access for businesses without the huge barrier of "Sandy Style". I go into other towns for restaurants because I am not thrilled about our options. I also would love to see more cute boutique stores in a quieter downtown area.	Better redishare or taxi options. More trails and natural spaces for people to enjoy. Perhaps the Springwater trail could be expanded into Sandy to bring more visitors. A sidewalk along 211 between highway 26 and the new housing developments. I would like to put an end to the truckers who use their loud exhaust breaks early in the morning on HWY 26 driving into the east end of town. Our grade school building is old and should be a historical site, not a functioning school. Our children deserve and need much better places of learning.	I moved to Sandy in 2015. I bought a home in 2019. I love Sandy and it feels like home to me. I hope we can maintain the small town feel. A separation of the downtown and highway would be huge.
To get out of Portland.	Small town. Let's preserve our parks and trails. We need to improve our access to safe and secure walking/biking/running routes through town.	Better redishare or taxi options. More trails and natural spaces for people to enjoy. Perhaps the Springwater trail could be expanded into Sandy to bring more visitors. A sidewalk along 211 between highway 26 and the new housing developments. I would like to put an end to the truckers who use their loud exhaust breaks early in the morning on HWY 26 driving into the east end of town. Our grade school building is old and should be a historical site, not a functioning school. Our children deserve and need much better places of learning.	Nope
This is where we work and housing was affordable.	Small town feel near the big city; Access to high-quality local businesses & restaurants; Excitement of being the "Gateway" and last-stop on the way to the mountain and wilderness; Public events like parades, festivals, fireworks; Clean and well-kept downtown and public facilities; Police department support / accommodation of racial justice demonstrations.	Better redishare or taxi options. More trails and natural spaces for people to enjoy. Perhaps the Springwater trail could be expanded into Sandy to bring more visitors. A sidewalk along 211 between highway 26 and the new housing developments. I would like to put an end to the truckers who use their loud exhaust breaks early in the morning on HWY 26 driving into the east end of town. Our grade school building is old and should be a historical site, not a functioning school. Our children deserve and need much better places of learning.	I wish we could expand our city boundaries to reflect our actual footprint.
Close to nature without being too far from urban amenities; Affordability of >1ac residential properties.	Great park system that needs maintenance and camping enforcement. Potentially look into publicly funding shelters for homeless sleeping in restricted areas.	More youth activities and opportunities; More cooperation between the City and diverse faith communities to build networks of civic engagement and support for vulnerable populations. The development of the southern portion of meinig park. Paved trails and provide a staircase in the southwest portion of the park. Trash cans in this area to help reduce litter. The expansion of the tickle creek trail to the west. This is a great resource for individuals to enjoy and is situated geographically that allows many to enjoy.	HWY 26 is the HEART of Sandy! Please don't move it from the center of our city.
Outdoor recreation	Great park system that needs maintenance and camping enforcement. Potentially look into publicly funding shelters for homeless sleeping in restricted areas.	Figure out better place to dump treated wastewater than the river, and figure out how to get a 26 bypass around downtown	Keep a focus on shared public space. We have a fair amount of large residential development that doesn't necessarily foster the making a great community. Make sure public spaces are developed with the intent to create a beautiful place to live.
Proximity to river and mt hood	Outdoor recreation opportunities and the quality of the environment.	Figure out better place to dump treated wastewater than the river, and figure out how to get a 26 bypass around downtown	Growth needs to be managed to preserve environment and quality of life
Peaceful, family, outdoors, out of Portland, close to the mountain & rivers	Nature and homeowners. Make downtown Sandy a destination town	Downtown Sandy and more single family homes	No apartments
I wanted a small town feel but close enough to the city. I liked the home prices as well.	I think the beauty as you enter Sandy is amazing! You see the trees and feel a sense of peace. I think keeping a small town feel without sacrificing growth. If that's possible. The small town quality of Sandy makes it special. If homeless people & a lot of low income housing is added, it will become just like Portland	Infrastructure. The roads are crazy. I wish there was an alternate route for the people heading up the mountain. Or for us residential people to navigate the roads. I think we need more police to actively watch for speeding through the town. More options for healthy food options. More police to control traffic & thieves prowling neighborhoods Halt endless neighborhood sprawl. Create highway 26 bypass	None
Less crime (I thought), slower town life Close to gresham, but close to mt hood and out of city	Preserve rural small town feel. Stop rampant cookie cutter neighborhood sprawl like Happy Valley	I would like to see more street lights, especially at intersections. There also could be either more parking or more clear places to park for the trails and parks other than Meinig Memorial Park. I would also like to see better wildfire prevention and preparedness. Last year, the mayor didn't even ban fireworks for July 4th despite it being one of our driest years on record. That is unacceptable.	School boards should listen to parents Do not let us become another Happy Valley of endless sprawl. Retain valuable nursery land
I work for the Forest Service at the Mt. Hood National Forest Headquarters in Sandy.	Sandy has the feeling of a nice small town feel while still having all the big town amenities.		I've only been living here for about 3 years so I'm not sure if it was a thing before Covid, but Sandy should have some sort of town festivals. With its location being the last major town before entering the forest, it would be a great place to have festivals that would attract more tourism.

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We live outside of Sandy and purchased a property with acreage. 20+ years ago it was affordability and feeling like we were living closer to the country and being closer to the mountain	I appreciate the small town feel of Sandy but would love to see more diversity and promotion of activities or ideas that aren't solely conservative. still feels like a quiet neighborhood, the walking trails and green space are great	Sandy is clearly a conservative town. I'm more of a moderate and agree with some conservative & liberal ideas. It would be nice to see support for all ideas of thought. Also, more art/culture and activities for families or kids to be involved with. I've heard a lot of talk about the former pool so it would be great to see that open again. decrease the traffic, improve the fast food, loving the food carts but trying to bring in a Panera would be nice, downtown shops that stay open past 6-7pm	Sandy is a great small town with a lot of potential. Perhaps engaging with some of the younger residents and being open to some new visions/ideas of how to change in the future. It's clear a lot of long-term residents are resistant to change but change is almost always necessary. keep it green, don't over develop with too many neighborhoods, invest in the downtown area,
I grew up in Sandy, but decided to move back to the area because sandy is very central to all the activities that I love to do, and the place where I found my dream job. There is endless access to the outdoors in every direction and a great place to live you like to ski/snowboard, kayak, mt. bike, ect Housing was cheapish when we bought and town was still small	I think business like Next Adventure, Joes Donuts, Thai Home, Mt. Mocha and Ace Hardware do a great job of embodying the best of what Sandy has to offer. All those shops are friendly, have a small town vibe, but provide a ton of value to the community. The public transit is great for my employees, and I appreciate the tram look! While it can be difficult at times ;) in end I appreciate the city's dedication to hold all businesses to high standards and brighting the town up. Lastly I appreciate the tickle creek trail! Nothing is special now. It had a small town feel, now it is growing to fast and wants to be a small Portland It's less liberal then Portland. Our mayor isn't crap. We should keep the trails we have, we need to have a better utilities if we're going to keep growing, probably wouldn't hurt to have a bypass highway instead of funneling all traffic going up the mountain through downtown Sandy. The murals should be preserved, but we should keep the old ones, don't need new ones. Keep the veteran's memorial. Meing Park needs better security at night, and the wooden playstructure needs to be preserved for 2050.	Sandy has a ton of room for growth and I am excited to see the town in 2050! Sandy needs to focus more on it's parks and recreation areas. There are tons of small community's like Estacada, Prineville, and Redmond that have top of the line skate parks, disc golf courses, Mountain Bike Trails, Nature Trails, and new playgrounds, yet have a fraction of the resources and tax dollars as Sandy. People like our Mayor are too focus on hot button politics, instead of finding ways for everyone that they represent to enjoy Sandy. I would love to see Sandy build a new skate park (dream land is a great company to work with), put in local mountain bike trails, expand on the tickle creek trail, put in a disc golf course, and in general increase the fun meter. Bigger lots for houses more single family homes less multifamily zoning more community areas(gardens, playgrounds, farmer markets) more local own stores	Stop trying to pile people into the town when the infrastructure can't handle it at all
It's far better then Portland, and the job economy in Welches sucks. Safety, small town feel, clean public spaces	Sense of community	More gun shops. A shooting range would be nice. A craftsman guild would be pretty epic. Having our pool reopened would be nice. A place to rollerblade would be nice, like the old Skateworld. Slow down growth, address increasing homeless population	Keep it a small town, keep safety a priority
We found our dream property here	Tight knit community, cute and clean downtown area. Overall the city is clean and safe.	Continue to revive the downtown area with local businesses. Several of the elementary schools as well as Boring Middle need work or expansion to keep up with the growing population. Better food restaurants, higher quality, and more diverse. Sushi, better pizza, a cafe with better food, like Mountain Mocha (keep that place)	I would like to see wider roads, more grocery stores, more infrastructure for the incoming citizens
I bought a house with property that was in my price range To be centrally located to the schools, eventually high school for my children, my husband's work in Zigzag and the Mountain.	The walking trails, I like the garbage collection company, I like SandyNet prices and service	There needs to be better places for families to eat, drink and enjoy themselves. Specifically place with outdoor dining and fire pits. We need more local business in Sandy to create a more walk able/downtown feel.	It's concerns me that Sandy is developing and building neighborhoods so quickly. If the town grows too fast it could have damaging effects on the charm. And, the schools are at max capacity with kids.
Small quaint city outside of portland area crime and values.	Different values from portland. Keep portland out of sandy.	More shopping options.	
I have lived in Sandy since before there were stores. Small town feel, good schools, less crowded, safer than Portland.	The city needs to be preserved and or enhanced as a mountain community. Low density neighborhoods, parks and green spaces.	I hate the food court. I makes the city look trashy and big city slummy. It needs to be changed or rebuilt like the new one in Troutdale. Reopen the pool, more police to help curb the rise in crime	I live in the neighborhood above Shorty's Corner. It is 2022. We still have no TV and no internet. This is not a terrible neighborhood, but it's a deal breaker. I am considering moving somewhere else because of it. It's just inexcusable. Don't let Sandy become the next Gresham or Happy Valley. Keep us small.
Close to the ski resort	Sandy has really gone down hill. Instead of just focusing on upcoming elections we need to be focusing on our infrastructure. We already cannot support the community, how is building hundreds of new homes going to help?	We need someone in office that is concerned with sandy and not their political career Buy and demolish unsightly buildings. Create a cover over the area to host the friday market. Add additional parking here. Demo the big apple store. Host saturday markets, farmers markets and other events here in this new covered area year long. Buy and demolish the areas northwest of tollgate, the apartments and unsightly homes. Build an outdoor walking shopping center here with shops and restaurants. Reface all businesses so they have a mountain type of aesthetic. Similar to the revitalization leavenworth washington did decades ago. Add a roundabout at 211 and dubarko and 211 and bornstadt. The large landscaped ones you see in sunriver. Remove barriers preventing neighborhoods from accessing aretha ct and add a roundabout here at 211 to slow traffic. The roundabouts can look nice, keep traffic flowing and slow traffic down as it speeds down 211. More and more neighborhoods are being built along 211 and it's time to classify it as a road rather than a highway to accommodate these neighborhoods.	
Small town. Get away from the big city Wanted out of multnomah county and portland. We liked the size of Sandy and proximity to amenities.	Sandy needs to grow infrastructure to support the growing housing developments please preserve the "small town" feel.	Sandy would benefit greatly from a homedepot or lowes, a costco, and more upscale dining.	Sandy could have a very bright future. Treat it not only as the gateway to the mountain and capturing that revenue from travelers stopping to shop and dine but also as a destination town. Remove unsightly buildings and reface existing ones to create a pleasing mountain town.
		Traffic through town is rough sometimes.	
		Solid street side boutiques and shops on both sides of Sandy. Themed to they're own type of business but also staying with the western theme. Cobblestone crosswalks with the blinking lights and chirp sound for safer pedestrian crossings. Artwork displayed through the town. More plantings/pots for more street appeal. This next idea is very exciting and that is to have an open air faux ice skating rink with a view of the mountain, food carts around for popcorn, hot chocolate for the kiddos, coffee, music playing, outdoor string lights, A tree for an annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, have Santa and kiddo photos taken. Move the food carts off the main drag cars block the flow of traffic. Better Christmas decor through the town.	Sandy is the perfect town to turn into the perfect family orientated, lots of boutique shops and foodie place! Would like to see efforts to improve traffic flow _through_ town and not _around_ town. I don't think a bypass is the answer and just promotes sprawl. Re-think the bottle-necked areas on 26 from Bluff and eastward as well as the strip of businesses between the two one-ways.
My parents moved here in 1969. Went to school here.	This could be tricky. I think Sandy is special because it still has that small town feel but is starting to go through some growing pains. We should strive to try and keep the home town feel but enhance the esthetics so it resembles a Hallmark Movie town. Charm it up!		please really think about not trying to make this place the next big town . your being very foolish . its not the best idea .and if I went to your meetings I would say the same thing .the reason I don't go is because you Really Don't care what I say . you are going to do what ever you want its all about MONEY .
Wanted a more rural feeling property, be reasonably close to Portland, and be reasonably close to Mt Hood.	Small town feel and the rural feeling areas close by. Limiting the sprawl into farmland, wooded areas, and open space surrounding the town is important to me.	Would like to see more outdoor hiking/running trails and dog-friendly park areas in and near town.	
better slower place to live and better school for our son	it's slower and the people are kind and the schools are amazing . Keep it as small as you can .	not a thing older the better , you don't realize what your doing to this small wonderful place to live and raise a family .	

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		<p>I want to see Sandy become that quirky, unique destination location. A town that's actually on the map, where people want to make a standalone trip to. Think Bend, Hood River, etc. Things to do, places to stay, art/shows to see, local business shopping, quality restaurants and nightlife that actually draw people from outside of town...as opposed to the passthrough town Sandy sadly is.</p> <p>In reality, people come to Sandy on their way to something, and they only stop out of necessity. We've got gas stations, grocery stores, fast food, places that sell forest/snow passes...and that's really it. People pass by, stop for one of those things, then continue on.</p> <p>We could, however, be a town that offers a "basecamp" to the mountain, where people actually stop and stay. If we want that, we need attractive things, and we need an attractive appearance.</p> <p>Let's start with appearances, vibe, etc. Right now we have a downtown strip with 100 crosswalk ramps, but hardly any crosswalks. Literally ramps out into traffic. We have sidewalks, sometimes. Walking around the neighborhoods you might have a sidewalk on your side of the street, and it might suddenly end. Or cars might be parked on it, making you walk around into the street. Or giant poles and mail boxes might block the way. I can think of a couple stretches of roadway that routinely have dog poop scattered across the sidewalk and street.</p> <p>Continuing with appearances, there's literally been a time I've had to field questions about oral sex from my child after he read a marquee sign on the main roadway through town (Gateway). I've lost count of the amount of times my child has had to read the word "fuck (something)" on stickers, flags, etc that are attached to the back of street/parking signs in front of his school, plastered on the backs of hundreds of vehicles, or routinely flown on a truck parked on the main roadway by the shell station. I don't care what your political beliefs are, these are horrible appearances that have almost become a staple of Sandy. What a place to raise your kids, huh?</p> <p>Appearances include safety as well, especially for walkability. We've got a downtown speed limit of 25 MPH, but nearly no enforcement. Yes, there's sometimes a police car parked by the museum... that's not enforcement. The speed limit actually changes to 25 MPH east of the police station, yet cars don't stop driving 40+ until Meinig, if even then. Add to that the lack of crosswalks and it makes for a very uncomfortable, unsafe walking experience. It's also great that you can hear at least two or three actual train horns mounted on pickup trucks per day from raging drivers up and down the strip. I can even hear them from inside my house.</p> <p>Two out of three of our schools look abandoned/condemned. My child goes to Sandy Grade, and I fear for his middle school experience. That building looks like it might actually collapse. Both of those schools' lawns oscillate between overgrown with weeds, or just dead (usually with weeds still). We have no pride in our public spaces, and although the education quality is pretty decent, I feel like I'm dropping my child off at an abandoned building. That really makes me sad. His playground sucks, just to be honest, and it's fenced off so he can't even play there after school or on the weekends.</p> <p>Let's talk about attractions. We don't have attractive restaurants/bars, we've got a handful of politically charged dive bars and diners. There's a couple decent places to eat, like Antfarm, Redshed, Thai Home, Wall Street, food carts...but none of those options are capable of drawing anyone outside of the area. Any time I want a fancy date or have a special occasion I have to leave town. That sucks. The beer den is nice, I'm happy they're doing well. I hope the crepe place survives.</p> <p>We have hardly any non-chain store shopping options, so aside from grabbing supplies from a grocery store, no one stops here to shop.</p> <p>How about parks and other attractions? Well, we have a really nice trail at Tickle Creek. There are a couple nice parks on the south side of town, like the splash pad. Meinig park is definitely unique and beautiful, but I'm concerned with how long that type of wooden play structure can be maintained. I'm also concerned with the homeless people staying on the stage, which sadly doesn't ever get used.</p> <p>North side parks, however? There really aren't any. We have the skate park, which could be great. It COULD be a destination that actually draws visitors. But it's old and run down, and it's kind of on the smaller side. Estacada of all places has a 10x nicer skatepark than Sandy. Or Battle Ground, even!</p> <p>We have dozens of acres behind that old middle school (another abandoned looking building), but no plans to better the community with them. Or maybe a couple pipe dreams, but come on: without a serious commitment to improving this town, those plans aren't gonna happen. Look at our pool! Also an abandoned looking building...we've got a mayor who loves to talk about fixing that pool at election time, but no actions ever come from that.</p>	<p>I WANT Sandy to be a nice place. I wanted to raise my kids here. Truth be told, Sandy's a run down bedroom community with traffic problems looking for more revenue by adding fields of suburbs. That's not the Sandy I thought I was moving to. That's not a place I'm proud of, but's not too late. We can change the future of this town. We have what it takes to be a Bend or Hood River. This survey gives me a little hope, but I fear we're just gonna get stuck with that "Pioneer Glory" that seems to be all around us.</p>
<p>It seemed like a unique town with personality that offered good access to Portland and Mt Hood. Born and raised here. Was rural and quiet, nice place to grow up</p>	<p>Sandy has potential, that's what makes it special. I think Sandy wants to become a destination town, where someone outside might have a reason to visit, but it seems to be falling into the generic bedroom community model so many other cities have chosen.</p>	<p>So the north side of town has an old skate park, a vacant field, a run down track, a poor quality, fenced off elementary school playground, some broken down basketball/tennis courts at the middle school, and that's about it.</p>	<p>We need to get control of the crime, homeless and traffic. Stop building homes.</p>
<p>My husband and I moved to Sandy because we loved the community and people here, close to outdoor activities on Mt Hood, and its school district.</p>	<p>Downtown has great small businesses and restaurants. Parks, including dog parks, and trails like Tickle Creek are some of my favorite places. I love the historical museum and street art in town too.</p>	<p>We are currently renting and would love to buy an affordable home in Sandy. There are difficult economic times, but we would like to see single family homes built that are modestly sized and priced, with yards. We do not want a townhouse and cannot afford the luxury homes in the new housing developments. I hope the town council can look to approve housing contractors that meet these needs.</p>	<p>I would love to see more festivals and events held by the town. I think there are many people in the community and visitors from other areas that would attend. I also think there should be more classes and workshops held by the recreational department, like trail guides and yoga classes.</p>
<p>Close to the mountain and small town feel (for now)</p>	<p>The small town feel. We need to keep that and stay away from being a part of METRO!!</p>	<p>We need to make Sandy a destination place and not a pass thru with gas and fast food . Our food selection is horrible here .</p>	<p>I was born and raise in Portland and always loved Sandy when going Skiing and snowboarding . We need to make this a destination town/ski town without being part of metro and their politics . We also need to invest into our parks . I was up in Vancouver the other day at Dakota dog park and skate park . Wow what an amazing park . Our dog parks are really sad for a town our size . The skatepark is dangerous and rough . And what about the pool? My kid needs to learn to swim!</p>
<p>I have lived in this area my entire life, which I am now 40. I chose to live here for various reasons. 1. It is an easy work commute to the actual Portland Metro area when many industries and vast amounts of jobs exist. 2. Low population (or used to be). Sandy has a low population, which I find I like. This brings a more sense of community the people can experience in large cities. As more housing developments come in and residential population increases, this sense of community dissipates. 3. It is a beautiful area that is not completely riddled with row homes and minimal. Born and raised here To be a part of the Oregon Trail School District and wanting to be away from Portland in more of a small town community based area.</p>	<p>Sandy is the Gateway to Mt. Hood. The natural beauty of Sandy, makes it special. Being a smaller town next to a large metro area one can also escape the hustle of a large city can bring. The parks and local businesses The sense of community and having somewhere that our kids can grow without fear. Keeping Sandy safe, one of the perks of living here is the absence of homeless camps and crime like Portland is rampant with.</p>	<p>I think overall Sandy should maintain the small quaint town it currently is or was 20 years ago and limit any future developments planned. There is nothing special about taking a beautiful minimally developed community and riddling it with thousands of houses and developments to line the pockets of a few individuals. Example: The Happy Valley area 30 years ago was a amazing community full of trees and green valleys. Now Happy Valley hills are full of cars and hills of row houses. If Sandy residents do not change directions of the trajectory and limit developments, our area will lose what makes Sandy special and will become like Happy Valley. Sandy should focus on being the last stop before people head to Mt . Hood and conserve the natural beauty. Commerce in Sandy should primarily be focused catering to tourist passing by. Parks and roads near them. Making them safer for everyone Less empty store fronts along 26. More entertainment options for families.</p>	<p>If land developers keep building in Sandy, the town itself will just be an extension of Portland. I myself will move out of the area if the towns population keeps growing and what currently is happening is not what I want. I am excited to see Sandy grow but don't want to lose the feel of our town. More nature trails and maybe even a dog park. I am hoping that it's a place that my children will be proud of coming home too once they are out in the world.</p>

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It's away from the city. It was small but that's changed. Nice community. Safe, rural.	It's no longer small, all the trees that make the place rural are being cut down to make more and more houses. Overcrowded. City problems like crime, homelessness, etc have increased 10 fold. It's no longer a safe place to bike because of traffic. The Sandy pool was shut down which is incredibly reckless. The senior center is great along with public transport.	Same as above. Cap the overcrowding, increase police as we've now become a suburb instead of a small town so city problems are evident. Pedestrian and bike safety. Bring back the pool!	This was once a nice little town but it's no longer. Small, rural town. Dubarko is just as busy as 26. There's no help getting people to slow down or diverting traffic from that road. It's so dangerous now. Hopefully we can turn Sandy around before it becomes another east county disaster
I was born and raised in Welches and went to SHS...love the area and people I grew up in Gresham in the 70's and '80s, then left to go to college, etc. When I returned to Gresham for work in 1996 it was not the Gresham I had left years before. Sandy felt more like "coming home" to me. And at the time I was able to find a good home at a good price. Small town feel and connected community.	I love the outdoor feel and would love to see more trails or improved outdoor spaces. Sandy will always have that "tourist town" vibe as a gateway to Mt Hood, so that is one of its charms and one of its challenges. It is grounded in blue collar workers and blue collar jobs. It has a good retail base that allows people to live and shop mostly without having to drive into Gresham or Portland. Community opportunity for connections	I would love to see how have less cross streets throughout the downtown area and open up walking traffic. The city of Caldwell Idaho changed the downtown and its is amazing. Anyway we can create something similar? There is room for improvement and diversity in retail availability (still greatly miss Oja Lumber!). Downtown would benefit from allowing commercial space to stretch to the north, for a more pedestrian-friendly retail experience that moves away from US26. Wish there were something besides the Mountain Festival to make Sandy more of a destination town, rather than just a drive-through town. Wonder if we should bring back the Space Needle idea? :) Invest in community offerings like a community center! As you encounter laws that encourage growth, carefully push back as much as legally possible to maintain a strong vision. Once it is built-up, it will be hard to undo what it has become. Avoid consumer strip malls, mega housing developments, and road plans that encourage us to refer to our highways as freeways or parking lots. If you build it...they will run :). Residents and visitors do not come Sandy hoping to find the next concrete jungle.	Please try and stay away from the drama of big politics that Portland seems to have. Maintain a common sense approach to solving problems by working together. I live in the NW area near Sandy High, and I'm curious and concerned about how that area will grow and expand in the coming years. The pool being opened would be nice
Small town environment yet close enough to metro for sustainable employment opportunities	Preserve the small town feeling. This includes how the town preserves a sense of open space for residents and visitors, a respect for natural/protection/preservation of natural resources, growth that looks "planned".	Don't hide things from the citizens like the Hwy26 bypass. I heard about it from someone who saw the proposed route on Facebook. What a joke, not everyone is on social media. They're should have been a mass mailings or something. Downtown needs to be more of a destination, walkable community with shops and restaurants that community and visitors want to stop and enjoy. Sandy mountain festival needs to come back.	It is growing. Growth is inevitable. Put your growth \$\$\$ into sound, connected, infrastructure. Make growth visionary instead of reactionary. America is full of cities born from reaction to population growth. Sandy still has a chance.
A small community that hadn't been ruined yet. to get out of Multnomah County, liked that it was smaller than Gresham, away from homeless, new home. I do not live within the city limits. I live on the Sandy river because of the peace and beauty of the environment. Away from city life, farming, peace	What little is left of the town I knew from the 70's is nearly gone anyway so let's try to preserve our water supply and surrounding forests, farm land and open spaces. Not developing everything in sight with grotesque apts, infill 3 story skinny homes etc. If you want to live in Portland move there, the developers have made a mess there and I for one don't want it here. The financialization of the real estate market has almost eliminated a place where our children could afford a home of their own. In a nutshell don't Bend Sandy! I like my neighborhood, we are a community. Small town with interesting history. Slow the growth	The traffic is terrible. I don't know what the solution is but I live on Dubarko and with all the housing developments and apartments going in, it has ruined our neighborhood. The loud and speeding traffic is deafening within my own home. I cannot even concentrate from all the traffic noise. It's even more unfortunate that these housing developments are just in the early stages. As these developments progress, this road will be more of a nightmare and very dangerous. My friends and neighbors who have lived in this community for decades are pulling up roots and moving. They are hardworking, honest, amazing people that this community has lost and will continue to lose. I go to the grocery store now without carrying a purse and being on high alert as many of the people who have moved in to this community have filled the police logs with their illegal activity. Traffic	With any luck we won't turn into another suburb of Portland. Everyone I talk to abt my experience is that Sandy is not a place for good food. Attract better restaurants. We go out of Sandy most of the time for good food.
My parents chose to live in Sandy in the early 80's. My husband and I have continued to live here and raise our kids. It was a nice, small town to live in for years. We felt there was a lot of community involvement and we felt very connected to the community.	Honestly, the only positive thing I can say about Sandy now is that it's not Portland or Gresham. Very sad, but honestly the truth. My husband feels the same way. After all the growth in Sandy and the traffic that has come with it, our adult children have moved away and have no desire to live here.	Sandy seems to be stuck in this "small town" mentality but there's a lot of opportunity for this town to generate revenue. I would really like to see a stronger arts, parks and rec, and dining experience here. Music in the parks, walk to a lovely restaurant, stop by the bake shop, etc. Sandy needs a facelift and a solid direction. Stop growing! There are not many opportunities for kids swimming, dance, gymnastics or others sports. Kids need a pool and other activities. More playgrounds and access to the Sandy river would be great. More trails, outdoor activity access. Improve neighborhood designs	I know that the city can't halt development just because we don't want our city to grow. I was told many years ago at a planning commission meeting, and this may not be true, that the only way to slow down building would be if the school district requested a moratorium on building. At the very LEAST we need to have the proper infrastructure and school capacity so that the growth does not overshoot these capacities. At the rate that the city is growing, I'm afraid we could be in that situation soon. There's no way to reverse the damage once it is done. Developers (all of which make plenty of money) need to be paying handsomely into a fund that will be used for a Sandy bypass - and not a bypass that is just routed through existing neighborhoods. Building more homes and not infrastructure will be a disaster in the future.
This is where my boyfriend owned a home. I moved from Silverton and it was a tough choice. We wanted to raise our family in a small community. And we could afford property here at the time.	Sandy is the gateway to the mountain, it's a perfect spot for tourism and upscale restaurants.	Sandy seems to be stuck in this "small town" mentality but there's a lot of opportunity for this town to generate revenue. I would really like to see a stronger arts, parks and rec, and dining experience here. Music in the parks, walk to a lovely restaurant, stop by the bake shop, etc. Sandy needs a facelift and a solid direction. Stop growing! There are not many opportunities for kids swimming, dance, gymnastics or others sports. Kids need a pool and other activities. More playgrounds and access to the Sandy river would be great. More trails, outdoor activity access. Improve neighborhood designs	With the amount of people moving to sandy the road systems really need a solid plan, traffic is insane and that will only make people avoid downtown more. I would also like to see more sidewalks with ADA accessibility. No bypass.
Parents moved here in 1985 and my family is still here Close to Mt Hood/ Hood River	Sandy is special because it's close to outdoor recreation. Mountain Days is also a great time for locals and tourists Small town feel	Ensure that we have single family residential homes with larger lots. Most of the SFR has very small yards with not much room for gardens, swing sets, etc. The food options could definitely be improved (less fast food-a nice sandwich shop, juice/smoothie place/healthier options). Would also love to have another large store besides Fred meyer (Costco, target) and a family fun center to take the kids and enjoy mini golf outside. More walking trails would be awesome as well.	Need a solution for traffic and need a better parking option for the food carts Increase Commercial property availability We need to have a variety and a BALANCE of SFR, low, medium and high density. We are being forced by legislature to increase densities when we ALREADY zoned for higher densities. Now in this process, we need to recapture that balance in favor of maintaining SFR homes for families that want a yard for their kids to play in. We need larger minimum lot sizes. We need to require that duplexes have common walls (joined). Two separate homes on a lot are not a duplex.
Got jobs here	Parks and trails, sense of small town community	Crime. Well and deal with speeding in neighborhoods More police presence in Downtown. People drive 40+ coming off the mountain and there is no major speed signs, policing, radar signage, etc...	Stop building more homes and apartments or we will soon look like Portland. Our little town is being destroyed.
We enjoy the community/small town feel, the country/fields, and being close to outdoor activities.	There's a lot of empty land which is very appealing when driving. No one wants to see tall buildings everywhere.	I have to cross over through the turn around at the Arco station to get to Revenue st and it's like taking my life in own hands because of the speeders. Waiting at the light on Ten Eyck is a joke since the line backs up so far and into traffic. Unfortunately, the building of new developments everywhere is taking away from the small town feel. Our once small, cozy neighborhood now has apartments being built, which ironically, has our neighbors moving out.	Hope to see more crackdown on homeless, drugs, theft, and hopefully an upgrade to our school systems....the old buildings have got to go!! Also teaching parents about proper pick up and drop off at Cedar Ridge MS so that cars are not backed up onto the hwy from Bluff. Very frustrating.
Small town, get away from the crime	Slow expansion, the roads and schools cannot handle all the additional people. It's ruining the small town feel. Crime is up, homeless problems are increasing	Homeless living and sleeping in parks, and other wooded areas. Meining Park has a few people sleeping along the pathways which makes me feel unsafe walking with my grandson. My daughter stopped walking the Tickie Creek Trail due to people living in the bushes. If there are known drug houses or individuals who are repeatedly steal from residences/stores please keep regular watch on these homes- people. These individuals may move on if they feel like they are always being watched. For those of us who've had property stolen not only is there initial cost to recoup the stolen items but also a loss of security, and for us we now pay for an alarm to make our home less inviting. After we were robbed we didn't go on vacation for a few years. We were scared that we'd be targeted again. We need these people, who normally are resorting to crimes to pay for their addiction, to either get sober or move to another place because they don't want the attention.	Please continue to build more trails for community members to be able to get out and walk. Bike paths are also fabulous. Please bring back the community pool. Having to drive to Portland to attend swim classes will not be feasible for many parents. Needing to join the local gym in order to be able to access their pool is cost prohibitive for some families. Having a public pool really helps the community. Being able to teach our youth to swim, lap swim, water aerobics, and families spending time enjoying the pool -these all help to build a vital community.
Love the small town feel, without being so far away from big city needs.	Continuing to focus in making it appeal to people who pass through. Updated buildings, clean streets, etc...	More community centers/gathering places for growing kids to spend their time. More restaurants Less fast food! Less big box companies. We a need kid friendly brew pub. More exercise paths for biking walking etc. More parks. A pool. Control the traffic! As a resident is is so hard to get around! The traffic is terrible- I live on 10 acres and I can hear it. Don't develop in a way that promotes the unhealthy fast food dominance. There should be more walkability to create a community where people can get out of their cars and support the local businesses and not just be a tourist pass-through. Stop the rampant development that is pushing out wildlife and natural spaces.	Better traffic management Be more LGBTQ+ friendly. Stop the ridiculous Don't tread on me feel. Be more inclusive!
We love the small town feel of Sandy and wanted to raise our son here.	Support for local businesses that give the town a charming feel. Wide, open spaces and nature. Create a public feel that supports neighbors and community coming together regardless of political background.	When developing growth think about not only the city aspect but the rural aspect, the farms, the youth. What you need when you grow, not growing and developing improperly with no addition of schools, or upgrades to the infrastructure that goes with the growth. Be more thoughtful of what is needed along with growth and is there really room for what is needed along with the growth?	
Small town feel, safe neighborhoods and clean parks. To move farther away from portland, be a part of a small and beautiful community. Close to Gresham. Not in Multnomah County. Beautiful. Wanted to get away from the large city feel of Portland. To raise our kids in a smaller community.	Please preserve the parks - these are utilized by families and community members. Small town feeling, safe, friendly. Small town feel with good grocery stores and movie theater. Great parks and close to hiking. Mountain town feel.		
The ability to get acreage, be closer to nature, small town feel with amenities	It has lost what made it special. Preserve some of that small town rural feel which can be lost with growth sometimes.		

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Affordable housing at the time house purchased. Relatively close to family.	Gateway to outdoor recreation, Family activities are a priority (parks, trails, rural/urban low traffic areas, safe for children). Where families thrive, people want to live.	Growth will happen, purposefully directing that growth, to both improve Sandy for new development, while also preserving parts for the intimate small town feel (e.g. Keeping walking access to parks, and trails very accessible, keeping multi-dwelling housing in downtown area for ease of access and manage urban sprawl).	Don't let large investor's determine Sandy's growth, keep focused on the people who actually live here, walk the streets, play in the parks, and have kids and families who work and attend local schools, be the focus of our growth and values we continue to hold.
parentals Very nice area. And peaceful. Country style I WORK IN SANDY	I like how small and cute it is with all the flowers Peaceful, kind, not a big city Away from the city.... close to the city	I would like the seven eleven parking lot to have an exit onto ten Eyck because it causes unnecessary traffic Winco store. And don't build more apartments Housing developments and better street planning for access	I luv it Keep highway traffic away
Family home and property. Nice family town. Home loan was greater for a rural area such as Sandy. My parents chose.	We are loosing the "Sandy" feel that we used to have. Over the 20 plus years we have lived here, it seems to be more hustle and bustle and not managed well. Family events clean town Small town atmosphere with nice people.	Better internet for the rural areas. Business have a hard enough time, internet is not something we should struggle with. Growth management, we just built a new high school and it is at capacity. Stop building new neighborhoods. We do not have the infrastructure. Charge more for our transit system. We have had nothing but issues since that has come to town. A corporate/chain popular restaurant to sit and eat at. More active places. Things to do for families. I think Sandy should try to make the city more pedestrian friendly.	No Allow Sandy to have a cannabis store. Please promote more local business. And don't align the city with Portland public works.
We love the small town character of Sandy. We love living close to the mountain, and all of the history of the area.	Sandy has so much potential! I feel like its going to be important to emphasize the small town aspect of Sandy, including extending the reduced speed limits. I think it's a shame that so many people drive through town without even stopping.	Small businesses in a thriving uptown are essential, I believe, and creating access to them! Some small towns really do a good job of showing their own style. In every case, the speed limit plays a part in illustrating that personality. Sandy should emphasize a feeling of community for those who live here too. Sidewalks and crosswalks and busses are essential, as are parks, and community gathering places. I would try to keep the "suburban sprawl" from developing. Help residents connect with the roots of the town. Improve downtown core to be more appealing/a destination for food, shops, etc. Create a community that is more inclusive of the BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ population.	We recently purchased a home in sandy, moving from Gresham. While we are familiar with the town and many local businesses, it is obvious that there is very little effort at community outreach. We have received absolutely zero welcoming information, not from the city, the library, local churches, businesses, the community center, or any other community organizations. We are outgoing and resourceful, mature adults. I can imagine that many people would appreciate welcoming materials from a variety of sources. This could be a community effort or perhaps be included with your first utility bill. If you want people to feel like part of a wonderful community, this would be a great way to start.
I grew up here and work here. Employment Affordability & clean environment	It still has a small town feel. Even as it grows, it would be great to preserve that feeling. SandyNet, easy access to the MHNH (hiking, mountain biking), SandyNet, quiet neighborhoods, and SandyNet. It's nature & beautiful and low density	More living wage jobs based in Sandy. More & better retail stores. More medical providers. A new community center. Add more law enforcement	Slow growth approach
The beauty of the environment, tree farms and woodlands! Near mountain and rivers. We were looking for a safe community with good schools to raise a family in. We also wanted a place outside of Portland, but still close enough so we could easily travel to work.	The natural environment that is now under duress due to over development . I love the small town feel and the sense of community. I'd like to see the extra curricular activities for the kids and community activities to continue.	More environmental awareness! Permits can be put into existence to better serve our beautiful environment. Developers be more accountable for mature tree removals and replacement for each one planned . Help to save potential lost animal habitats. A reality that we are seeing more and more. I wish there were more job opportunities that paid a similar wage to jobs that are offered in the Portland area. I would love to not only live in Sandy, but work in Sandy. I'd also like to see some changes made that would allow businesses to thrive in Sandy. It's sad to see many of the buildings downtown sit vacant.	Sandy is a unique community that will lose that uniqueness without better controlled development! Sisters in central Oregon is an example that has worked at it although even there is being effective!!
I have lived here most of my life, from 1st grade, I am 68 y/o now.	A sm town feel that it use to have. There is not a lot that makes Sandy stand out . Preserve the small town culture.	TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC! THE CONGESTION WILL ONLY GET WORSE AND THE ANSWER TO FIND A FIX FOR THE PROBLEM WILL BE HARDER TO FIND. IT CAN NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO SAY THAT US 26 IS COUNTY OR STATE ROAD AND "CANNOT DO A THING ABOUT IT". THEN I PROPOSE A BYPASS TO TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THE CONGESTION.	Livability has diminished for the last 3 or 4 years, when Sandy feels and looks like gresham or portland the admins of Sandy have let us the residents down, and have sold down the river for progress, very sad indeed.
Born and raised here To buy a home, open an office and raise my daughter. My family moved here when I was 3 My parents have always lived here and I like the community. I enjoy living in a small town. Rural area and community.	We need to Preserve our historic homes there should be grants for homeowners in the original downtown to help preserve them. And like many other Oregon historical towns we should have plaques with dates and names of the founders/ original townsfolk in front of these homes. Why are we not proud of Sandy's history. By the way we are a logging farming community embrace that rather than try and rewrite history with your logos and themes! Small town charm with modern amenities. The beautiful areas. Stop building houses on the	A friendly environment for children to grow up. Activities such as a swimming pool, bowling alley and outdoor activities and parks that are inclusive for all abilities. Look around and ask yourself WHAT IS THERE IN SANDY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. What would make them want to raise a family here...it's certainly NOT a single skate park and a couple of swing sets. Build a modern, world class skatepark! Our park is 22 years old and sorely in need of upgrading. The political climate is so awful. Sandy needs to change this. Homelessness is becoming a large issue and there is too much development going on. We need to preserve the rural parts of sandy as much as we can. The community needs a pool! I want to change how many building there are being built around us. and make housing more affordable The houses and vibe	Stop building so many new homes that our aging infrastructure can't support . Developers need to bear the cost of roads, sewer, water and electricity in their developments. Plus our school system can't support the growth we are busting at the seams. Stop building neighborhoods with narrow streets and houses packed in on top of each other with one access road in deadening with no turn around! But at the same time stop twisting the arms of our citizens with emanate domain and shoving a major street through their farmland! Bad form indeed!! It would be nice to have some type of music venue in town, similar to Skyway (in Zig Zag) No No. Please consider the opinions and needs of all residents.
my parents birthed me here Very clean at the time Moved to Sandy as a kid. Appreciate the tight community that I grew up with.	the trees and nature all adapting is. we need to stop building more buildings and intruding on nature It's community Need to preserve the small town community. Metro has negatively impacted our small town with the push for increased development.	I want to change how many building there are being built around us. and make housing more affordable The houses and vibe Maintain emphasis on small businesses. We do not need any more big box stores.	i want it to stay a small town. we don't need to expand. we don't need more people The Mountain Festival is a key to keeping the community engaged.
My husband and I loved how close Sandy is to the mountain and felt like it was a small community that we felt would meet our needs as we get closer to retirement.	We love the trails, the sports club and many parks to take our granddaughter too. As I am a special education teacher, I would like to see playgrounds become more accessible to children with special needs. We just wish the traffic was monitored more closely. We live off Dubarko and walk our dog and grand daughter daily. Cars speed horribly on Dubarko and trucks with loud horns that beep just for fun. We have never seen any police monitor the speeding cars.	Monitor the speed of traffic going through town. it is very difficult to shop in downtown and merge onto HWy 26, as cars speed through our town. Sandy needs to become more diverse and inclusive. It feels like a very unwelcoming community if you're not white, conservative, neurotypical, or straight. A lot needs to improve, especially in the schools.	We are concerned that the the current trails are not always well maintained, so what will happen if they are expanded? We would also like to see the community pool opened, as this seems like a priority before expansion of trail system.
Grew up in Estacada, so I loved the small town feel and I thought it was more progressive. Born and raised here Rural area	The beautiful nature and small businesses. Caring people Sense of community, small town feel	Traffic flow Increase access to high speed internet.	I'm considering moving because of the direction Sandy is headed. Need recreation that's all inclusive and affordable
For its location - close to Mt. Hood and Columbia Gorge recreation, but also city accessible I grew up in Sandy. I enjoy the small town feel.	The historical feel and attention to detail. I love the murals and the feel of downtown. It would be great to see some more modern attractions in the downtown like restaurants and shops. We love the food truck lot! Tickle Creek and Sandy River Trails right in the backyard also attracted us to here. Preserve the small town feel, keep the natural look.	It would be great to see the town accommodate more diverse lifestyles like plant based / vegan / healthy. There's so much fast food available here and we would spend more money in the town instead of spending outside of it if there were more health-focused services. Improve traffic, increase law enforcement funding.	I think it could be great to host more pop-up events here that could pull people from Gresham and surrounding areas. The lot that the Farmers Market is in is a great spot for local events and if there were a more diverse calendar of events we would definitely attend. Right now we go outside of Sandy to attend most events of interest.
Get away from suburbia, crowded streets, traffic and liberal local government policies. We love the mountains, fishing and hunting. We wanted land that offered us to close proximity to these things as well as being quiet with a small town feel.	I love that I see our tax dollars at work by Sandy government creating rules that preserve the beauty of Sandy. We don't have a homeless problem because it's not tolerated, not in a non-caring way, but understanding that this will not be allowed. Most of the buildings have a mountain type theme which I find beautiful. There's no pot shops. The police seem realistic and care about residents. I think Sandy should strive to preserve the things I mentioned above. This can be done by keeping laws/rules in place that don't allow for homelessness, sleeping on streets, public intoxication, etc... Keeping rules in place that make businesses hold to certain aspects that benefit Sandy, the mountain town. Limit housing by keeping lots large and very much limit any subdivisions. I think Sandy could enhance anything that would bring tourists in, not sure what though.	The traffic on 26 through town is very heavy. It would be nice if there was some sort of bypass to ease the gridlock. It would also be nice 26 eastbound through town had posts and flowers and lights in the winter, like the westbound side has. I've always enjoyed this on the westbound side and wondered why it isn't mirrored on the eastbound. I would also like the signage rules/laws to be stricter. Sometimes it feels so busy and businesses get lost with all of the varying signs sizes, texts, colors, etc...	I think people stay or move to Sandy because they are leaving bigger town problems therefore, I think Sandy should really restrict anything that resembles these issues.
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