

Southwest Area Plan – Phase 2 Community Feedback Summary

January 16, 2026

This feedback summary includes public input from Phase 2 of the Southwest Area Plan process. It includes public feedback provided through a variety of sources, which are listed below. Staff reviewed all public comments and organized them into the most relevant element from the City's [Comprehensive Plan](#). We grouped similar comments together into one row with a tally of how many people commented on that topic in the middle column. A total of 437 public comments were received between June 2025 through January 2026. This summary does not include all comments received – a full list of all comments is available for review in the [raw data report](#), which also includes a tally of “thumbs up” for specific comments.

Comment Sources:

- Art Workshop
- Community Action Strategy (CAS) event
- Online commenting tool
- Phone call or emailed feedback
- Public meeting
- Other events, such as Neighborhood Organization meetings

Land Use		
Comments	Tally (#) of Repeated Comments	Sources
Support for mixed-use areas with walkable destinations. Specific locations listed include Gammon Rd, Raymond Rd, Schroeder Rd, McKee-Maple Grove, Mid Town-S High Point, Watts-High Point, Watts-Struck.	6	Email, online commenting tool
For Meadowood Shopping Center: more housing with increased green space sounds better than the current giant parking lot. Desire to create more neighborhood destinations like Sequoia Library area with small shops.	6	Online commenting tool
Southwest Area lacks great places for people to hang out or walk around where there are small businesses. Some examples mentioned: Monroe Street, Willy Street, and along Atwood.	5	CAS event, email, public meeting, online commenting tool
For Meadowood Shopping Center: concern about neighborhood-serving uses like the library being lost if the area redevelops.	3	Online commenting tool, public meeting
Transportation		
Comments	Tally (#) of Repeated Comments	Sources
Oppose extension of Hampshire Place to Suffolk Road. Comments mention not wanting to disturb wildlife, add more through-traffic, or disturb neighborhood character.	17	Online commenting tool, public meeting
Woodington Way needs safety improvements for school pick up/drop off but comments oppose making Woodington Way a one-way street.	12	Online commenting tool
Woodington Way – preference for changes to parking restrictions instead of making it a one-way street.	8	Online commenting tool
Support for protected/separated bike lanes on Whitney Way.	7	Online commenting tool
Agree that Raymond Rd is too wide, which adds to the issue of speeding. Lanes should be reduced or narrowed.	6	Online commenting tool

General concern about traffic and safety on Schroeder Rd.	5	Online commenting tool, public meeting
Crossing Schroeder Rd is dangerous and difficult as a pedestrian. Support for including flashing beacons [RRFBs], especially for children crossing to get to Anana Elementary to the south.	4	Online commenting tool, public meeting
Support for adding a traffic light on Schroeder Rd, preferably east of Struck St.	4	Online commenting tool, public meeting
Excitement about the prospect of a bike/pedestrian trail that crosses this highway [just south of Cross Country Rd, Maple Grove Dr, and Nesbitt Rd]. It would be transformative for the area.	4	Online commenting tool
Support for extending the shared-use path along Hammersley west to McKenna Blvd/Elver Park (Transportation Action 8).	4	Online commenting tool
Concern about proposed overpass of the Beltline near Struck St and Grand Canyon Dr as a future street connection. The existing bicycle/pedestrian tunnel near Struck St provides a safe way to cross the Beltline. Residents do not want it replaced or compromised by a new roadway.	4	Online commenting tool
Support for safety improvements to intersection of Schroeder-Whitney at the Beltline.	3	Online commenting tool
Excited about the possibility of adding an all ages and abilities bike/pedestrian path on Seminole Highway to connect to the Cannonball Path.	3	Online commenting tool
Support for Transportation Action 15, which is about installing a roundabout at the intersection of Cross Country Rd, Maple Grove Dr, and Nesbitt Rd.	3	Online commenting tool, public meeting
Opposition to adding more lanes on the Beltline highway – expansions have repeatedly shown not to reduce congestion.	3	Email, online commenting tool
Support for adding more bus stops in Allied Dr area.	3	CAS event, online commenting tool

Neighborhoods and Housing

Comments	Tally (#) of Repeated Comments	Sources
Community needs a recreational center and more things for kids to do.	6	Online commenting tool, public meeting, CAS event
Support for the Plan saying that we must expand community services as the area adds housing units and more residents. Comments mention concern about recent approval of apartment building on Verona Rd near Home Depot parking lot.	3	CAS event, public meeting, other

Economy and Opportunity

Comments	Tally (#) of Repeated Comments	Sources
Should include more about supporting small, independent businesses.	3	Online commenting tool
Need a central location “Hub” for different service providers in the [Allied] neighborhood. General support for E&O Partnership B (Facilitate a conversation with SW Area nonprofits and service-providing agencies from different levels of government to determine the demand for, and feasibility of, a “hub” building for community service providers in the Allied Drive area to increase access to available services under one roof).	3	Email, public meeting, online commenting tool

Culture and Character		
Comments	Tally (#) of Repeated Comments	Sources
Want public art in the Meadowood and Allied areas	6	Art workshop
Want more gatherings and activities for the community, especially in Park Edge/Park Ridge area	4	Art workshop, CAS event
Green and Resilient		
Comments	Tally (#) of Repeated Comments	Sources
Don't add paved bike paths through Elver park that cross over existing cross country ski trails. This is the most heavily used ski trail in the city and the trails should be preserved. Cross-country skiing at Elver is a vital part of winter recreation. Several comments suggest a seasonal approach (don't plow the bike paths in winter so the ski trails aren't disrupted).	22	Online commenting tool
Lots of people like the Elver Park cross-country skiing trails, but the city needs to put a higher priority on accessibility/bike safety. Elver Park needs to get paved multi-use path access from all major directions.	4	Online commenting tool
Want more community garden space, especially at Elver Park or nearby	3	Online commenting tool, CAS event
Lights are needed for the basketball court at Allied Park	3	CAS event, online commenting tool
Effective Government		
Comments	Tally (#) of Repeated Comments	Sources
Several properties west of East Pass are currently in the Town of Verona and can't be served by City services. These properties should be excluded from this Plan.	3	Online commenting tool, public meeting
The Meadowridge Library is an important resource and should not leave this area. Support for expansion of the library.	3	Online commenting tool, public meeting
Health and Safety		
Comments	Tally (#) of Repeated Comments	Sources
General support for recommendation related to evaluating street lighting; several comments mention monitoring light pollution.	7	CAS event, online commenting tool
Request that McKee Rd be added to H&S Action A list of streets where Vision Zero speed analyses will be conducted.	3	Online commenting tool

Community Action Strategy (CAS)

Comments	Tally (#) of Repeated Comments	Sources
Support for wanting community gardens (particularly accessible/raised beds) in the Allied Dr area.	5	CAS event, email, online commenting tool
Need to improve the park amenities at Britta Park.	4	CAS event, email, online commenting tool

The City used targeted approaches to gather feedback from residents and other stakeholders in Community Action Strategy Areas¹. This included things like hosting Bike n’ Boogie events at Elver Park Neighborhood Center and Meadowood Park, tabling at Parks Alive events, neighborhood organization meetings, and community meals. During some of these engagements, City staff asked residents to rank categories of small-scale physical projects that could be funded by Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars. The collective results of the ranking activity are shown below. This information, along with feedback gathered in other ways, helped inform the prioritized lists of CDBG funded projects in the SW Area Plan CAS Element.

Allied CAS Area

CAS Project	Votes
Youth recreation - bike, skateboard, other rec.	19
Public gathering	18
Community gardens	11
Artist studio/Maker space	8
Public art	4
Streetscape	1

Meadowood CAS Area

CAS Project	Votes
Artist studio/Maker space	14
Public art	10
Streetscape	8
Community gardens	7
Youth recreation - bike, skateboard, other rec.	5
Public gathering	5

Park Edge/Park Ridge CAS Area

CAS Project	Votes
Youth recreation - bike, skateboard, other rec.	150
Public art	80
Community gardens	73
Public gathering	57
Streetscape	55
Artist studio/Maker space	43

¹ Census block groups where more than half the population is living with low to moderate incomes.