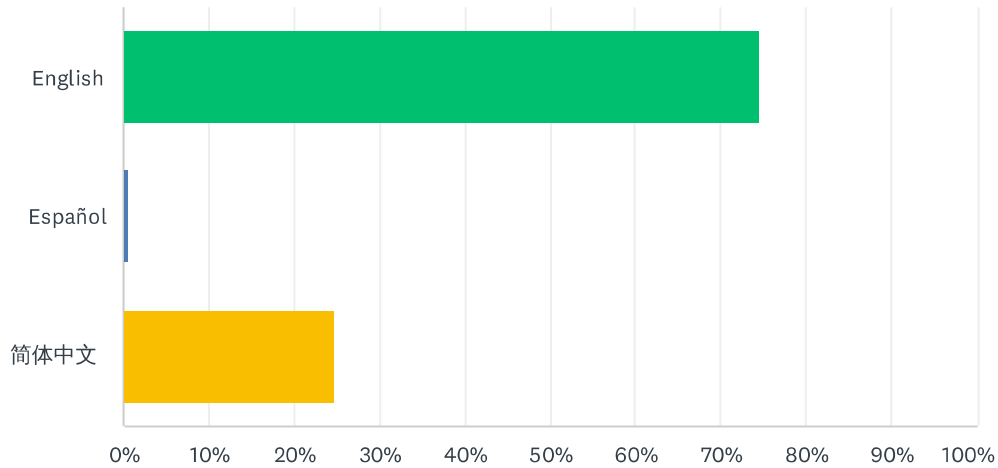


Q1 What language would you prefer to fill out this survey in? ¿En qué idioma preferiría completar esta encuesta? 您希望使用哪种语言填写此项调查?

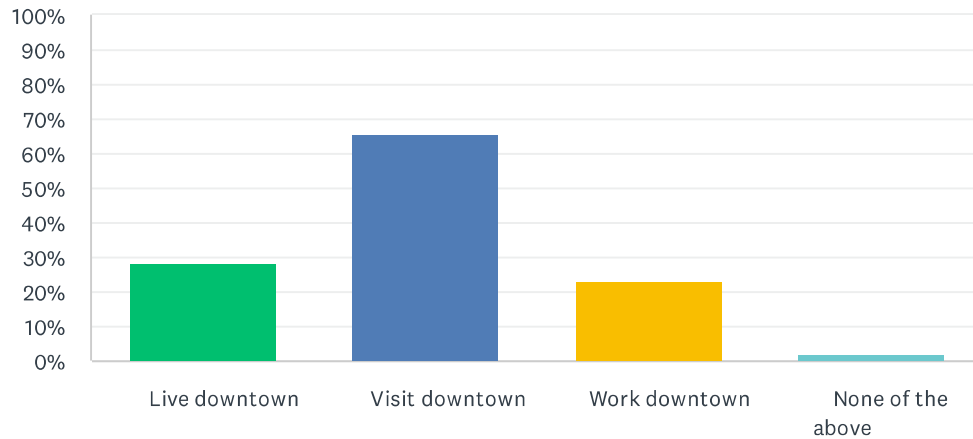
Answered: 1,384 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	74.64%	1,033
Español	0.72%	10
简体中文	24.64%	341
TOTAL		1,384

## Q2 Which of the following best describes your relationship to Downtown San Mateo? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 892 Skipped: 492



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Live downtown	28.36%	253
Visit downtown	66.03%	589
Work downtown	22.98%	205
None of the above	2.13%	19
Total Respondents: 892		

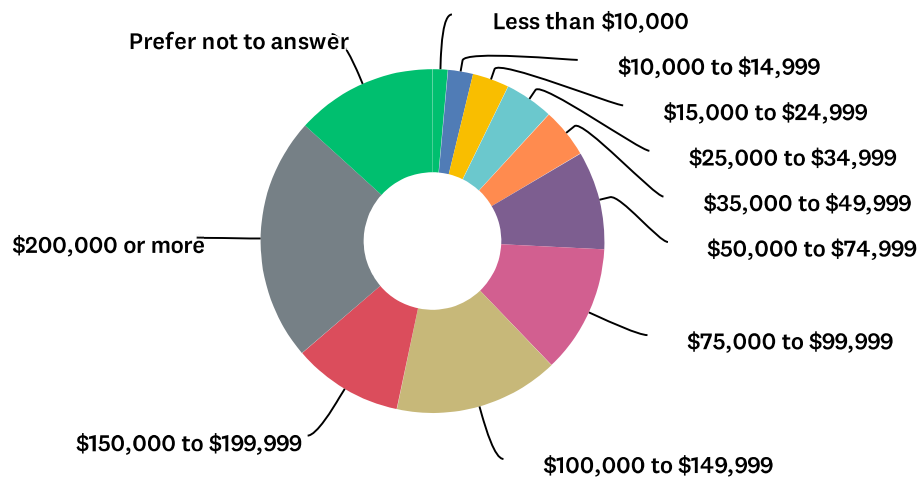
### Q3 What is the zip code where you live? (Please fill in your 5-digit zip code)

Answered: 845 Skipped: 539

Alameda	1	0.1%
Anaheim	1	0.1%
Avon Colorado	3	0.4%
Belmont	11	1.3%
Benicia	1	0.1%
Brisbane	3	0.4%
Burlingame	42	5.0%
Cathedral City	1	0.1%
Charlotte, NC	1	0.1%
Cupertino	10	1.2%
D.C.	6	0.7%
Dallas, Texas	1	0.1%
Daly City	2	0.2%
El Dorado Hills	1	0.1%
El Sobrante	1	0.1%
Grants, New Mexico	2	0.2%
Hayward	2	0.2%
HMB	4	0.5%
IN	1	0.1%
Kansas City, MO	1	0.1%
La Honda	3	0.4%
Los Altos	1	0.1%
Los Angeles	3	0.4%
Los Gatos	1	0.1%
Menlo Park	2	0.2%
MI	1	0.1%
Mountain View	1	0.1%
Oakland	2	0.2%
Oakley	4	0.5%
Oakley ,KS	1	0.1%
PA	2	0.2%
Pacifica	1	0.1%
Palo Alto	5	0.6%
Revere, PA	1	0.1%
RWC	6	0.7%
San Antonio, Texas	1	0.1%
San Bruno	4	0.5%
San Carlos	10	1.2%
San Jose	8	1.0%
San Jose, IL	1	0.1%
San Leandro	2	0.2%
Santa Ana	1	0.1%
Santa Clara	5	0.6%
Santa Rosa	1	0.1%
SF	22	2.6%
Sheridan OR	1	0.1%
SM	640	76.3%
Springfield, IL	1	0.1%
SSF	4	0.5%
Stockton	2	0.2%
Sunnyvale	1	0.1%
Torrance	1	0.1%
VA	5	0.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>839</b>	

## Q4 Which of the following best describes your household income?

Answered: 896 Skipped: 488

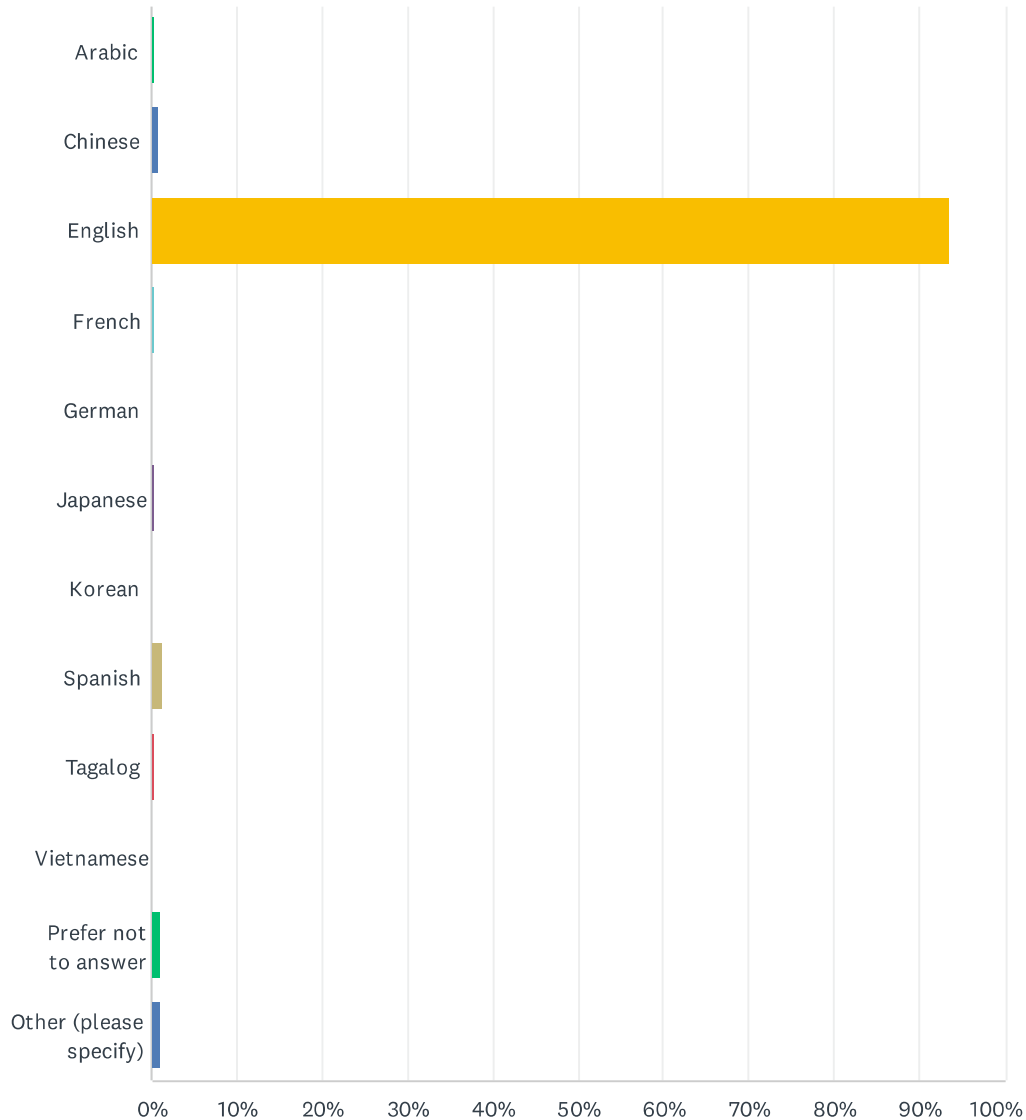


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$10,000	1.45%	13
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2.34%	21
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3.46%	31
\$25,000 to \$34,999	4.58%	41
\$35,000 to \$49,999	4.69%	42
\$50,000 to \$74,999	9.26%	83
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12.05%	108
\$100,000 to \$149,999	15.51%	139
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10.38%	93
\$200,000 or more	22.99%	206
Prefer not to answer	13.28%	119
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>896</b>



## Q5 What is the primary language you speak at home? (Please choose one option)

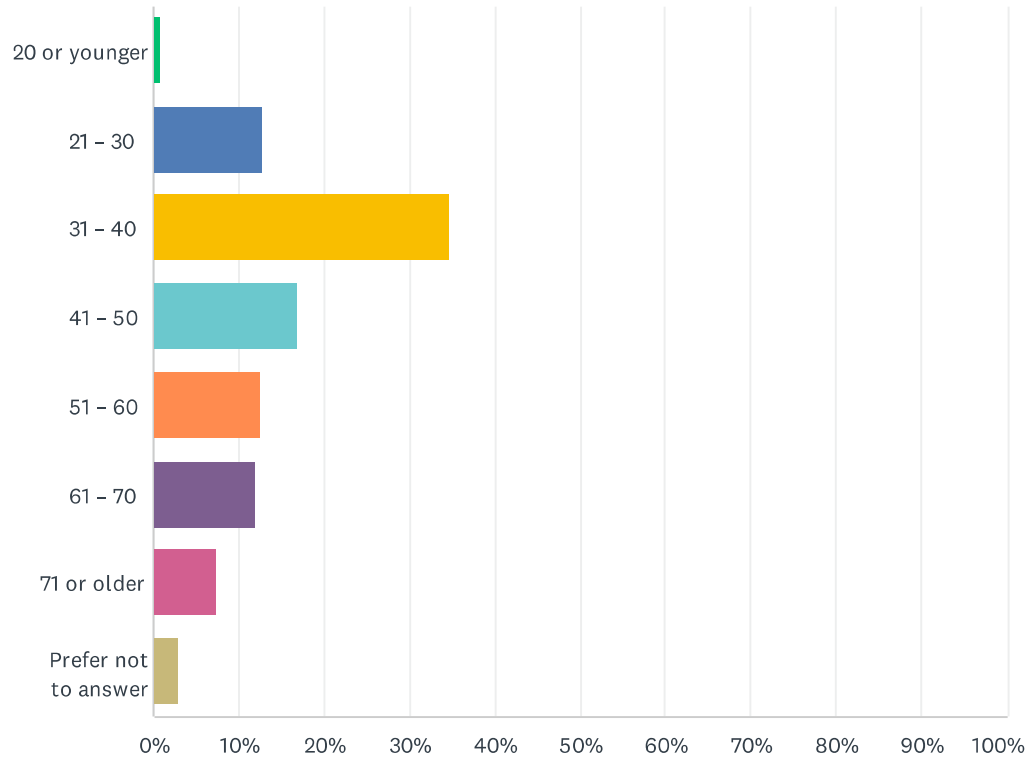
Answered: 894 Skipped: 490



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Arabic	0.34%	3
Chinese	0.89%	8
English	93.51%	836
French	0.45%	4
German	0.22%	2
Japanese	0.45%	4
Korean	0.22%	2
Spanish	1.23%	11
Tagalog	0.34%	3
Vietnamese	0.22%	2
Prefer not to answer	1.12%	10
Other (please specify)	1.01%	9
TOTAL		894

## Q6 Which of the following best describes your age? (Please choose one option)

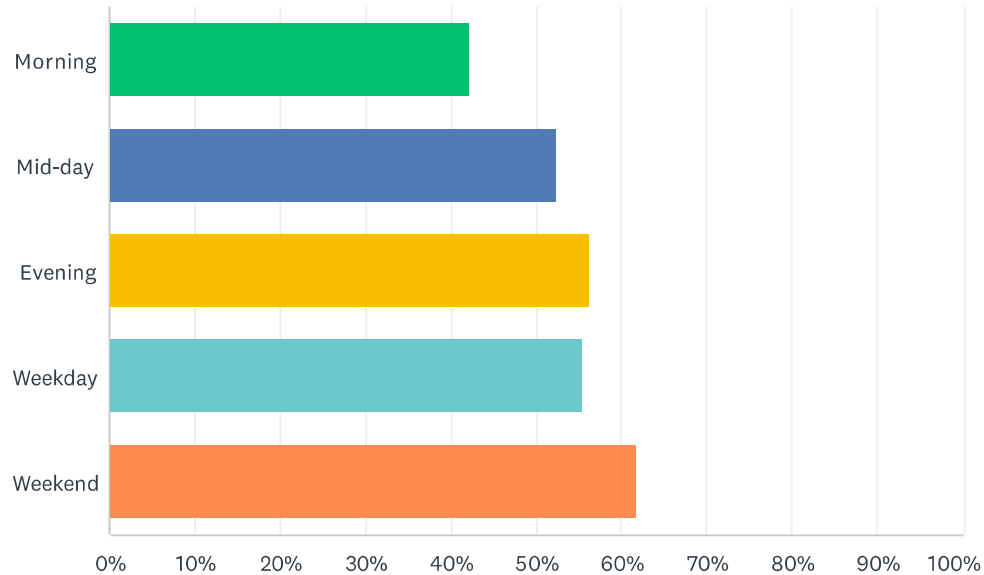
Answered: 895 Skipped: 489



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
20 or younger	0.78%	7
21 – 30	12.74%	114
31 – 40	34.86%	312
41 – 50	16.76%	150
51 – 60	12.63%	113
61 – 70	11.96%	107
71 or older	7.37%	66
Prefer not to answer	2.91%	26
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>895</b>

## Q7 When do you typically visit Downtown San Mateo? (check all that apply)

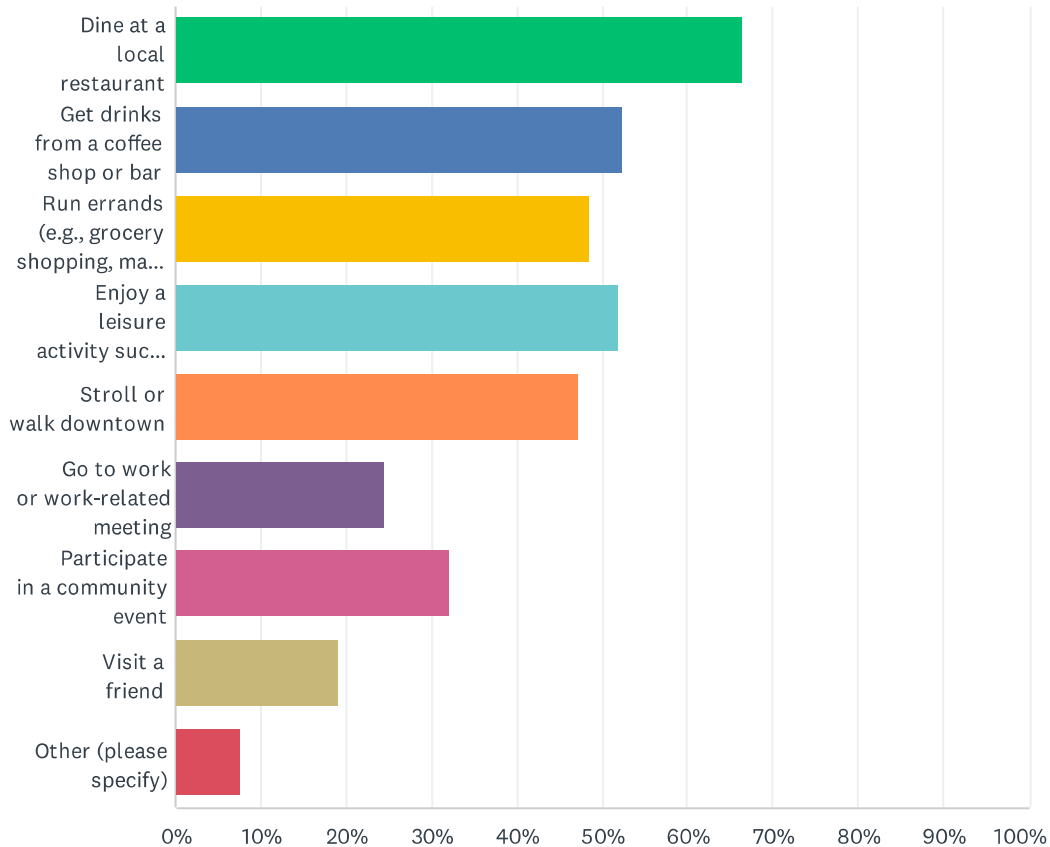
Answered: 885 Skipped: 499



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Morning	42.15%	373
Mid-day	52.54%	465
Evening	56.38%	499
Weekday	55.48%	491
Weekend	61.81%	547
Total Respondents: 885		

## Q8 What do you typically do when you visit Downtown San Mateo? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 889 Skipped: 495



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Dine at a local restaurant	66.48%	591
Get drinks from a coffee shop or bar	52.53%	467
Run errands (e.g., grocery shopping, mail, pick up prescriptions)	48.59%	432
Enjoy a leisure activity such as going to a movie or Central Park	51.97%	462
Stroll or walk downtown	47.24%	420
Go to work or work-related meeting	24.52%	218
Participate in a community event	32.17%	286
Visit a friend	19.24%	171
Other (please specify)	7.65%	68
Total Respondents: 889		

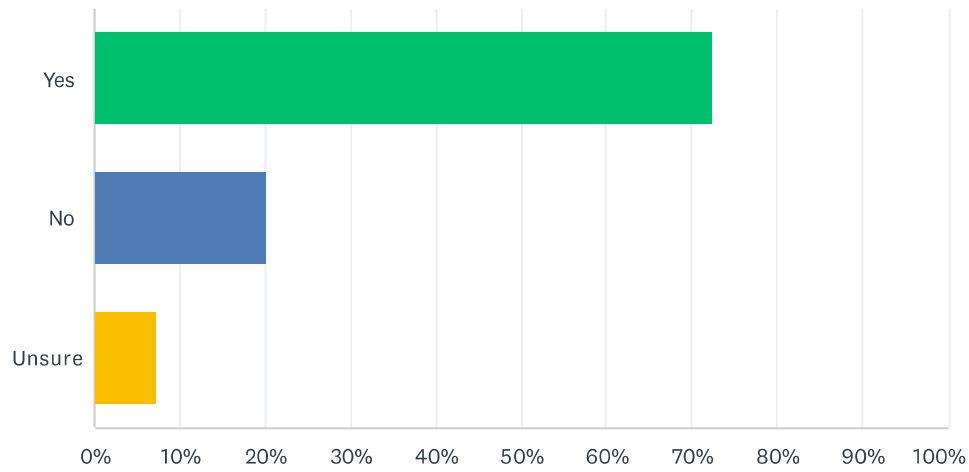
Q9 What is a word or phrase you would use to describe Downtown San Mateo?

Answered: 753    Skipped: 631



## Q10 Do you feel it is easy to get to and through Downtown San Mateo?

Answered: 888 Skipped: 496

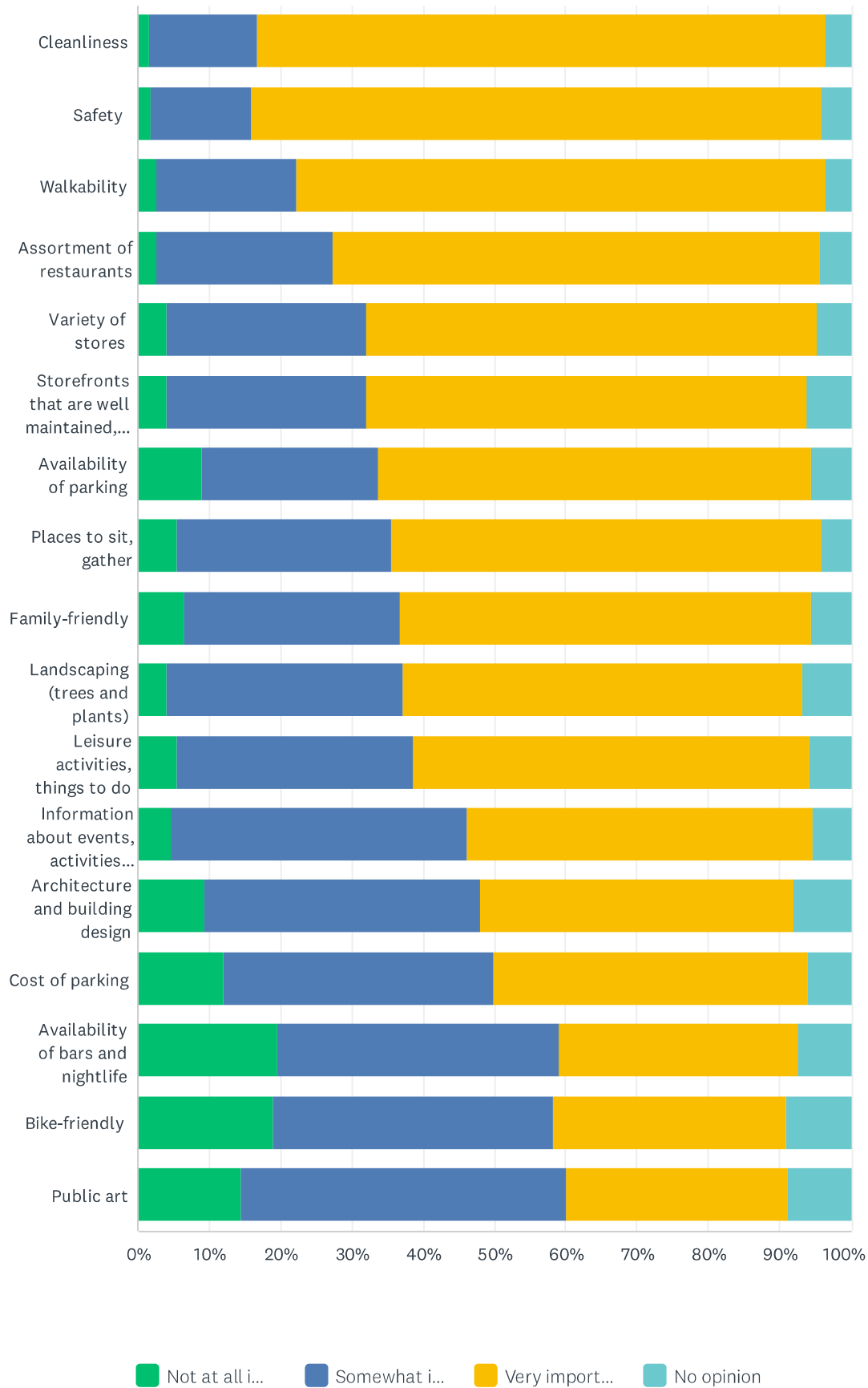


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.52%	644
No	20.27%	180
Unsure	7.21%	64
TOTAL		888

Q11 How important are the following aspects of Downtown San Mateo to you? Please tell us how important each of these aspects is to you from “not at all important” to “very important”.

Answered: 893   Skipped: 491



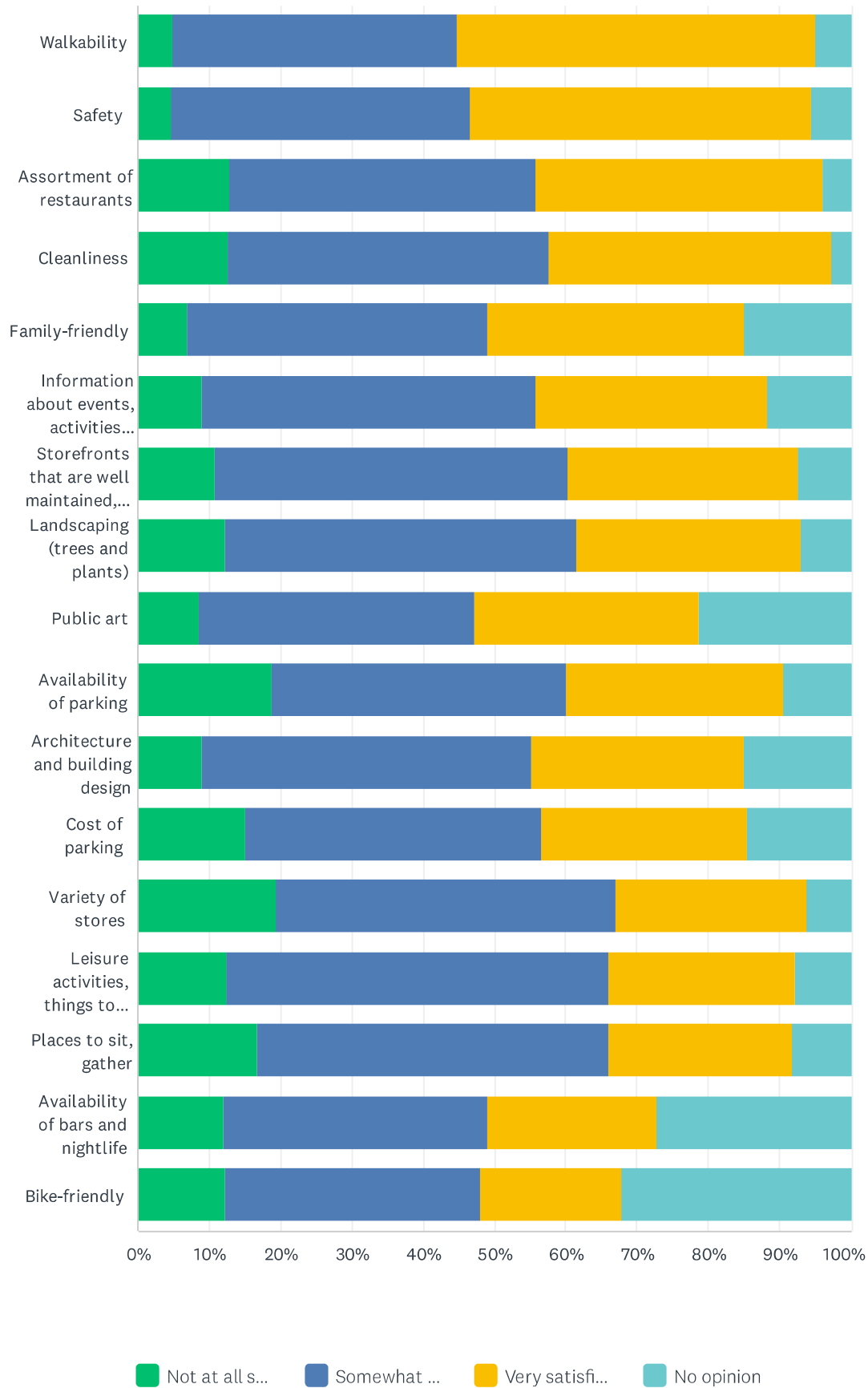


	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT (1)	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT (2)	VERY IMPORTANT (3)	NO OPINION (4)	TOTAL
Cleanliness	1.69% 15	15.07% 134	79.75% 709	3.49% 31	889
Safety	1.92% 17	14.12% 125	79.89% 707	4.07% 36	885
Walkability	2.59% 23	19.80% 176	74.13% 659	3.49% 31	889
Assortment of restaurants	2.70% 24	24.77% 220	68.24% 606	4.28% 38	888
Variety of stores	4.16% 37	27.90% 248	63.22% 562	4.72% 42	889
Storefronts that are well maintained, inviting	4.06% 36	27.96% 248	61.89% 549	6.09% 54	887
Availability of parking	9.09% 81	24.69% 220	60.61% 540	5.61% 50	891
Places to sit, gather	5.53% 49	30.02% 266	60.38% 535	4.06% 36	886
Family-friendly	6.54% 58	30.21% 268	57.72% 512	5.52% 49	887
Landscaping (trees and plants)	4.05% 36	33.22% 295	55.97% 497	6.76% 60	888
Leisure activities, things to do	5.57% 49	32.99% 290	55.75% 490	5.69% 50	879
Information about events, activities downtown	4.62% 41	41.67% 370	48.42% 430	5.29% 47	888
Architecture and building design	9.46% 84	38.63% 343	44.03% 391	7.88% 70	888
Cost of parking	12.03% 106	37.91% 334	44.04% 388	6.02% 53	881
Availability of bars and nightlife	19.62% 174	39.57% 351	33.48% 297	7.33% 65	887
Bike-friendly	18.98% 168	39.21% 347	32.77% 290	9.04% 80	885
Public art	14.54% 129	45.55% 404	31.12% 276	8.79% 78	887

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Walkability	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.79	0.54
Bike-friendly	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.32	0.88
Family-friendly	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.62	0.69
Availability of parking	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.63	0.73
Cost of parking	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.44	0.78
Cleanliness	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.85	0.48
Safety	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.86	0.49
Variety of stores	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.69	0.63
Storefronts that are well maintained, inviting	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.70	0.64
Assortment of restaurants	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.74	0.58
Availability of bars and nightlife	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.29	0.86
Leisure activities, things to do	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.62	0.68
Public art	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.34	0.83
Architecture and building design	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.50	0.77
Places to sit, gather	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.63	0.65
Landscaping (trees and plants)	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.65	0.67
Information about events, activities downtown	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.54	0.67

Q12 How satisfied are you with the following aspects of Downtown San Mateo? Please tell us how satisfied you are with each of these aspects from “not at all satisfied” to “very satisfied”.

Answered: 893   Skipped: 491



	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Walkability	4.97% 44	39.77% 352	50.40% 446	4.86% 43	885
Safety	4.63% 41	41.92% 371	48.02% 425	5.42% 48	885
Assortment of restaurants	12.85% 114	42.95% 381	40.25% 357	3.95% 35	887
Cleanliness	12.67% 112	44.91% 397	39.71% 351	2.71% 24	884
Family-friendly	7.00% 62	42.10% 373	35.89% 318	15.01% 133	886
Information about events, activities downtown	9.02% 80	46.90% 416	32.36% 287	11.72% 104	887
Storefronts that are well maintained, inviting	10.94% 97	49.49% 439	32.24% 286	7.33% 65	887
Landscaping (trees and plants)	12.19% 108	49.32% 437	31.49% 279	7.00% 62	886
Public art	8.49% 75	38.84% 343	31.37% 277	21.29% 188	883
Availability of parking	18.85% 167	41.20% 365	30.59% 271	9.37% 83	886
Architecture and building design	9.02% 80	46.11% 409	29.99% 266	14.88% 132	887
Cost of parking	15.22% 135	41.49% 368	28.86% 256	14.43% 128	887
Variety of stores	19.48% 173	47.64% 423	26.69% 237	6.19% 55	888
Leisure activities, things to do	12.54% 111	53.56% 474	26.21% 232	7.68% 68	885
Places to sit, gather	16.82% 149	49.21% 436	25.73% 228	8.24% 73	886
Availability of bars and nightlife	12.12% 107	36.92% 326	23.78% 210	27.18% 240	883
Bike-friendly	12.20% 108	35.93% 318	19.66% 174	32.20% 285	885

### **Q13. What do you like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained?**

- Restaurants
- Cleanliness a must
- I think it's all the same, no need to improve
- Street cleaning I think needs more work
- The variety of restaurants and the pedestrianized B Street.
- Maintaining the historical feel of the downtown area.
- Character of architecture
- Music in the park
- Parklets and pedestrian-only blocks on B
- I don't really like anything. I think it's all good, you know
- Public art
- Walkability
- Architecture and building design
- NA
- I care more about convenient transportation
- Landscaping (trees and plants)
- Information about events, activities downtown
- Safety
- Walkability
- Availability of parking
- Leisure activities, things to do
- Availability of bars and nightlife
- Places to sit, gather
- NA
- I like the old buildings downtown. It's very old.
- Shopping plaza.
- Lots of small businesses and family-owned restaurants
- Availability of bars and nightlife
- Variety of stores and restaurants
- Flower baskets
- I like the pedestrian mall and the historic buildings.
- Conformity
- Post Office landscape is an eyesore. More trees. Better repair of sidewalks, especially along 2 avenue near Mills parking garage..
- Central Park, the library, Draeger's store.
- Draegers, Suruki, Draegers
- Central Park
- Support struggling restaurants
- Central Park

- Downtown is more than just one street. It is large and offers so much
- great restaurants, family friendly, good events
- Pedestrian scale, low-rise buildings with variety of restaurants
- Variety of places to eat and shop
- Central Park
- Variety of shops and number of small businesses
- I like the assortment of restaurants/dessert places. I would like to see the public art maintained.
- I like the immediate downtown area with the variety of stores and dining. I like the closed streets that allow for more walkability as well.
- Access is good and there is a lot of real estate. It is generally busy with plenty of people.
- Walkability and the variety of stores
- Draeger's Grocery Store! It would be nice to have a second regular grocery store too, like we used to have with Trag's.
- The original architecture of the buildings.
- I like the B street mural and the cornhole set up. The events there are fun too. I have kids and they love running around on B street.
- I feel peaceful. I feel ppl r friendly and welcoming. I'm African American so I'm glad I feel welcomed even tho not living in San Mateo. I come to visit friends and family. Not to make it about race, but at my age I know when I'm welcomed in a town and not. San Mateo is a very warm and welcoming place to me and that matters:)
- B Street. No car access.
- Cute downtown to walk around
- Closer to home, lots of opportunity and spaces for gathering and food.
- I like the fact that some roads have been turned into event areas.
- Nice, quiet and safe city.
- B street is great! More variety of restaurants - where is a sit-down Mexican restaurant? (Las Palomas is great but table service & margaritas would be nice)
- Central Park is great. The idea of the eating outside is good but it feels too temporary right now. The variety of dining is great (we miss Karaage Burger though!) What is the plan for B St.?
- More small businesses and less chain restaurants and stores.
- It is nice having places to sit and relax and eat on B Street. There could be more seating areas and tables. The pedestrian area of B Street becomes dirty quickly seemingly from people eating and drinking outdoors. The area would be improved with more frequent street cleaning. Often its hard to even make out the new mural under the dirt.
- Preserve older buildings (Art deco and prior)
- I like the street that is closed to cars, I like Central Park. I like that there are a good number of EV chargers usually available.
- Downtown Historic District and the beautiful historic buildings in downtown.
- NA - I do not like the B Street closed
- Variety of retail, shops, restaurants that are independently owned.
- people gathering on b street and other areas providing a sense of town and community



- Gateway Park
- There's a pretty good variety of businesses. I get my haircut, go to the hardware store, eat out, get a drink, get ice cream, and catch Caltrain downtown.
- Plenty of interesting restaurants
- The older buildings and architecture, Central Park, BStreet Books, the Post Office,
- Car-free B street Outdoor dining Variety of amazing restaurants and stores
- I like the closure of two blocks of B street, but wish the gathering area in front of the theater was more inviting and better used for events
- The street closed for pedestrians is great! I appreciate the mural on the street too.
- Having string lights installed on trees or over the main street would be nice. Make it look like burlingame ave. or university ave in palo alto.
- Sadly, there is nothing really special about downtown San Mateo. Some of the architecture is nice, but it houses silly businesses like Draper University which no one I know patronizes.
- variety of restaurants
- Events in Central Park/B Street, etc/
- I really like the streets closed to traffic and how pleasant it makes it to walk around downtown.
- I love the older buildings - and would like to see more historic preservation and information.
- more small stores
- it is clean and safe, I love the old buildings that are reinvented into new things.
- The businesses that have been there for awhile Deans, Draegers, B St and Vine, O'Neills, Jeffrey's, Furst Watch
- There is a fairly diverse set of restaurants, bars. There are plenty of them, more than enough.
- Still feels like a suburban downtown.
- Outdoor dining options
- I love that B-Street is pedestrian-only.
- Outdoor dining!!! Walkability between downtown and Central Park. Many food options, but also a bit of redundancy.
- The few real stores like shoe store and bank and small grocery
- All the different community events.
- The closed off blocks on B Street where people can hang out to eat.
- More parking
- The charm of the old buildings.
- many local businesses
- Businesses that have been there for years
- Central Park
- Central park, community events, inviting atmosphere
- Not everything is just off a single main street (like in Burlingame), which is nice!
- City trees, not replanted when they die or are damaged
- I like the vibrancy of B Street and the local 'Mom and Pop' stores - I think those should be maintained. As an opposite point of reference, the Walgreens, a non-local store, takes up a significant amount of space and is quite honestly very ugly. Their signage is bland, the building is ugly, and it's a sore thumb that stands out from the rest of the much nicer

storefronts around it. Enforcing more strict visual guidelines, particularly for massive corporations that can afford it easily but currently do the bare minimum, would help parts of the street not fall to blight.

- Safe and clean downtown
- A spacious hall.
- An empty hall.
- Availability of parking
- Free parking.
- Love the variety of restaurants and boba/dessert selection
- outdoor venues for restaurants and bars
- I like that b street is closed off to pedestrians
- DTSM is very safe and I've heard of almost no incidents aside from an occasional homeless individual yelling. This provides a very comfortable atmosphere during nearly all hours of the day. It's something to be proud of and definitely something to strive to maintain.
- Pedestrian zones
- I like the variety of shops on street level. I would like to see the VARIETY of restaurants be important. Recently there are too much of a majority of Asian restaurants. We are LOSING variety. Deans is very important as is Draeger's.
- Certain parts of B street closed down for restaurant/pedestrian only is great and safe for kids/families
- Cleanliness, management of parking, safety and managing homeless activity.
- Pedestrian areas. Up keep of historic buildings.
- I think downtown is solid so far, but has a lot of potential to be much better.
- Like the outdoor dining on B street.
- Great restaurants and bars.
- It's culture, but needs to be beautified (landscape, cleanliness, and more small businesses).
- Variety of restaurants
- Pedestrian friendly areas, like B street
- Select stores that give you a reason to go downtown - Shoes, Bakery, etc
- Love the lights on the trees but want them to be maintained better
- Closure of B Street
- I genuinely love that I can grocery shop, mail items, get my dry cleaning, and eat it great restaurants all within four blocks. I admit that it is very embarrassing how decrepit Central Park is.. We have lived here for eight years and it looks more and more desolate and depressing. There is nowhere else to take my children if we want to enjoy downtown.
- Variety of stores. Not everything has to be a restaurant.
- String downtown core with a good variety of retail, shops, restaurants, etc.
- St. Mark's Square
- The restaurant variety
- The variety and quality of the restaurants
- Parklets on B street
- Variety of food options and walkability

- Variety of small shops and restaurants and no high rise buildings
- Like the parklets and painted roads!
- Food, parking price
- Walkability, not sprawling in every direction. Can get to everything I truly need to do on a day to day basis.
- Love the historic buildings and good mom and pop/local owned restaurants and stores. Lots of great food.
- It would be great if we could keep stores downtown. It was what drew us to San Mateo, that you could actually shop downtown. Most other cities have turned into strips of eateries and that doesn't appeal to me.
- variety of dining options, walkability
- Variety
- The walkability along B Street
- I like the park and activities. I like the parklets and some restaurants.
- I love that B Street is blocked off to traffic. It's really nice to be down there and just walk around after dinner.
- LOVE the car free B street
- Combination of art, nature and buildings.
- I enjoy the mix of practical shops (cobblers, thrift stores, small quick eateries) and more boutique-style places (Scandinavian Designs, fancy restaurants).
- Asian restaurants! & boba
- I love the way B Street has become a great gathering place. Downtown San Mateo was never like this when I was young and it's great to see the improvements within the past few years.
- Safety
- The pedestrian mall is my favorite part of downtown. Keep on improving it please.
- once you can find parking, easy to walk around
- Variety of restaurants and stores that make it a fun place to stroll around with family and friends
- I like the variety of food options. Would like to see some of the storefronts that are currently unoccupied to be filled!
- crossings well defined
- Pedestrianized streets and outdoor seating
- I like how frequent there are public events on B st.
- Lots of family-friendly events/activities - especially in Central Park. Wide array of quality restaurants.
- Lots of and large variety of restaurants and drink places.
- Variety of small restaurants, less chain restaurants
- I like the art and how pedestrian friendly it is, to do things like go from lunch to the library then the bank or grab a drink
- We like the Downtown Historic District and would like to see the City work with property owners to see it better maintained. The Mills Act should be updated and used by property owners to maintain these buildings. I am concerned that the new office buildings are not compatible with the more traditional Downtown. There is too much glazing (sheet of glass)

being used including more glass balconies versus using solid materials. Downtown Burlingame does a great job and blends in more traditional styles into their new contemporary architecture. I like the plantings and trees in the Downtown.

- variety of stores
- Outdoor dining
- variety of stores and restaurants, outdoor seating
- Turning B street into seating/walking area was very nice.
- the streets and the public bathrooms more cleaned and get the panhand people out of the city and the Mexican men begging for money and jobs
- the parking meter guys are rude and statistic. San Mateo police officers are rude and sadistic too!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Love the pedestrian mall! More programming! :)
- I love the pedestrian blvd on B street and would love to see it maintained.
- Small town feel
- Like the pedestrian friendly street, and outdoor eating opportunities
- I feel happy when I see that there are people employed to pick up trash. They really help with tidiness! I like that there are refuse cans at almost every corner. I like the walk lights.
- closure of B street
- I like that B street is closed and creates an inviting place to gather. I like that there are lots of eclectic restaurants.
- Retail shopping, Central Park
- Small independent businesses are important. Don't let them get pushed out by expensive chains.
- Like walkability, access to park, variety of Asian restaurants
- It's cool to be known as a hot spot for ramen
- Small town feel.. What's left of it! the large commercial buildings are ruining the feel of the city.
- B Street pedestrian areas.
- I like that it's close to my home. However, it's hard to find parking and always crowded on the weekends when I most frequent the area. I would like to see the parklet on 3rd Avenue more lively and have more seating. I would also like to see more plants/flowers in the area. Finally, the streets/sidewalks are often littered with trash.
- It's busy
- I like the activities that are held
- I like how there's no cars on b street, variety of food and restaurants!
- Central Park is a beautiful place to gather for families. I encourage maintaining that and adding as many family programs as possible
- The community events, summer music series, downtown events.
- A variety of reasonably priced restaurants open for lunch.
- Hometown feeling. Maintain: Safety and cleanliness
- Less traffic jams on 3rd and 4th st. Needs more loading zones for delivery and handicap parking. Should close B st only on weekends.

- Central Park is wonderful. Would love to see central park kids train return. The kids train was my favorite as a kid.
- The pedestrian mall.
- Good variety of restaurants.
- Variety of restaurants. Various events and special feats.
- b street closed
- Lots and lots of (great) food options, and super walkable! It's also quite clean (compared to when we lived in SF for the last 12 years hahah)
- B Street pedestrian only area
- I like the number of storefronts and the closure of B St
- I liked the diversity of restaurants and stores downtown.
- The additions of outdoor art, making B Street a walking mall, and allowing outdoor dining are appreciated.
- i like that B street is pedestrian only, but could be neater and more interesting
- Cleanliness, safety
- I love that there are many Asian food options, although it's a bit Chinese centric, would love to see a variety of different cuisines at different price points.
- I appreciate the mix of chain businesses and local businesses. Would love to see more diversity in types of businesses (feels food heavy at the moment).
- Presence of trees and landscaping throughout the core of downtown but considerable improvement is needed in this area
- No opinion
- Safety and cleanliness
- Variety of restaurants and walkable B Street
- The quaintness
- Parklets, availability of outdoor dining, original classic architecture, walkability, everything about Central Park
- variety of local restaurants
- The closed street and community events
- Lots of good food
- I love the variety of restaurants! The car-free zone is my favorite part of Downtown San Mateo.
- Too many Asian places and not enough diversity
- I love the restaurants and want to see the city continue to build relationships with them
- B street closure
- Clean, safe, and attractive
- The ped mall, we need recycling bins!
- Closing B St. is an excellent benefit. Don't undo that.
- movie theatre, more restaurants other than Asian,
- Cars off B street and Parklets for other restaurants not on B St.
- Variety of businesses
- Different types of cuisine and community activities
- quaint, good old fashioned town. All in all friendly and nice to walk around.

- B street closures.
- variety and quality of restaurants.
- Preserving older architecture
- Walkability is good.
- I like the parks. The parks are very nice. And byrds. It's cool to have a sustainable supply shop in the area
- Oddly...while the offerings are diverse, it is not diverse enough. Needs more (young) family-friendly restaurants. More open air bars and restaurants. What about indoor pee see golf?
- Access. Walking.
- All is just fine!
- Movie theater and restraunts
- It's independent stores, restaurants etc not many big chains
- Bistros and places to eat. Central Park community activities
- Restaurants.
- I love the history and community.
- central park
- It's local businesses and not big chains. But they need help to survive.
- Nice variety of restaurants, feels safe, feels active
- Great space but dirt and tired
- It's fine but could be better. Restaurants lack diversity.
- Continued growth
- It is safe and that needs to remain a top priority
- I like the activity, it brings excitement
- Historic aspects of buildings. Restaurant parklets.
- No cars on B Street
- I like the accessibility of Central Park and the Main Library.
- Variety of restaurants
- High occupancy rate.
- Variety of stores, yummy food, drinks
- Street closure is great!
- I like that it has so many different options for food and snacks.
- Newer restaurants are interesting
- B Street is great!
- Street parking
- Draegar's
- bookstore
- Pedestrian mall
- size; it feels possible to know it
- walking streets, city activities, restaurants
- Convenience
- The beautiful flowers and the cute flags are nice. I also like the closed blocks so we can walk comfortably.

- Central Park
- I like B street closed to cars, although it could be more pleasant with landscaping. I like the more unique stores like what's on second and B street books. I like that there's a movie theater.
- More outdoor seating for eating that is communal, not associated with a restaurant
- amount of restaurants, activities, ability to find parking to visit said restaurants etc.
- I like the movie theater, Central Park, Central Park tennis and pickle ball courts
- Clean and friendly and affordable
- Walkable area
- B St. closure for outdoor dining and walking around
- not sure
- I like that B street is closed to traffic.
- Flashing crosswalks Theater
- walkability, preservation of older architecture, preservation of native species and wildlife habitat, keeping Central Park as is (not turning into a playground or entertainment center)
- The variety of restaurants.
- Original architecture
- walkability
- Outdoor dining options are nice features. I like the pedestrian only sections, but the traffic signs can be confusing. The signs need to give the driver more ( longer) notice
- Restaurants
- Neighborhood feel. Historic charm. Open spaces. Walkable. Not overcrowded.
- Variety of shops, restaurants
- Original architecture.
- Timing of street lights and pedestrian crosswalks - give elderly a chance to cross streets without running.
- I love the car free zone on B street. One of the best things to come out of Covid!
- Cleanliness and general safety
- clean space and a variety of stores
- The cultural diversity represented by many of the restaurants and shops - many of them small businesses, to boot - makes San Mateo vibrant and interesting.
- B Street is great and should remain pedestrian only.
- Safety, walkability, public art, landscaping
- Variety of restaurants.
- There are more shops than in Burlingame Ave; but SM stores are not high end. Need more high end and less "walgreen" type which attracts transients, etc. I like Draeger's and Scandinavian designs type shops.
- Variety of great restaurants and places to eat and gather. Parklets With no vehicular traffic
- Parklets return, redesign and rebuild of obsolete buildings like the ones near Walgreens
- The sidewalks need updating. Less eating places and more types of stores. Less cars. Hanging flower baskets
- Outdoor dining. Easy walking around

- The ONLY thing I like about the city is the location. The city is a failure. Nothing-nothing special about it.
- Diversity, urban feel, mix of landscape and urban stores, restaurants that are open, pedestrian spaces sidewalks, overall upscale atmosphere of retail stores
- More variety of restaurants and more retail stores!
- The fact that people live and work here
- I can't think of anything.
- The weekend activities - closure of streets to walk and enjoy
- Central Park
- B Street closure
- Independent stores and restaurants
- I really love the cleanliness and safety in Central Park. The bathrooms are pretty clean, and lawn is always nice for kids to play on, and the playground is great. Keep up the good work! I also love the pedestrian mall on B street.
- It is evolving, trying to compete with other local cities. We love Draegers and Deans!
- Central Park
- outside sitting and the road closure
- Central Park
- food is good.
- It is easy to walk to from where I live and the historic buildings make our downtown unique
- I enjoy the the pedestrian mall on B Street. It's great that some of the restaurants have created beautiful flat parklets, making the outdoor dining experience more enjoyable. I also love Central Park. I'm glad they have recently added more benches around the oval there.
- Human-scale, fine-grained development.
- I like the pedestrian mall a lot.
- Architectural character and pedestrian scale.
- B street improvements
- The diversity of shops stores and restaurants.
- The cleanliness and preservations of the buildings
- Convenient financial services. It is hoped that the city center will provide more convenient financial service institutions, such as banks and ATMs.
- Good Neighborhoods. It is hoped that downtown residents will develop good neighborhoods where they can help each other and live in harmony.
- Good air quality. It is hoped that the city center will take effective measures to reduce air pollution and maintain a fresh air environment.
- Efficient public transportation system. Public transportation is an important part of urban development, and it is hoped that the downtown public transportation system will continue to improve in efficiency and comfort.
- Convenient shopping experience. The downtown shopping environment should be convenient, comfortable and full of choices to meet the shopping needs of residents.
- Quality medical services. It is hoped that the city center will have high quality health care providers to provide convenient health care services to the residents.



- Efficient government administration. The government administration should operate efficiently and solve the problems and needs reflected by the residents in a timely manner.
- Variety of restaurants
- Inclusive social climate. It is hoped that the city center will create an inclusive social atmosphere that respects people of different cultures and beliefs.
- Pedestrianized B Street
- Convenient Transportation Connections. The downtown should be well connected to surrounding areas for residents and visitors.
- The concept of sustainable development. It is hoped that the development of the city center will follow the concept of sustainable development and focus on environmental protection and ecological balance.
- Good law and order. It is hoped that law and order in the city center will be maintained in good condition so that residents and visitors will feel at ease and comfortable.
- Unique Urban Character. Downtown San Mateo should maintain its unique urban character and architectural features and avoid over-commercialization and homogenization.
- gathering spaces, clean and safe, efforts to bring community together, information sharing to raise awareness
- Planters with flowers are a nice touch.. maybe cleaner sidewalks would be needed
- Very family friendly. I love the flowers that are planted.
- Love our produce market but would love to bring a farmers market to downtown
- Parking areas are well light and clean. Parking should be free after 5pm and announced to the public to get more visitors, move variety. I like the number of restaurants
- clean and friendly
- I like the variety. I think the stairwells in parking garage and the tunnel to cal-train need improvement. It smells of urine and feels scary
- It definitely feels multicultural in regard to the food scene.
- Variety of restaurants, walkability
- There are many categories in the mall.I like it.
- It's safe to ride a bike.
- I appreciate the walkability, restaurants and Central Park.
- There are many kinds of shops, I hope they can keep good hygiene and clean.
- The streets are busy and lively.
- Park facilities can be maintained.
- Historical aspects
- I like the special architecture of the city center.
- I like the streets here.
- The 'quaintness' of the town and would like to see the sidewalks and storefronts kept cleaner and maintained
- Transportation can be more convenient.
- I really like the addition of the pedestrian mall on B-Street. I like that there can be outdoor seating for restaurants and it makes for less congested walking around to different restaurants. I wish the large area in the middle of the street was better utilized though, maybe with more benches or picnic tables.

- Hygienic environment in each restaurant.
- Central Park
- I want more walkable areas/ street closed off. I like the street being closed down
- The closed area of B Street
- Central Park, major stores
- Central Park
- Convenient public services: The government should provide convenient public services, such as medical care and social security, to meet the basic needs of residents.
- Quality educational resources: It is hoped that the city center will have more quality educational resources, such as libraries and museums, to facilitate residents' learning and development.
- Rich cultural activities: the city center should regularly host a variety of cultural events, such as concerts, art exhibitions, etc.
- Safety is one of the most important concerns for residents, and it is hoped that the downtown community environment will remain safe and stable for residents to live with peace of mind.
- Accessibility of the Transportation System: It is hoped that the downtown transportation system will continue to be efficient and accessible, providing a quality travel experience for residents and visitors.
- sanitation
- Display of Public Artwork: Public artwork in the downtown adds a unique artistic atmosphere to the city, and it is hoped that these works will be properly displayed and maintained.
- The image of the storefront is upgraded
- Diversity of Business Climate: Downtown San Mateo has a rich and varied business scene, and this diversity is a source of vitality for the city, which it is hoped will be maintained and developed.
- road
- Maintenance of Green Spaces: Downtown's parks, green spaces, and other green spaces provide valuable recreational areas for residents, and it is hoped that these areas will be continually maintained and beautified.
- Replace the trash can
- street lamp
- Street surface
- Clean places to sit outside...good work with the outdoor wood tables
- Optimization of community services \ Looking forward to the community services can be further optimized to provide the public with more attentive and thoughtful services.
- Resident Happiness Enhancement . The ultimate goal is to enhance the well-being of residents and make downtown San Mateo a wonderful place to live, work and play.
- Diversity of community activities: It is hoped that the community can organize more diversified activities to meet the needs of residents of different age groups and interests.
- Greening parks and recreation.

- The optimization of urban lighting is expected to be optimized for the city center, which is both aesthetically pleasing and functional, enhancing the city's nighttime image and safety.
- Promote hygiene
- Add street front rest areas
- Increase prosperity
- Environment of leisure area
- Public Art Enhancement . It is hoped that more public artworks will be added to the downtown to enhance the city's cultural taste and artistic atmosphere.
- We look forward to improving the air quality in the city center through a series of measures to provide a fresher living environment for the public.
- road
- With the enhancement of network coverage, it is hoped that the network coverage in the city center will be more comprehensive and stable, so as to provide more convenient network services for the public.
- It is expected that the barrier-free facilities in the city center will be further improved to facilitate the travel and life of special groups such as the elderly and the disabled.
- It is expected that tourism services will be further optimized to provide tourists with a more convenient and comfortable travel experience.
- It is hoped that the police will continue to step up patrols and surveillance to ensure continued public safety in the city center.
- It is expected that the EMS system will be more efficient and quicker to ensure that emergency situations can be responded to and dealt with quickly.
- It is hoped that the medical facilities and services in the city center will continue to be upgraded to provide the public with more comprehensive and efficient medical protection.
- It is hoped that the architectural style of the city center will be effectively maintained to show the city's unique style and history and culture.
- It is expected that the community will organize more interactive activities to enhance communication and connection among residents and create a harmonious community atmosphere.
- It is hoped that the City will continue to invest in improving public facilities in the downtown area, such as the library and sports venues.
- Downtown park
- We look forward to the city center actively promoting environmental protection concepts, advocating green lifestyles, and working together to protect the Earth's home.
- It is hoped that downtown San Mateo will continue to promote technological innovation and attract more high-tech companies and talents.
- Expect the downtown dining scene to continue its diversity, bringing together cuisines from around the world to satisfy diners' taste buds.
- It is hoped that downtown streets will be designed to be more user-friendly for pedestrians to pass and stay, creating pedestrian-friendly urban spaces.
- Attention should be paid to the protection of cultural heritage and historical buildings, while the construction and maintenance of public facilities should be strengthened

- It is hoped that downtown San Mateo will continue to host various art exhibitions and cultural events to enrich the spiritual life of the citizens.
- I like how easily walkable everything is.
- It is hoped that the police and the community will continue their efforts to ensure a safe environment in the city center so that residents and visitors alike can enjoy the city in peace.
- Looking forward to more parks and green spaces in the downtown to provide a great place for people to relax and unwind.
- It is hoped that the downtown commercial district will maintain its diversity, with both high-end brands and small, affordable stores to meet the needs of different consumer groups.
- It is hoped that the public transportation system will be more convenient and efficient, reduce traffic congestion and enhance the travel experience.
- Closed streets with art and plants! Live music too!
- Pedestrian zone
- I like its streets
- I like its architecture
- SM Cinema San Mateo
- keep businesses from closing
- Road closure. That is one of the best things that has happened for dtsm
- Diversity, variety, multi-cultural
- I like that there's not a lot of big box stores and there are a lot of lemon pop stores. It makes it more of a small town feel.
- The number of restaurants.
- Options to get coffee and casual food, the Walgreens is really important as well
- B Street closed streets making it very walkable
- Location
- The bustling energy of downtown is invigorating. There is always a sense of life and activity, with people gaping about their daily business, meeting friends for coffee or a meal, or simply strolling around.
- I like that it's not super crowded like other cities
- Central Park parking tennis courts baseball and bocce courts
- great satisfaction
- Parking, plants
- Bike and pedestrian mall on B street
- Bars and restaurants are great.
- Hustle bustle, historic buildings, Central Park
- Availability of businesses besides restaurants. People need more than. Just restaurants and office buildings. Please more forcefully encourage developers to include retail.
- Homey feel
- Different types of restaurants and walkability
- Keep the sidewalks clear of trash clutter.
- Free parking, variety of stores, good restaurants, be free of traffic, no dazzling street art, graffiti, tree lined, safe to walk, without trip or hazard.

- Character! When approving new buildings, they should match the existing architecture of downtown. I am fully for high density and tall buildings as long as they match this city and aren't just generic boxy modern structures! (Good examples of big buildings - Draper U, Stratford, etc.) Also love general walkability, including pedestrian B street, and Central Park.
- it's safe and clean
- Safe, clean and fun
- No cars on B Street, outdoor dining, public art on B Street, and best of all the movie theater!
- Rich cultural activities
- Safe community environment
- Convenient transportation network
- The Pedestrian Mall -- would love to see it extended further Events are great!
- Pedestrian areas and walkability
- I like architecture and landscape design
- Digitalization and intelligence
- Life and Business
- Land scape
- Community Spirit and Public Space
- Transportation Convenience
- Bustling commercial area
- Fusion of history and modernity
- Strong art atmosphere
- Sustainable development
- The convenience of the transportation network
- A thriving business center
- Pay attention to environmental protection
- Diversity of community culture
- The convenience of the transportation network
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- I love the streets that have been closed to cars which provide more space for pedestrians and seating.
- Beautify urban spaces through public artworks.
- Maintain a positive, friendly neighborhood atmosphere where residents feel proud and happy.
- Maintain downtown access for easy driving and parking.
- Maintain an active nightlife scene
- Create an inclusive and diverse community environment.
- A convenient transportation system is key to the efficient functioning of a city and plays an important role in connecting the city to the outside and the inside and in facilitating the movement of people and business exchanges.
- Thriving commercial activities not only provide convenience for local residents, but also promote employment and economic growth. Maintaining this economic vitality is essential to the long-term development of the city.

- Cultural diversity and inclusion
- Support innovation and entrepreneurship and attract tech companies and startups.
- Maintain high quality medical facilities and services.
- Maintaining quality educational institutions and learning
- Closed streets to traffic
- Historic buildings are an important part of urban culture, and their preservation and restoration not only protects cultural heritage but also adds to the unique charm of the city.
- The cohesiveness of the community has led to a greater unity among the residents who work together to contribute to the development of the city.
- I love the park and all the streets that are currently closed to traffic so that anyone can walk through them safely and would love for the parklets to stay. I just love the outdoor ambiance which is lost if the parklets are gone.
- The car free street is wonderful. It would be great to extend.
- Accessibility
- overall cleanliness, amount of parking, the park
- Neighborhood feel with variety of stores, pedestrian mall. However many businesses being forced to move with increased rent
- I love having B St closed to cars, and I hope it stays that way! It does need more tables and chairs though.
- street
- I hope to see the maintenance of transportation. I like the construction of downtown and the streets.
- Park
- I love the pedestrian mall and wish it was more supported by DSMA and the city. I think all public seating that does exist is from volunteer groups.
- Waterfront area: If there is a part near the water area in the center of San Mateo, such as rivers or bays, its beautiful landscape and leisure facilities are worth maintaining.
- The architecture is very unique and I like it very much
- My very favorite thing is the ped mall!
- Add a new bookstore
- I like the new plaza-type areas. I also like the preservation of historic buildings.
- I love this restaurant Pacific Catch San Mateo.
- There are all kinds of restaurants, and it is convenient and dignified to have a party
- The pedestrian mall, center on the peninsula for dining
- Maintain environmental protection and sustainable development of green travel, energy saving and emission reduction and other environmental protection concepts.
- To provide efficient municipal services to meet the various needs of the public.
- Increase the number of parks and green spaces in the downtown to provide space for recreation and relaxation.
- Coyote Point Recreation Area
- Friendly community atmosphere
- Its quality of life and pride

- I hope that cultural activities such as art exhibitions, concerts and theatrical performances will be organized to enrich the spiritual life of the residents.
- Attract more restaurants and food stalls offering culinary experiences from around the world.
- I love retail stores that act to keep maintain a great selection of diverse brands and locally inspired merchandise.
- Unique cultural atmosphere
- Spacious walking paths
- Unique historical buildings
- San Mateo Public Library
- San Mateo Central Park
- Rich cultural diversity: It is hoped that this multicultural integration can be maintained, and various cultural activities and festivals can be held to promote exchanges and understanding among different cultures. 2. Beautiful public spaces: Such as parks and squares, it is hoped that they can always be carefully maintained, remaining clean, safe and pleasant. 3. Historical buildings and cultural heritage: These are the unique charm of the city. It is hoped that their protection and restoration can be strengthened so that they can continue to witness the development of the city. 4. High-quality local businesses: Including specialty shops and restaurants, it is hoped that their uniqueness and quality can be maintained, providing residents and tourists with rich consumption choices.
- I hope the city center is even more impressive
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- Maintaining the cleanliness and tidiness of streets, parks and public areas to enhance the comfort of residents and visitors
- Great nightlife
- Historic markets
- Friendly community atmosphere
- Unique cultural atmosphere
- I love the unique art scene in downtown SAN Mateo.
- Continuing to promote intercultural exchange and integration to create a unique cultural atmosphere.
- Keeping streets, parks, and public areas clean and tidy enhances the comfort of residents.
- I like some of the architecture downtown.
- I love the convenient amenities of downtown SAN Mateo.
- Central Park is the crown jewel of the city.
- I love Half Moon Bay.
- High security

- Historical landmarks
- Diversified Businesses
- Convenient public transportation
- I love Seal Point Park.
- I love Philori.
- Preserve and maintain the historic buildings in the downtown so that the past can coexist with the present.
- Historic buildings
- Open public space
- Unique cityscape
- I like the unique architecture downtown.
- Retain a diverse business atmosphere
- Preservation of historic buildings and cultural heritage
- I prefer the library.
- I hope there is direct transportation to the city outside every city
- Entertainment facilities in Central Park.
- SAN Mateo Center Life is convenient, hope to continue
- shopping center
- shopping center
- Oh, I like everything about this city
- shopping mall
- shopping mall
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- shopping mall
- I really like the bars downtown. They have a great atmosphere
- First impressions are good, bustling
- Likes the large fountain pool.
- I don't think it needs any maintenance
- Library, medicine
- Security
- I love it when people go out and have picnics in the park on weekends
- The buildings and architectural design in the city are fantastic
- Historic buildings
- Safe, clean, free parking, ease of parking, restaurant variety, family friendly
- I love how many community events we have and our amazing restaurants. I love the murals on B Street, we should have art like that everywhere!
- Nice restaurants and greenery
- The historic buildings are unique and reflect the character of downtown SAN Maot. Hope it stays that way!
- The environment is clean.
- I love the hustle and bustle of San Mateo, and I hope the infrastructure gets better and better, and the entertainment venues get better and better.



- B street! Blocked of pedestrian only areas. parking a few blocks down is free on weekends
- Favorite restaurants: There are many award-winning restaurants with outdoor seating areas in the city center, so keep it up!
- Good restaurant variety
- park
- I like to see the availability of spaces to be with friends and lounge, like coffee/boba shops or Central Park.
- Food! Also love the variety of public events lately, especially the music concerts
- I love the lively atmosphere and community activities in downtown SAN Mateo and hope these continue to keep downtown vibrant.
- I like how parts of downtown are blocked off so it is accessible for walking, gives space for art and activities, and increases safety for young families.
- I love the unique shops and dining experiences in downtown SAN Mateo and hope these unique businesses will continue to exist.
- Pedestrian mall is great but needs investment. Expand it to more blocks and help restaurants and other businesses expand their outdoor presence. Regrade streets. High quality parklets for restaurants plus public seating and tables. Public art. New landscaping and murals. Shade and shaded seating.
- Good variety of restaurants
- I love the rich dining options and diverse shops in downtown SAN Mateo and hope these continue to be available to residents and visitors alike.
- Good restaurants. The widest selection on the peninsula.
- I love the amenities and friendly service in downtown SAN Mateo and hope these convenient services will be maintained.
- Walkable and buses available. Have more restaurants and places for gatherings
- I like the walk ability to either grocery shop, grab coffee and have a meal.
- I love the comfort and friendly community atmosphere of downtown SAN Mateo and hope these characteristics will be maintained.
- I love the diverse business and dining options in downtown SAN Mateo and hope these convenient services continue to be available.
- I love the pedestrian mall and the diversity of restaurants. I'd like to see the streets better maintained and a continued investment in the infrastructure of B Street.
- I love the community and cultural atmosphere in downtown SAN Mateo and hope these vibrant activities will be maintained.
- Great restaurants, diversity of businesses including daily errands, lively at all times of the day and week
- B street walking
- I love the historic sites and architecture of downtown SAN Mateo and hope that these elements of historical value will be properly preserved.
- The planters with sitting areas around the corners.
- Historic elements
- Draeger's, Deans, the historic buildings, street parking, B Street Books

- I love the friendly atmosphere and abundance of local shops in downtown SAN Mateo and hope that these unique community features will be maintained.
- I love working downtown, I'd love to see more events downtown..all the way down to north b street. The storefront cleanliness could be better maintained
- I love the community events and festivals in downtown SAN Mateo and hope they continue to keep the downtown vibrant.
- Central park.
- I love the diverse shopping experience and dining options in downtown SAN Mateo and hope these convenience services continue to be available.
- I love the historic atmosphere and architecture of downtown SAN Mateo and hope that these historic sites and unique architectural features can be preserved.
- I love the diverse dining options and friendly businesses in downtown SAN Mateo and hope these unique business characteristics will be maintained.
- Small retail shops
- Amount of restaurants
- I like the access to Caltrain, the outdoor seating, the pedestrian mall, the plentiful dining and cafe options, and Central Park.
- Street trees, walkable blocks, car-free streets
- I love the historic architecture and unique street style of downtown SAN Mateo and hope that these historic sites can be properly preserved.
- Close to where I live
- I love downtown SAN Mateo's laid-back pedestrian neighborhoods and easy access to services, and hope that stays the same.
- Easygoing community
- I love the convenient transportation and diverse shopping experience in downtown SAN Mateo and hope these characteristics will be maintained.
- Historic Architecture
- I love the multicultural atmosphere and rich dining options in downtown SAN Mateo and hope that these unique community characteristics will remain.
- I like the convenient transportation network in the downtown of San Mateo and hope it can be continuously optimized and maintained to maintain efficient travel efficiency.
- B street as a pedestrian street. Central park. Proximity to Caltrain.
- I like the variety of restaurants, coffee shops, etc. The mural is nice too. And the parklets are a lot better these days than they used to be.
- Central Park playground, tennis courts, parking. Parking should continue to be paid as it is already difficult to find parking. Good restaurants
- I like the public art and diverse dining options in the city center, and I hope they can be maintained while keeping the city center clean and safe.
- Small town safe and friendly charm and diversity and equity and walkability
- Historical buildings must be preserved and no new ugly out of place oversized structures.
- I love how walkable Downtown San Mateo is. My boyfriend and I regularly walk down B Street and enjoy grabbing some boba or a cup of coffee while families run in the streets and play games. It's such a great area. I think it is so important that Downtown San Mateo's

walkability is maintained—there are so many places to eat and stores to try. It shouldn't be park and go to one place and leave. I also love the food scene, and I feel so lucky that we have so many amazing restaurants. I believe it is vital to maintain the food scene here—it feels like San Mateo has been a bit of a destination for food because of it, and I love that.

- I enjoy the liveliness and walkability of Downtown San Mateo. I wish parking were easier, the streets and sidewalks were cleaner, the storefronts were more visually appealing with more modern design and greenery, and safety was strongly enforced. Several times I have walked past large groups intentionally biking down popping wheelies on the blocked off section of B street in a pack. I have also felt intimidated by homeless individuals who are partially clothed, yelling loudly, and experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Parks
- Closed off B street! Love it. Love that restaurant variety and quality.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic array of independent stores. The unique merchandise and personalized service give it a charm that big-box stores lack. The lively street performers and outdoor cafes also contribute to a vibrant atmosphere that is both inviting and engaging. Additionally, the community events that take place regularly bring people together and create a sense of belonging.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic blend of shops, from quirky boutiques to practical stores. The variety of dining options, ranging from cozy cafes to upscale restaurants, is also a major draw. Additionally, the lively street performers and events that occur regularly give the area a vibrant and engaging atmosphere.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic blend of independent shops and cafes. The unique storefronts offer a sense of discovery, and the cozy cafes provide a place to unwind. The lively street performers and community events add to the vibrant atmosphere. Also, the beautiful tree-lined sidewalks give it a charming and inviting feel.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its vibrant street life. The sidewalks are filled with people going about their daily business, and there are always interesting things to see and do. The diverse range of shops and restaurants offers something for everyone, and the local businesses give the area a unique charm. I also appreciate the efforts to beautify the area with public art and green spaces.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic blend of independent stores, cozy cafes, and lively restaurants. The sense of community is palpable, with people gathering in the parks and squares. The events and festivals that take place here add to the vibrant atmosphere and bring people from all over.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its vibrant street life. The numerous cafes with outdoor seating areas create a lively atmosphere where people can relax and socialize. The variety of independent stores and art galleries give the area a unique charm. Additionally, the regular farmers markets and community events foster a sense of community and connection.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its vibrant street life. The sidewalks are filled with people going about their day, shopping in unique stores, and enjoying meals at outdoor cafes. The diverse range of cultural events and festivals that take

place here add to the lively atmosphere and bring the community together. Additionally, the historic buildings give the area a sense of charm and character that should be preserved.

- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its vibrant mix of independent shops, cozy cafes, and diverse dining options. The sense of community is palpable, with local events and markets that bring people together. The beautiful tree-lined streets and historic buildings add charm and character to the area.
- We love the closed off space on B street to let our kids run around. We love using the baseball field in central park in the mornings to let our dog run off leash and interact with other local dog owners. We love the diversity and number of restaurants.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic blend of shops, from trendy boutiques to charming antique stores. The array of dining options, ranging from cozy cafes to upscale restaurants, is also a major draw. The lively street performers and community events add to the vibrant atmosphere and a sense of togetherness.
- I like the number of different non-chain restaurants. I also like that parts are blocked off to car traffic. We also like having access to the baseball field in the morning for our dog.
- The events
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic mix of shops, from quaint bookstores to trendy boutiques. The local restaurants with their diverse menus and cozy atmospheres are also a highlight. The community events that take place regularly bring a sense of togetherness and liveliness to the area.
- Unique local shops and restaurants , interesting cultural juxtaposition
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its mix of historic buildings and modern businesses. The architecture gives the area character, while the variety of stores and restaurants offer something for everyone. The community feel is also a big draw, with local events and activities that bring people together.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic mix of architecture, from charming historic buildings to modern storefronts. The variety of dining options, ranging from cozy cafes to upscale restaurants, is also a highlight. The sense of community is palpable, with local events and markets that bring people together.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its cozy atmosphere. The small independent stores give it a charming, local feel. The sidewalk cafes and outdoor seating areas are perfect for people-watching and enjoying a meal or coffee. The historic buildings add character and a sense of nostalgia to the area.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its cozy cafes with outdoor seating where people can relax and enjoy the bustle of the city. The mix of old and new architecture gives the area character and charm. The local farmers market is also a highlight, bringing fresh produce and a sense of community.
- Walkability and pedestrian mall. Historic buildings and small scale.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic mix of architecture, from charming historic buildings to modern storefronts. The bustling sidewalk cafes and lively street performers create a vibrant ambiance. The variety of local businesses, from bookstores to specialty food shops, gives the area a unique character.

- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its small-town feel with a modern twist. The mix of historic buildings and contemporary storefronts gives it a unique character. I also appreciate the variety of dining options, from cozy cafes to upscale restaurants. The local shops offer unique products and support the community. Additionally, the events and festivals that take place in Downtown San Mateo bring people together and create a lively atmosphere.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic mix of architecture, from historic buildings that tell tales of the past to modern structures that add a touch of contemporary charm. The bustling cafes and restaurants offer a wide array of culinary delights and create a lively social scene. The local shops, with their unique merchandise, give the area a distinct character.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its cozy atmosphere. The charming storefronts, with their unique designs and displays, give the area a distinct character. The local cafes and bakeries offer delicious treats and a place to relax and unwind. The presence of community parks and green spaces also adds to its appeal, providing a respite from the urban hustle and bustle.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its cozy cafes with outdoor seating areas where people can relax and socialize. The mix of old and new architecture gives the area character and charm. The local farmers market is also a highlight, bringing fresh produce and a sense of community.
- Like the new ped mall- want to see more happenings there!
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its eclectic mix of architecture, from charming historic buildings to modern structures. The variety of dining options, ranging from cozy cafes to upscale restaurants, is also a major draw. The local businesses give the area a unique character and a sense of community. Additionally, the regular street performers and events add to the lively atmosphere.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its unique mix of small local businesses, cafes, and restaurants. The tree-lined streets and historic architecture give the area a warm and inviting feel. The community events that are regularly held here also add to its charm and create a sense of togetherness.
- I would like to see the underground parking lot at Caltrain maintained. Stairs and pavement always smell like urine. Homeless may be sleeping there.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its diverse range of shops and eateries. The unique boutiques offer one-of-a-kind finds, and the restaurants provide a variety of cuisines to satisfy different palates. The pedestrian-friendly layout also makes it a pleasant place to stroll and explore. Additionally, the community events and festivals that take place here bring people together and add to the vibrant atmosphere.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its diverse range of shops and eateries. The unique boutiques offer one-of-a-kind finds, and the restaurants provide a variety of cuisines to suit different tastes. The pedestrian-friendly layout is also a plus, making it easy to stroll around and explore. Additionally, the community atmosphere is wonderful, with events and activities that bring people together.
- I like the historic architecture in Downtown San Mateo. The beautiful old buildings give the area character and a sense of timelessness. It's important to maintain these structures to

preserve the city's unique identity. The diverse array of local shops and restaurants is also a highlight. They offer a variety of unique products and cuisines that attract both locals and visitors. Ensuring the survival and prosperity of these small businesses is crucial for maintaining the vibrant atmosphere. The community events and festivals held downtown bring people together and create a sense of belonging. These events should continue to be supported and expanded.

- The historic architecture gives the area a unique character and charm. These buildings should be preserved and restored to maintain the downtown's sense of history. The variety of local shops and restaurants offer a diverse range of options for dining and shopping. The support for local businesses should continue to ensure their survival and growth. The parks and green spaces provide a welcome respite from the urban environment. They should be well-maintained and expanded if possible.
- I love the historic architecture that gives the area character and a sense of timelessness. The preservation of these beautiful buildings should be continued as they are a unique part of Downtown San Mateo's identity. The diverse array of restaurants and cafes is also a highlight. The variety of cuisines available attracts people from all over and creates a lively food scene. Maintaining this culinary diversity and quality is important. The community events and festivals that take place downtown bring people together and create a strong sense of community. These events should be supported and continued to foster a sense of belonging.
- The historic architecture gives the area a unique character and should be preserved. The beautiful old buildings add a sense of nostalgia and are a visual treat. The diverse range of restaurants and cafes offer a variety of cuisines, creating a food lover's paradise. This culinary diversity should continue. The local shops and boutiques provide a unique shopping experience that is different from big chain stores. Maintaining this local flavor is important.
- Likes: The diverse array of restaurants and cafes offer a wide variety of cuisines, making it a great place for food lovers. The unique storefronts and boutiques add charm and character to the area. The historic architecture gives Downtown San Mateo a sense of timelessness and elegance. It's wonderful to see these buildings preserved and maintained as they are a link to the city's past. The community events and festivals held in Downtown San Mateo bring people together and create a lively atmosphere. Wants maintained: The small-town feel in the midst of an urban setting. The friendly local businesses and the sense of community should be preserved. The clean and well-kept streets and public spaces contribute to the overall appeal and should continue to be maintained.
- What I like and want to see maintained: The historic architecture gives the downtown area a unique character and charm. These buildings should be preserved and maintained to keep the sense of history alive. The variety of local shops and eateries offer a diverse range of options for shopping and dining. The local business community should be supported to ensure these unique offerings continue. The presence of parks and green spaces provides a place for relaxation and community gatherings. These should be kept clean and well-maintained.
- The historic architecture gives the area a unique character and a sense of timelessness. It should be carefully preserved and restored when needed to maintain the downtown's

aesthetic appeal. The diverse array of restaurants and cafes offer a variety of cuisines, creating a foodie paradise. This diversity should be sustained and perhaps expanded to include even more international flavors. The small, independent shops contribute to a sense of local community and offer unique finds. Their presence should be supported to keep the shopping experience distinct from big-box stores.

- I like the historic architecture that gives the downtown area a unique character. The preservation of these buildings is important as they are a reminder of the city's past and add to its aesthetic appeal. The diverse array of local shops and restaurants is also a highlight. The variety offers something for everyone and contributes to a lively atmosphere. Maintaining the uniqueness of these establishments and supporting local businesses is crucial. The presence of parks and green spaces provides a welcome respite from the urban environment. These areas should be kept well-maintained and expanded if possible.
- The historic architecture gives the area a unique character and a sense of timelessness. These buildings should be carefully preserved and restored to maintain the downtown's charm. The diverse array of local shops and restaurants offer a unique shopping and dining experience. The variety should be maintained and perhaps expanded to include even more unique offerings. The community events held downtown bring people together and create a lively atmosphere. These events should continue and be promoted to attract more residents and visitors.
- The historic architecture gives the area a unique character and a sense of timelessness. These buildings should be carefully preserved and restored when needed to maintain the downtown's aesthetic appeal. The diverse array of local shops and restaurants offer a variety of options for dining and shopping. The unique offerings and local flavors should be supported to keep the commercial scene lively. The presence of parks and green spaces provides a respite from the urban hustle and allows for outdoor relaxation. These areas should be well-maintained and perhaps expanded where possible.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its diverse range of dining options, from cozy cafes to upscale restaurants. The unique boutiques and shops offer a variety of products and create a distinct shopping experience. The community atmosphere is also wonderful, with events and festivals that bring people together. I would like to see this sense of community and the variety of local businesses maintained.
- How busy it is, restaurants, diversity of stores, lots of possible parking spots
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its diverse range of shops and eateries. The unique boutiques offer a shopping experience that is distinct from big chain stores. The restaurants provide a variety of cuisines, making it a great place for food lovers. The pleasant streetscapes with colorful storefronts and outdoor seating areas also add to its appeal.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its diverse range of dining options, from cozy cafes to upscale restaurants. The unique boutiques and shops add character and provide a great shopping experience. The well-maintained parks and open spaces are also a plus, offering a place to unwind and enjoy nature in the midst of the city. Additionally, the community events and festivals that take place here bring people together and create a vibrant atmosphere.

- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its diverse range of shops and eateries. The unique boutiques offer one-of-a-kind items, and the restaurants provide a variety of cuisines to suit different tastes. The community atmosphere is also a big draw, with people gathering in the parks and outdoor spaces. The regular events and festivals add to the vibrancy of the area.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its diverse range of shops and eateries. The unique boutiques offer a shopping experience that is different from big chain stores. The restaurants serve a variety of cuisines, making it a great place for food lovers. The sidewalk cafes and outdoor seating areas add to the charm and create a pleasant atmosphere for people to socialize. I also appreciate the regular community events and festivals that bring the locals together and add to the vibrancy of the area.
- More modernized installations/buildings and more plants/trees
- The parklets, the historical buildings/history,
- Enjoying more summer activities on the closed streets.
- What I like about Downtown San Mateo and want to see maintained is its diverse range of local businesses. The unique shops, cafes, and restaurants give the area a distinct character and a sense of community. The tree-lined streets and historic architecture also add to its charm and make it a pleasant place to stroll and explore.
- Central Park
- I like the different restaurants and new restaurants that are in downtown. I also like how there is a movie theater and grocery stores so you don't have to travel far.
- Safety and hot new restaurants/boba/coffee
- Streets, accessibility and family oriented
- I like the closure of the portion of B Street. It's wonderful to be able to walk downtown in a more open space.
- the art work and sunlight - not allowing for too many new high rises that make it less inviting
- I like the variety of restaurants.
- I like that there is a variety of options for eating out and that the city has fun events sometimes
- Accessibility
- Is there an actual downtown? I don't think so. Vast amounts of buildings torn down with nothing replaced, Closed businesses and random streets closed down. No saving of architectural structures. It's a mess.
- Cleaning of streets sidewalks etc and landscaping trees and plants
- The closure of b st downtown
- Open the b street
- Independent stores
- Size and Central Park
- Festivals and fairs
- Walkability
- Cleanliness, safety and of course the beautiful trees and landscape. Also just the chaos and flow of traffic.



- Downtown San Mateo is a gem that offers a variety of restaurants, speciality grocery stores, and retail offerings. The downtown core is very family-oriented and walkable, with plenty of available and inexpensive parking. I'd like to see a continued emphasis on pedestrian accessibility to local landmarks like Central Park, the downtown train station, and the post office.
- Walkability and ability to satisfy most of my needs
- Classic architecture, lots of shops and restaurants, few empty storefronts, no blight
- I enjoyed the smaller downtown feel.
- Tennis courts, dog park, cleanliness of the streets and parking spots and garage.  
Restaurant selection and clean storefronts
- The variety of shops and restaurants.
- Landscape
- Street fair would be awesome
- walkability
- Love the parklets and B Street promenade
- I like that it is safe and has a decent variety of dining options.
- More variety of restaurants and shops. Better sidewalk walk conditions and more public benches are needed.
- Parking and shopping. Some businesses I do not go to anymore, like cleaners and hair salons, due to lack of parking.
- Central Park is great. Also love that B street is closed to cars. There are a few great restaurants too
- B street open, movie theater, new parking garages going in
- I love the vibrancy, diversity, and food choices in downtown San Mateo. I also love how more aesthetically pleasing parklets have been built. I also love the B Street pedestrian mall and also the mural that runs along it.
- Alive with restaurants
- B street closed to cars is amazing, please keep that way! There is also plentiful cheap parking (no need to add more!)
- It's nice, but not too fancy.
- Parking is a nightmare and Central Park is the lamest playground for children
- Get rid of the incessant train horns every 10-15 minutes. The level of noise pollution is unacceptable. Bring back pre 2020 levels of quiet. We liked the residential quiet area San Mateo was. Now it is nothing but roads being dug up, unnecessary and San Matean disapproved cell tower installations and plans for more road blocks and closures due to bike lanes or speed bumps or other invasive changes to our movement.
- Events on N Street and at Central Park
- small chain restaurants - do NOT price them out and make them leave!!
- Playgrounds Parks Community activities
- The closure of B street to cars.
- Grocery store (draeger's)

## **Q14.If you could make one change or improvement to Downtown SanMateo, what would it be?**

- More shopping
- Parking , need more reasonable parking
- I wish I had more energy
- From the individual point of view, care for the environment, do not litter, reduce car emissions
- Make it more bicycle-friendly. Too many car lanes on 3rd and 4th Streets and a lack of bicycle parking throughout downtown.
- Cleaner streets and sidewalks.
- Receptables for compost, landfill, recycling
- Less Asian restaurants-more variety
- Digital signage indicating availability in parking lots
- If you can change through me, I hope to be a good person, do not litter, be a high-quality person
- Availability of parking
- Reduce the cost of parking
- environmental protection
- Landscaping
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- More parking Spaces
- Walkability
- Family-friendly
- Availability of parking
- Cost of parking
- Cost of parking
- Availability of parking
- Cost of parking
- Assortment of restaurants
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- The overall environment does an upgrade.
- Build more parking Spaces.
- Better traffic flow and update Central Park
- NO
- Plant and maintain trees to create tree-lined streets.
- Cleaner side walks
- Ensure that historic buildings are maintained according to ordinances/codes. For example, the front Levy Bros building on the north side of Third Ave (across from the Benjamin Franklin Hotel) is a complete eyesore with major pieces of the facade missing, and it has been like this for over a year and getting worse. Back side of Pacific Catch on historic Main St. is completely filled with smelly, overflowing trash/recycle containers.

- Ease of access to the place
- Maintain our unique look. The new structures all look the same and we are losing our character.
- Cleaner sidewalks! More planters with flowers. Nice benches to sit
- Make downtown pedestrian and dog friendly
- More covered and pleasant outdoor seating with a better variety of restaurants.
- Wash sidewalks, please!
- More variety of restaurants
- too many restaurants....need shopping
- Remove the dining on the street as there is now limited parking
- More community activities all over Downtown that draw people from all over San Mateo. There should be a "town center", like they have in Redwood City, for people to gather for these community activities (Central Park is lovely but it's disconnected from Downtown).
- the cars are TOO NOISY, people are revving their cars on baldwin all day and night, but people live here. it's very loud and annoying.
- Better design of streetscape and building facades along with wider sidewalks
- More free parking
- Re-design 442 Memorial with Bonsai plants and maple tree Benches or small sitting or conversational sections as in Burlingame downtown, especially in unused open spots, such as outside Walgreens or Post Office for starters, maybe to help revitalize store fronts and to create interest and friendly atmosphere. Repurpose Starbuck corridor with friendly community art, information, contributions, or event postings
- The EV charging with powerflex is harder to use than other competitors. The app is clunky for both price charging and setting how much to charge. It takes at least twice as long as other types of chargers in the area
- More variety of stores like clothing and gift shops and add more places to sit and gather.
- Do not allow any developers to build high-density high rise housing, and please have whomever removed all the trees and installed the chainlink fence between 3rd and 4th Ave to restore the space to a usable state.
- Better and more varied retail
- More variety of restaurants. However this is challenging. More inviting to walkers like Broadway, RC; Burlingame Ave; University Ave, PA. However this would take redoing sidewalks and landscaping, and not sure the scale (i.e. building heights to width of streets/sidewalks) will allow this.
- Nicer sidewalks
- Get rid of the B Street closure/outdoor area and restore parking and the ability to drive through that area.
- Get rid of the public painted street murals. Open back up B Street - it's completely ridiculous to close over two city blocks of a main thoroughway so seldom used cornhole game sets can be placed in the middle of the street for social media photo ops. More variety of restaurants.
- More parking (we currently walk but sometimes we want/need to drive)

- Would be nice to see more officers on foot or bicycling around. My sister and I were sitting in Central park and someone lingering made us feel uncomfortable. They eventually left but wld b nice to have again on bikes at least officers riding around Central park.
- More parking
- Remove all homeless people and keep it clean / safe for families and taxpayers
- Be more like San Carlos or Burlingame- Better restaurants, better variety, cleaner and safer. Make us want to come here rather than go to San Carlos or Burlingame.
- \*I would like to see more bus availability and more pedestrian-only streets. I would also like to see fewer parking lots and more mixed-use zoning.
- Open B Street, make fair business to everybody, have a easy traffic and available parking. Let business owners work fairly and let people free to choose
- Leisure activities
- Need a greater variety of restaurants
- Make 3rd & 4th Streets one-way and use the extra space to widen sidewalks.
- Free parking like other nearby cities
- More European style plazas would be great. Drive through alleys for take out (I know it sounds crazy but would get rid of all the double parking)
- Pressure wash the sidewalks weekly!
- More frequent street cleaning to ensure that the area is clean and bug free. I've started to notice cockroaches and other pests when restaurants put out trash.
- Remove signs from sidewalks
- More public places to sit and congregate that do not necessitate buying something
- Champion the Downtown Historic District and promote maintenance and upkeep of historic buildings and character.
- Reopen B Street to vehicles
- Free metered parking in evenings
- things stay open later! its like a ghost town cry early
- The corner of 3rd and 4th /South Delaware needs traffic remedial redirection 101/4th
- High quality, continuous bike facilities comfortable enough for my kids to use that go to and through downtown going north/south and east/west.
- More interesting retail stores
- Make & keep downtown friendly for all ages. As a senior and lifetime resident of SM, I value its family friendly priority.
- I would like to see less prioritization of cars. What we've done with B street is incredible, do we really need 4 lanes on 4th ave?
- Clean the sidewalks and improve the look of many storefronts.
- More seating in the pedestrian-only street to allow gathering (e.g. picnic tables or something so you can meet friends and enjoy food from different restaurants)
- It is very hard to find parking, so I would like to come in the evenings or weekend but I avoid it because of the parking situation. Also the amount of 24 min parking seems excessive.
- More variety in restaurants - there are many that offer the same cuisine. Improved sidewalk dining.

- Almost all of the restaurants are Asian food. More variety. More restaurants that offer outdoor space. More Sports Bars with TVs. More landscaping. Burlingame and San Carlos have figured it out, why can't San Mateo?
- more variety of retail options (mom and pop stores)
- Power wash sidewalks regularly
- I would rather there be an extra parking garage or two and decrease the amount of on-street parking to make it more pleasant to walk around (and maybe switch those parking spaces out for protected bike lanes with green medians).
- Lower the cost of parking - and make more parking available. I go to RWC to see a movie because there is more parking and the theater offers 3 or 4 hours of free parking in the garage. Why pay to park in San Mateo for the same movie?
- varieties of restaurants
- Stop with adding more restaurants! Most are not that great and at this point their only appears to be one or two ethnic types that are opening, making the dining scene one note and very homogeneous. You also need to open B St again - every time I go down there barely anyone is availing of the table and chairs during the week and during the day. It worked during Covid, but most people are back in the office. Open it back up to traffic during the day and maybe close it for events in the evenings when it makes sense.
- More handicap parking, elevator repairs done promptly in public parking or find an accessible alternative while they are broken
- Less focus on cars and parking.
- More parking.
- Traffic lights at both ends of the South B pedestrian zone (South B St./2nd Ave and at South B St./3rd Ave) should be removed or coordinated better. They delay traffic for no reason whenever there's any railroad activity.
- More independent boutique shops and fewer large chains
- more outdoor seating at restaurants, more public benches or other places to eat takeout other than walking to Central Park, more closed street for pedestrians
- Encourage bikes to slow-down in pedestrian area and obey stop signs.
- Get rid of the horrible parking meters
- too much construction of multi-story buildings. too impersonal.
- Enhancing the closed off blocks for more restaurants and specialty food stores...sort of like a "restaurant central" and making it a social gathering place for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Relocate non-food businesses to outside this area and make this place \*the\* place to browse the restaurants and find something to eat and socialize.
- Improving sidewalks and expanding outdoor seating
- Improve landscaping
- wider and cleaner sidewalks
- Wider sidewalks
- More dog friendly More closed off streets More parking

- Architecture and design, more nature. More visually appealing places to gather and hangout. Establish a space with more scenic viewpoints
- Make more pedestrian only streets with outdoor seating for eateries.
- Steam clean the sidewalks and empty the trash cans
- I would close off more streets to be pedestrian only. The downtown area should be a place where people can walk freely - Currently, the amount of space dedicated to cars significantly outweighs the space for people. The vibrancy of B street should point to the success of making things people friendly. If people want to visit San Mateo's downtown, they should take the bus, bike, or walk instead of being allowed to take up significant amounts of space and impede on the movement of pedestrians at all times of day. The cars really make a pleasant place not nearly as enjoyable to spend time, even after considering B Street. Parking lots are a really significant scourge on the spatial planning of the city, and although I know there would be immediate complaints if it was to be removed in any capacity, the complaints come from a minority and most people who actually are in the downtown area enough to enjoy it greatly prefer that there would be additional retail, housing, etc. To be quite frank, I do not think the city should listen to residents in neighborhoods like Hillsborough or Baywood in regards to how downtown is developed, as they often vote in ways that make downtown less pleasant for everyone else besides them. That's simply not a way to run a city.
- Not sure
- I will implement epidemic prevention and public health measures to ensure the safety and health of residents and tourists.
- Build a more efficient and environmentally friendly public transportation system.
- More parking
- More nightlife options. Most things close by 9pm.
- Easier to find parking
- clean the sidewalks to new they are filthy and my wife doesn't want to go downtown anymore, the storefronts are too old to be modern and too new to be quaint, lost in the 60's we go to Santana row, los Gatos, mt view, Palo Alto, San Carlos, Burlingame, lots of driving to be in nice environment
- Need areas available for smokers. I know everyone discourages it, but there are a lot of us and we can not smoke in our apartments anymore. Smokers also need relaxing areas.
- Visibility at some pedestrian crossings is a big concern I've noticed. I've seen on quite a few occasions a driver having to slam on their brakes after seeing someone crossing last minute. Sometimes it'll be because the crossing entrance is obscured, and other times it'll be because the driver is going too fast, which I'd estimate to usually be around 35-40MPH. I've especially seen this case with children since they're smaller and often less aware. Thankfully drivers in San Mateo seem to pay more attention, but all it takes is for someone to be distracted at the wrong second. I'm not entirely sure what the best solution would be, but I can think of a couple things that might help. Extending curbs at crossings where they aren't already is a relatively simple addition, but not necessarily always feasible. One place where this might work is the westbound side of 3rd Ave by the movie theater. There's a defunct right turn lane there and while the curb is marked, people will park there at night due to no parking enforcement during those hours. A possible solution could be to extend

the curb there, or even turn that entire lane into a mixed use path. The sidewalk there has always felt narrow, and that could also help with that. The only issue is figuring out where delivery trucks could go, but maybe leaving a ramp or allowing part of the path to be mounted could work. A cheaper solution is a dedicated bike lane, but those run into the chicken and egg problem since San Mateo as a whole has very scattershot bike infrastructure. Especially since people often don't use them unless the lanes are physically separated with some kind of barrier. Another especially problematic intersection I'd say is 2nd Ave & S. B St. Cars there are often racing the yellow light there, and sometimes even getting stuck in the intersection. I don't know what a good solution here is since that intersection has high traffic from both pedestrians and cars due to the nearby B. St walkway as well as the parking garage. One could potentially close the section between B. St. and Ellsworth and ask cars to go around instead, but that could also be heavily controversial as well. Ultimately solving this one likely has no "best solution," but something should definitely be done before the worst happens.

- More lights, like Downtown Palo Alto
- Fewer places downtown for the Draper University to take up space. Restaurants that do not have all Asian menus in the windows. Need to have English as highlighted as Asian characters.
- Better and more cleaning times throughout the week and the weekend.
- Free parking every day
- Less cars. More pedestrianized areas. I'm from England. Most town centers (bigger than San Mateo downtown) completely restrict car travel. It's so nice to walk around, especially with kids without having to worry about cars coming in and out of parking lots without looking.
- More places to shop and less boba shops, there isn't a single clothing store I can recall but there's way too many boba stores
- Please clean the sidewalks and empty the garbage cans. More restaurant variety.
- More public seating and shade on B street, would be so nice not to just have it bare.
- Make downtown more inviting (similar to some European cities).
- More inviting places to sit that are outside of a restaurant. Make the pedestrian mall more inviting. More family friendly events.
- More pedestrian-only areas, more parklets for restaurants. The stupid regulations that forced so many restaurants to take away their parklets are so frustrating. Look at NYC. Our weather is perfect for outdoor dining and socializing and the City f'd it up.
- Greater variety of restaurants and more diverse retail
- Useful stores for errands. Too many fast food places.
- Less boba shops
- Better shops...women's wear
- Hands down, it would be improving the playground area and activities within Central Park. For older generations, you could add outdoor exercise equipment along the walk paths for younger generations, the playground equipment is in sore need of an update.
- More parking
- Make it people centric and less car centric. How much parking does one piece need? How many high volume streets going through the core of the downtown? Convert spaces to

gathering, make it easier to get downtown via mass transit, cycling, walking. Why do we make it easy to drive their, but not take the train or cycle?

- I can make an improvement to the downtown area of San Mateo to enhance the convenience and coverage of the public transportation system.
- Maybe more entertainment that appeals to young professionals? Some ideas are board game cafes, karaoke, workshops, etc.
- More parking
- More diverse cuisines and more parking options
- More bike parking and bike infrastructure
- More bike racks and places to park bikes
- Easier parking. Free parking would be nice
- Closure of more streets to make the area more walking and child friendly
- More variety in stores. Places for children like an imagination city, arcade , bowling.
- More parking availability, more retail stores
- Add a lower cost grocery store than Draeger
- Make sure to preserve historic vibes of DTSM. Activate B street between second and 1st so it has an actual vibe and not just crummy outdoor eating set ups from restaurants.
- More parking options please!
- Extend the blocked area on B street. Add more parklets. So great to be able to sit outside. It's like Europe.
- more retail
- I hate having B street blocked off. It has turned a bad traffic situation even worse
- More walkable areas
- Please please add a variety of retail shops. We need to go to Burlingame for shopping. Also too many similar restaurants/ drink/ dessert shops. More variety of cuisine/ restaurants.
- More parking. More weekly community events, year round.
- More of the close parking spots to downtown being more 15 minute only for takeout
- More trees and/or natural shade with places to rest
- Make more parking, make more affordable housing. Diverse restaurants
- Have an independant bookstore that carries new books (I love B Street Books, but they don't always have what I'm looking for, and I would rather buy from an independant book store than Barnes & Noble). Bonus points if that bookstore also carried board games!
- More places to grab a drink. Like grape and vine
- Lower the speed limit to 15 MPH to make it safer for pedestrians. Drivers make it super scary sometimes.
- More parking. Better light syncing so traffic snarks would ease. More left hand turn lights.
- More police presence
- More kid/family friendly things are always welcome.
- better variety of restaurants and costs
- As a new dog owner, more outdoor seating at restaurants. Despite having B street remain closed to cars, there are actually not a lot of options for outdoor seating.
- Configuration- you need a central area that all streets come to within the shopping area
- More activities planned on the streets that are closed to car traffic



- Variety of restaurants - too many asian options. I like more high end variety.
- Improve B street's pedestrianization and make it more permanent (automatic rising bollards, paved or cobblestone streets that are more level)
- I would like the walking area on B st between 1st and 2nd to be cleaned better. Also more public seating in that area. There's no where to sit and hangout. I would also like more parking for Downtown residents. Currently we have to park blocks away in order to park. I'd like resident parking permits for the area.
- More parking
- Better support/programs for the homeless in the downtown area - along with better communication about opportunities to help; ways for local businesses to donate food, etc.
- Better pedestrian experience, especially on B Street. For B Street, level/flatten the street and replace asphalt with nicer pavement and add more trees/benches
- Different types of restaurants cuisine
- Less poop on the sidewalk, about once a month I'll see that
- Besides architecture that is more compatible with existing buildings, you need a grocery store like Trader Joes and/or a Whole Foods in the Downtown. We are not sure if there will be grocery stores at the Lanes Partners mixed use project on 4th Avenue or the 303 Baldwin project on B Street, Baldwin, Ellsworth. Residents need organic fruits and vegetables at reasonable prices without having to drive to get into a car to Whole Foods or Trader Joes. A Farmers Market along the pedestrian mall on B Street would get people into the Downtown. More boutique specialty shops. These new developments are driving out all the small businesses.
- more variety of restaurants at night. Daytime for salads is easy. Restaurants open at night don't have much variety
- free parking
- more pedestrian streets
- Pressure wash the streets more often.
- better parking especially more handicapped parking
- give it a whole new parking meter guys and new police officers!!!!!!
- I'd love a different mix of restaurants. Perhaps another breakfast place. Perhaps some parking that's just for picking up takeout.
- Free dedicated parking for the blood bank (Second & El Camino).
- Better information on community events such as Summer Concerts, etc
- I would like the sidewalks to be cleaned. I was downtown on Sunday and it was so crowded! I use a walker and it was difficult for me to use the sidewalk because of all the people.
- increase closed streets
- Wider variety of activities and kinds of restaurants.
- Add more community events.
- Cleaner sidewalks
- More pedestrian-only blocks like on B Street.
- Create a communal gathering place for live music and other activities
- PLEASE clean the streets, sidewalks, and parking lots.

- Eliminate large buildings and commercial office spaces.
- Daylight San Mateo Creek.
- The parking situation. Provide more, lower-cost parking. Provide free parking on Saturday in addition to Sunday.
- Cleaner streets
- Hard to find out about events. Sometimes randomly stumble on them on Facebook but not consistently
- Parking availability and cost
- Definitely need more parking, it is getting worst as 4th street is opening more restaurants and parking is a pain in peak time
- More parking is always a plus.
- Open B Street.
- More diversity of restaurants and outdoor dining, more late night dining and bars
- More benches
- Make it like Burlingame Ave
- Have more seated areas with shade available.
- Create a downtown plaza.
- More diversity in restaurants. It seems like some cultures are over-represented, while others are completely ignored.
- Add more greenery to make it (esp. B St.) more “park-like”
- more variety of restaurants
- More communal seating that's not necessarily tied to a specific restaurant/cafe!
- A bit more diversity in the types of restaurants and bars; make Central Park open to dogs at all hours of the day (not just mornings 6-8).
- More variety of shops / less bubble tea and noodle small restaurants, more local retail
- To keep the diversity, now everything is just another boba or Asian restaurant that opens up.
- Cleanliness of the streets and the stores (poor signs such as handwritten or unprofessional signage) makes the downtown area feel dirty, unsafe, and uninviting.
- variety of restaurants (asian has taken over), any retail!
- Wider variety of cuisines... too many boba and ramen places TBH
- Maybe allowing pop ups or a small farmer's market during the weekends. I think the courtyard in front of the theater is under utilized and could be a nice spot for a small maker's market near gifting holidays, inviting makers from the San Mateo county.
- Clean it up. The sidewalks are often filthy and there are overflowing garbage cans everywhere.
- Put tree lights on 3 & 4 ave; spray clean area around the movie theater area. Walk way awful w garage outside & mall area looks dirty
- More hip.. just because it's technically a suburb doesn't mean it can't be a very cool place. With stores like Atlas, coffee shops like Blue Bottle and restaurants like Wursthall and Pausa, the direction for cool things to happen are there. But the leadership is lacking in moving the needle in the right direction.
- Remove unused Parklets
- The City should insist on quality building design for any structure in the downtown area.

- Eliminate the vehicles
- wider variety of restaurant cuisines
- Keep the local service providers. We have lost the toy store, tailor, now the cobbler and the jewelry repair seems to be disappearing Also keep a variety of food/drink. Why no artisanal ice cream but 1000 boba stores?
- All the new restaurants are the same. There are more noodle soup like restaurants than all the other restaurants combined. It would be nice to have more variety.
- More areas where we can gather with kids and friends. More shopping/retail. More outdoor dining and parklets.
- Crossing El Camino Real feels very dangerous sometimes. I wish there could be a public safety campaign to get drivers to be more respectful.
- Open up B Street again to cars
- A significant emphasis on bars and nightlife to continue revitalizing the city for young people
- Close off central business district streets to cars to make a large pedestrian area with ample space for bicycle parking.
- Besides missing Talbot's...something for teens, even if just public sitting areas.
- More retail, better signs for parking
- Free two-hour parking. Several other cities have it and it works.
- More diverse restaurants
- cleanliness, more benches for sitting
- Make it more cohesive. Redwood City has done a great job with their downtown, I would copy their program
- More diversity in dining options, more closed off streets for walking and outside dining especially during non-winter months
- Traffic
- Slow down on the apartment developments. Keep it quaint and friendly.
- Make more permanent investments to the closed b street areas.
- more outdoor seating options at restaurants (besides the blocks that are blocked off from cars completely). this makes the vibe even more lively and inviting.
- Clean the sidewalks in front of and behind all restaurants especially Asian Take a look and use San Luis Obispo's downtown as an example No comparison
- Clean the sidewalks!!
- Easier/affordable parking and public transit between there and foster city
- Make it spotless. Clean it up.
- Improve non-auto access and circulation.
- More of same.
- open up B street
- More summer events for families. French towns are fantastic at having events that bring together the community. Would love to see that adapted to our town.
- A little cleaner sidewalks
- Get rid of those stupid meters! Coin meter are so much better. Who on earth picked the current ones needs their head examined.
- Great restaurants and keeping an upscale grocery store.

- reduce traffic flow
- Marketing around the small business owners in downtown, not just the hip brands.
- Daily clean and maintenance
- Have music in the street or something fun if you close off B. need more variety of restaurants and nice bars with outdoor patio.
- Bring back old town sushi. Give free parking to all oneils patrons. More Italian restaurants.
- More fun restaurants for younger audiences
- Have some live music venues
- more outdoor dining
- A bigger variety of restaurants
- Free parking
- Find a way to make it less grungy and dirty looking. Needs a variety of restaurants types.  
Too many Asian food
- Less cars
- I wish there was more of a central gathering space to hang out the way RWC has the County Capitol Courtyard.
- Disregard of drivers and especially bike and scooter riders of traffic rules and basic concern for the public and the gross short sightedness of city planners for deteriorated traffic flow in the downtown areas.
- More activities for teens and families
- Add a splash pad to Central Park or downtown with lots of seating. Families could get takeout, treats play in the splash pad. It would draw so many more people downtown.
- More shopping (like Burlingame)
- I would say that, for new restaurants, trying to keep or increase the variety what goes there. We have so many boba places and so many hot pot places, but if only 1-2 are good or our favorite...the other places we just ignore.
- better parking options, Tesla charging
- Less congestion from cars trying to find street parking, better pedestrian walk ability
- Too many restaurants
- Cleanliness, safety crossing El Camino Real. Drivers running red light all the time
- music or audiobook store
- No right turn on red Red curbing on corners to improve pedestrian visibility Bike lanes east/west and north/south through downtown Leading pedestrian indicator at every intersection downtown
- Can't think of anything
- more shops (too many restaurants)
- Clean it up
- Wider, cleaner sidewalks would be lovely. There's a sewer smell wafting into the street on several blocks and the sidewalks are crowded with people and beautiful trees.
- Clean it up, update it!
- It would be nice to have more affordable places to hang out for teens. A more walking friendly path from the library to downtown. More trees overall.
- More variety of shops, not just restaurants

- remember some of the events for the community we used to have? like the wine walk from years ago? or halloween trick or treating across the storefronts? would love to have some of those come back to be able to engage with the stores and my family
- Get rid of the Chinese restaurants and the hideous pictures of Chinese food on the windows
- Free Parking for limited time.
- More public gathering areas
- Additional selective street closures for additional opportunities to congregate for pedestrians
- higher quality stores
- Remove enough street parking to install wide bike lanes that are well clear of traffic lanes. If this were to happen I would feel safe to use my ebike for shopping instead of my car.
- More variety of better than average dinner restaurants
- End the allowance or building of corporate and/or corporate offices-w-retail off of El Camino Real
- The number one reason I avoid downtown is the paid parking. I would love to pop downtown to pick up a coffee or a pastry but do not do so because of the need to pay for parking and who knows how long to pay for...10 minutes, 15 minutes...30 minutes. It all depends on if there is a long line. The phone app has made no impact on my distaste for having to pay for parking.
- Less restaurants, more attention to cohesive architecture, require shopowners to keep sidewalk out front clean, greater variety of shops that are not food related
- keep up with maintenance in central park
- Larger pedestrian only sections. Less Asian themed restaurants - far too many.
- Close 4th Street from ECR to Ellsworth (similar to B Street); change 5th Street one way eastward from ECR to Delaware.
- More plaza type spaces.
- Traffic and parking
- Less apartment buildings.
- Enforce traffic laws - people constantly make u-turns in the middle of the street or turn from one side to the other to park. This is unsafe and disrupts traffic. Worst spot is in front of Starbucks and Noah's on Fourth Ave.
- Add benches/public toilets
- I would like to see a greater variety of restaurant cuisine. I love Asian food but I would like more variety.
- If the 'parklets' are good for the businesses they serve then ok. But realize it makes it hard to negotiate the downtown area.
- More trees/plants
- more retail
- Traffic and parking can be challenging, particularly at peak times. Solutions that accommodate cars, cycles, and pedestrians keep \*everyone\* safer. That includes education - infrastructure and culture must work together to be effective. Physical traffic control measures should also be esthetic - the current barricades closing B Street to vehicle traffic are not!

- Allow more dining/drinking on B street. Maybe a night market on some nights. This will attract more visitors and make it a destination spot.
- More diversity of restaurants. There are too many of the same kinds.
- Upgrade a better parking payment machine system - where main screen is easy to follow and give enough time to ADD Minutes when needed. Credit card should be available especially at the parking garage next the Cinemark Theater.
- Free parking in a center diagonal parking strip on 4th AVE (LIKE THEY HAVE IN PACIFIC GROVE, CA ON lighthouse which is FREE parking.
- More access and variety of places to park. Have a tram system somewhat similar to downtown Denver Colorado with remote parking. . It makes getting around and Parking so much easier I wish San Mateo would have a look at this.
- wider sidewalks, 3rd ave and B street - pedestrian-only, return of parklets or outside seating instead of parking.
- Better sidewalks
- An easy way to drive around it. Right now it's slow whether you go through or around downtown.
- Make it less ugly. It is so ugly. When I have friends and family in town and take them downtown, the conversation always goes to how ugly the city is. No architectural integrity at all. Dirty too.
- Varied restaurants, too many Asian/noodle/bowl restaurants
- easier to park
- having a central area for events and family gatherings
- Continue to improve safety and cleanliness
- Re open the closed streets
- Make it more accessible. Open up B Street again and eliminate the parklets that litter our street.
- No cost parking on weekends-Saturdays
- I need help understanding the mix of restaurants or lack of mix. SM should be attracting high-end retail stores or specialty boutiques to keep tax dollars in SM.
- More stores/boutiques as opposed to the many restaurants.
- Make it disabled-friendly by adding disabled parking and not shutting down streets as disabled and older people are shut out! As my mother aged, we no longer went downtown, including to the movie theater, because there was inadequate parking and it was too difficult for her to be walking. I know this is true for hundreds of older people and disabled people.
- It would be amazing to have a more affordable grocery store downtown - specifically for dry goods. Deans' Produce is nice for produce, but they mostly have like specialty European dry goods. Draeger's is very expensive, and Mi Rancho is also pretty expensive. I live walking distance to downtown and I would loooove to be able to meet all my needs without a car, but I do still need to drive to Safeway or Trader Joe's for my weekly groceries :(
- Daily steam-clean the sidewalks!
- Improve east side of RR tracks and roads from freeway to downtown
- it would be nice to have more night life with bars/music with outside sitting.

- make more pedestrian only streets
- parking is tight. no one is parking at the new light in the old kinkos lot.
- Orientation and focus of downtown. B St faces north/South. This is problematic as winds on many afternoons blow parallel to B st and make it a wind tunnel and less enjoyable. A better focus would be east west 3rd, 4th, and 5th ave (this would replicated a similar orientation with Burlingame Ave, Santa Cruz Ave in Menlo Park, University Ave in Palo Alto, and Catro in Mountain View).
- I'd like to see the B Street mall leveled out so that smaller restaurants that maybe can't afford an expensive parklet could at least have a non-slanting dining area.
- The last time we came down, there was practically no bike parking for a pedestrianized plaza, which makes no sense.
- It is in general safe and clean, but I wish these aspects can be improved even further.
- Add more variety of type of cuisine that is not from Asia. Add nightlife for young people. Expand sidewalks. Many times the sidewalk is being blocked by restaurants goers making line.
- San Mateo downtown as a destination is so challenging if driving to get in, drive through, and find parking. There is very often traffic jams and construction activities impact movements. Right now I avoid coming into downtown.
- Add more diverse restaurants, there is an overabundance of asian food Also, I rooftop bar/restaurant would be great
- Ironically (given the last question) it needs MORE diversity. Where are the family friendly, open air restaurants. The bars with music at night, and it would be nice if some of the asian-style restaurants also had more English in their signage so I would feel more welcome at their restaurants.
- Reopen b street
- Establishment of a smart city management platform. Utilize big data, cloud computing and other technical means to carry out intelligent management of the city and improve the efficiency of urban management and service level.
- Building more children's playgrounds: more safe and fun places for children to play.
- Optimize the urban lighting system. Adoption of energy-saving lamps and intelligent control systems to enhance the aesthetics of the urban nightscape while saving energy.
- Increase public Wi-Fi. Free Wi-Fi services are provided in public places such as parks and shopping malls for the convenience of residents and tourists.
- Strengthening historical and cultural preservation. Preservation and restoration of buildings of historical value and cultural heritage.
- New buildings use green building materials and technologies to reduce energy consumption and emissions.
- Installation of additional barrier-free facilities. Such as barrier-free elevators and ramps to facilitate travel for special groups such as the elderly and the disabled.
- More interesting stores to shop in...like San Carlos or Los Altos
- Create special commercial streets. Such as food street, handicraft street, etc., to attract tourists and residents to spend money.
- Road diet on 4th Ave

- Utilize technology to improve the accuracy and efficiency of waste separation.
- Enhance the convenience of public transportation. Additional subway stations and optimized bus routes have made public transportation more convenient and efficient.
- Construction of a multi-functional community center. Integrate the functions of library, gymnasium and cultural activity room to meet the diversified needs of residents.
- Create walkable commercial neighborhoods to enhance the shopping and leisure experience.
- diversity in restaurants and stores. More community outreach.
- More variety of restaurants
- Better variety of restaurants and cleaner sidewalks!
- More retail shops. More variety.
- Better use of the parklet spaces on the streets closed to traffic (one street has almost no restaurants using those areas and it looks quite empty)
- Cleanliness
- Maybe add an arch, flowers to the entrance and exit to downtown San Mateo
- Development of more residential living units-Midrise is OK
- Feeling safe in stairwells and tunnel to Caltrain
- Need more regular retail to compete with a Burlingame Ave and bring more ppl there who aren't foodies.
- Stairway of Caltrain station to underground parking should be better maintained.
- More places suitable for young people's entertainment can be built.
- I wish there were more parking spaces and cheaper cost of parking.
- More music/entertainment venues
- I hope more places can drive private cars instead of bicycles.
- I hope to add some pedestrian streets.
- I wish the transportation could be more convenient.
- Enforce unauthorized parking in loading zones.
- I'll be renovating some run-down buildings downtown.
- To remove that closer near B St. and have more shopping. I would also like to see more of a variety of food and restaurants. A Deli on B St. would be lovely
- I hope to promote tourism culture here.
- More variety of stores and restaurants.
- More retail businesses and less high rises surrounding the town
- I will make transportation more convenient.
- I wish there was more variety in activities to do instead of just going to the movies or eating.
- We need to preserve the environment of Central Park.
- End the walk about and open the streets back up
- More seating areas for people to sit and eat/ chill
- Improved kids events. The summer concerts are great, but other events targeted for kids tend to have one active item and drawing.
- More boutiques
- Increase traffic frequency.



- Establishment of one-stop service centers (to provide residents with convenient one-stop services such as government services, legal counseling, health counseling, etc.)
- Additional security cameras have been installed to improve the level of policing and protect the safety of residents.
- Raise residents' awareness of environmental protection, reduce waste generation and promote resource recycling.
- Building more community parks and green spaces (to provide residents with more space for leisure and relaxation and to enhance the quality of life)
- Introducing more renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, to reduce dependence on traditional energy sources and realize sustainable development.
- Increase the number of parks
- Construction of an intelligent parking system . Use technology to optimize the allocation of parking resources and reduce the time wasted looking for a parking space.
- Add big brands to the city center
- Upgrade the public transportation system \ Increase the frequency of bus and subway frequency, increase station coverage, and improve travel efficiency.
- Repair and refurbish roads
- Create more bike lanes and walking paths/encourage green travel to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.
- Replace the trash can
- Replacement of street lights
- Repair and refurbish roads
- More wood tables, more planters
- Adding community gyms or sports facilities: encouraging residents to participate in physical exercise and improve their physical fitness.
- Establish a community shared kitchen/place for residents to cook and share food.
- Promote environmentally friendly shopping bags, reduce the use of plastic bags to protect the environment.
- Can increase greening and have more areas for dinner.
- Enhance safety and security in the city center.
- Add trash cans
- Add coffee shops
- The street front store adds some luxury brands
- Add a public art exhibition space and organize regular art exhibitions to enrich the cultural life of the public.
- Provides up-to-date information on community news, events and resources.
- Increase the quality of frontage shops
- Promoting community volunteerism. Organize various types of voluntary service activities to enhance community cohesion.
- Addition of a children's play area: safe and fun play equipment for kids.
- Promote rainwater harvesting systems for irrigating green spaces and cleaning streets to conserve water resources.

- Provide basic medical services and health counseling to improve the health of the population.
- Ensure that the city center stays bright and safe even at night.
- Optimize parking management and adopt intelligent parking systems to improve parking efficiency and reduce the time spent searching for parking spaces.
- Encourage the public to use electric vehicles to reduce air pollution.
- Provide a place for citizens and visitors to rest and interact.
- Organized on a regular basis to sell local products and handicrafts and promote the local economy.
- Improve walking paths and sidewalks, ensure smooth surfaces, adequate lighting, and increase walking safety.
- Establishment of community innovation centers - office space and resource support for startups and entrepreneurs.
- (c) Ensure that all public places are accessible to special groups such as older persons and persons with disabilities.
- Improve the accuracy and efficiency of waste segregation and promote resource recovery.
- More public green Spaces and parks can be added to improve the greening rate of the city
- Build more public toilets to solve the problem of tourists and citizens having difficulty in finding toilets in the city center.
- To have more available parking
- Additional free Wi-Fi hotspots were installed to cover the entire downtown area, making it easy for citizens and visitors to use the Internet.
- Introduce more green roofs and vertical gardens to increase the area of urban green space and improve air quality.
- Encourage green travel to reduce traffic congestion and carbon emissions.
- Add more bus routes and stops to improve the frequency and punctuality of buses.
- More closed streets and parklets for restaurants
- More pedestrian zones, outdoor dining and bars restaurants open late. Fix Central Park playground
- I want diversity in the restaurant
- The convenience of transportation
- Enhance the convenience of transportation
- give more attention to 25th avenue businesses
- Diverse food options. For a long long time, there was barely any bakery. We have few now. More cafe will be nice. More (non Asian) options will be nice too
- More parking.
- Please, please please clean the sidewalks, clean the streets, clean it up the storefront look filthy. Everything needs to be painted and cleaned garbage cans need to be emptied
- Have more communal areas with tables or benches for people to sit
- Get rid of all the pedestrian ways. That's why I don't like going there anymore. I used to frequent it a lot as a kid, as a young adult, etc, now I won't take my kids there because parking is ridiculous because of the unnesecary expansive pedestrian ways
- parking meters at so high for a quick trip

- Cleaner
- Give back B Street access and parking
- Better diversity of things to do in the evening.
- Adding more parks and greens would be wonderful. Even small pocket parks with benches and trees could provide a respite from the urban environment.
- More store and restaurant variety
- More variety of shops other than restaurants
- There's nothing left to improve. I think it's pretty good
- Various leisure, fitness and entertainment facilities will be increased
- Have things open past 8pm
- More places to park bicycles
- More retail shops
- More retail
- Cleaner sidewalks and storefronts
- Central meeting place / courtyard for events. This could be Central Park. Look at Burlingame Washington park. Don't tear down the community building by the tea garden. Make it better!
- Better choice of non asian restaurants
- Better parking and more night life
- More parking.
- Repaint the street to normal consistent color and no colors at all. You need to consider people wouldn't fall or slip on the paint if something wet on it.
- More variety of restaurants. It all seems to be Japanese or Asian now.
- More commercial diversity - we sorely lack retail shops compared to neighboring Burlingame and San Carlos, and even our bar/restaurant selection lacks some diversity
- Make it look like downtown burlingame. Put some investment in sidewalks and streetscapes
- more variation of restaurants ... there are TOO many sushi spots, not enough of other options so I go to burlingame or san carlos
- Modernize Central Park, update picnic area and provide shade, provide shade at base, ball area, update play structure, more live performers mid week or weekends
- Clean the dirty sidewalks.
- Encourage and support the development of green buildings
- Increase green space to provide more leisure and recreational areas for residents while improving the urban ecological environment
- Strengthening public transportation systems
- I wish the new buildings could have blended in with the historic buildings -- more brick, more classic rather than being unattractive, modern ones that will look dated
- Cleaner streets, more sit down areas
- Increase community participation by holding residents' meetings
- Increase green Spaces and parks
- I'll build more walking and cycling paths
- Physical structures

- Improved transportation connectivity to neighboring cities or regions for broader regional cooperation and economic development
- Encourage green mobility and reduce reliance on private vehicles while enhancing the quality of the urban environment.
- Incorporate more public artworks in urban spaces to enhance the cultural atmosphere and aesthetics of the city
- Optimize sidewalk design, add rest areas and shade facilities to enhance the walking experience
- Encouraging the use of environmentally friendly materials and energy-saving designs to promote the development of green buildings
- Providing incentives such as discounted fares, monthly or annual passes to encourage more people to use public transportation
- Establish intelligent traffic management system
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- Promote electric buses and shared bicycles
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- Improve the quality of public transport services
- Improve the quality of public transport services
- More community events to bring people together.
- I take an active role within my social circle as a community leader or opinion leader, guiding those around me to work together on downtown improvements.
- I will participate in cultural exchange activities such as art exhibitions and concerts to enrich the cultural life of the city center.
- I advocate healthy eating and encourage those around me to pursue healthy living together
- I personally focus on personal grooming and quality enhancement, and set a positive image for the city center with good conduct
- I will purchase or support the work of local artists, providing financial support and moral encouragement for artistic creation.
- Upgrade and maintain transit vehicles to ensure they are comfortable, reliable, and environmentally friendly.
- Increasing the frequency of buses to reduce passenger waiting time and improve the attractiveness of public transportation
- Adding more bus routes or extending existing routes to cover more areas for residents and visitors
- I will regularly participate in or organize community clean up activities to keep the streets and public areas tidy.
- I joined the volunteer team to participate in public programs or events downtown to contribute to the community.
- I can provide free Wi-Fi service in public places in the city center for citizens and visitors to access the Internet at any time.
- More walk and bike ability less cars
- Plan specific areas for public art displays and encourage artists to display their work.

- To formulate more stringent conservation measures so that historical buildings can be properly repaired and maintained.
- Stop building high rises and keep the small shops and the variety. I see a ton of asian restaurants but all the small business are gone.
- Less boba shops. I'm Asian, and there just too many. I want more variety. Gelato, ice cream, cupcakes, etc. (2.) More fast casual salad shops (Tender Greens, The Toss) because Sweetgreen is great but too far away from B street area. (3) Some more anchor restaurants that can regularly take big groups. Right now there's mainly Pacific Catch and Rise on B Street as anchor big places with outdoor seating or enough seating for big groups. It would be great if others (1) offered outdoor seating (yay Kajiken does now!) and (2) had 1-2 more anchor big places for large parties.
- It would be nice to have a few nice boutiques and a few more upscale stores.
- Variation on restaurants, stores other than food, fix the 2nd Ave parking garage
- Make it a business friendly environment esp when new building happens forcing moves due to rising rents
- I wish more things were open later. And a bike lane that cuts through north to south.
- road
- Build more parks and museums.
- I'll widen the main roads to make sure the traffic flows smoothly.
- Extend paid parking hours to 8 pm and charge an amount for parking that leaves one spot open per block. There is a huge amount of traffic from people waiting to find the perfect spot. On street parking should be set based on demand which would encourage people to use the cheaper (or free) parking garages. The Kiku Garage is grossly under utilized at this point.
- -Organize various cultural activities: organize art exhibitions, concerts, drama performances, cultural festivals and other activities regularly to attract people of different ages to participate and enhance the cultural vitality and attraction of the city.
- Pavement defects should be repaired overnight, not because of a small defect affect the entire bustling city
- Overall, we need to be moving away from cars to walking, biking, and other forms of micromobility. It can't and won't happen overnight and the needs of especially low-income, working class people, people with disabilities that require automobile transport, etc., must be taken into account. But policymaking efforts, budgeting decisions, and so on must keep a transition away from automobile focus top of mind. The wonderful weather here can't let us think climate change isn't real.
- Stop offering parking in downtown so people can park right outside of it and walk into downtown
- I would like to see more and a wider variety of retail shops (clothing, toys, home goods, etc.) and services (repair and non-profit resources).
- Make the museum's hours longer.
- It's perfect. I invite friends from all over the world over for a vacation
- Wider sidewalks with trees and more casual seating
- I basic green travel mode to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

- I am safety conscious and help maintain public safety by watching for and reporting public safety hazards in the downtown area.
- I have always obeyed the rules of the road, driven or walked in a civilized manner, and contributed to the orderly flow of traffic in the downtown area.
- Add more play areas
- Utilizing the existing resources and space in the city center to support and nurture cultural and creative industries
- grade-separated crossings across Caltrain tracks
- I joined a volunteer organization to provide help and services to the disadvantaged in the downtown area and to transmit positive energy.
- I present my own constructive opinions on the development of the city center to the relevant departments through legal channels to provide reference for decision making.
- I can use social media to introduce others to the good things about downtown San Mateo and attract more people to visit and spend money.
- Exterior repairs and renovations to older buildings in the city center to enhance the overall visual appeal
- Optimize walking and biking paths to encourage more people to use green modes of travel
- Adding more green spaces, parks and leisure seating to provide more places for citizens and visitors to relax and take a rest
- Expand the library
- More greenery
- For instance, increase the coverage and operation frequency of bus lines, introduce more modern, environmentally friendly and comfortable buses; or build more bicycle lanes and pedestrian-only lanes to encourage people to adopt green travel methods, reduce the use of private cars, thereby alleviating traffic congestion, reducing carbon emissions, and improving the sustainability of the city and the convenience of residents' travel.
- Planting more trees and flowers in the open spaces and along the streets in the city center to enhance the greening rate and ecological environment of the city.
- Promoting Cultural Development
- Enhance green spaces and public recreational areas
- Optimize pedestrian and bicycle paths
- Upgrading the public transportation system
- If there was one change or improvement I could make to downtown SAN Mateo, I would like to add green belts and flower beds along the streets.
- I'll prioritize local downtown merchants to spend my money and support their business
- Contribute to the sustainable development of the city center by practicing environmental protection concepts in daily life, reducing the use of disposable products, participating in waste separation, etc.
- Renovate some old streets and improve the image of the city.
- If there is one change or improvement that can be made to downtown SAN Mateo, I want to improve the quality of the environment.
- Better cleaned street/sidewalk. Garbage bins frequently obstruct sidewalk on San Mateo Ave in mornings.

- If I could make one change or improvement to downtown SAN Mateo, I would like to enhance the city's beauty.
- Preservation of historic buildings
- Enhancement of greening level
- Optimize bus routes and station layout
- Enhancement of green spaces and public recreational areas
- If there is one change or improvement that can be made to downtown SAN Mateo, I would like to consider building pocket parks on some vacant plots of land.
- If I could make one change or improvement to downtown SAN Mateo, I would like to add more green space and recreational areas.
- I can contribute to the prosperity and vitality of downtown by actively participating in a variety of community organizations.
- Conservation of historic buildings to preserve their historical features and cultural values
- Optimize commercial layout according to market demand and consumer preferences
- Increase the area of green space in the city center and enhance the greening level
- Improve the street landscape, enhance the image of the city.
- Creating multi functional public spaces to meet the needs of different people
- Improvement of the public transportation system
- Widen the main roads to ensure smooth traffic.
- Traffic outside the city is convenient, want to enter the city at any time will not be inconvenient traffic and trouble
- Improve the progress of renovation
- The Silicon Valley Community Foundation should go further
- Make the road wider
- Make the street view better
- I don't think there's any room for improvement
- More Entertainment Venues
- More Entertainment Venues
- A better place to socialize
- More activities
- I might focus on landscaping
- Stay three days back to Santa Ana, next time should be in November, work settlement will give detailed advice
- I'll add parks and green Spaces in the city center.
- Want to enhance security risks
- way
- Dust
- I'll probably clean up the sanitation in the park carefully
- I might build a few more parking Spaces
- NA
- More variety of restaurants, there's a lot of options but most are too similar.

- Would like to see more done with the open walkable space on B Street. Still feels kind of empty. Would also like to see fewer boba places and more local shops.
- Hope to increase the green area
- Less congested Too many of the same type of restaurants, get more variety
- Expect the Department of Parks and Recreation to continually strive to improve our services, parks and facilities
- Some improvements are being made in the area of security
- Improve the infrastructure better and allow for more recreational areas to be built.
- More lighting further from B street so when you walk home or back to your car it still feels lively and safe.
- As a citizen, I will cooperate actively
- More retail needed
- Add more entertainment facilities
- I would make it less occupied with bikes and increase the availability of car parking.
- More public places to sit and gather on B street and elsewhere. Now there are only restaurant seating
- If it can be improved, I would like to add more recreational facilities such as cafes and open-air lounge areas to enhance the comfort of the city centre.
- Encourage more establishments that are not restaurant related and/or promote small businesses.
- If it can be improved, I would like to upgrade the night lighting in the city centre to increase the sense of security and enhance the atmosphere of evening activities.
- Bike infrastructure. There's a city plan but it's way too slow. If downtown were more bike friendly, and there were safe routes to get there, more residents would travel there by bike, transit would feel more connected, and the city's overall quality of life would improve.
- Modernization
- If it can be improved, I would like to improve the walking and cycling transport facilities in the city centre to make it more convenient and safe.
- Close off B-Street permanently. Add trees and grass and water features and more seating in the middle of the road. Let the restaurants expand into the street!! If they get more business they will stay open longer. Need more nightlife. Fire all the city people that have done nothing to improve downtown.
- If improvements can be made, I would like to add more public leisure areas such as parks and seating so that citizens can enjoy the downtown environment more comfortably.
- 3rd traffic
- Cleaner parking garages. Walking through the stairwells smell like urine and sometimes see trash.
- If it can be improved, I hope to add more arts and cultural activities to enrich the cultural atmosphere of the city centre.
- If it can be improved, I would like to enhance public safety measures in the city centre, such as more patrols and surveillance, to ensure the safety of citizens and visitors.
- An influx of nightlife, bars, breweries and HOUSING that populates the region with the patrons that can support local businesses.



- If it can be improved, I would like to upgrade the traffic sign and indication system in the city center to make navigation clearer and easier.
- Better and more aesthetic streetscaping
- More stores and activities
- We need an arcade
- If improvements can be made, I hope to add more green belts and flower beds to enhance the beauty and comfort of the city centre.
- Free parking for an 2 hrs during the day.
- It needs a total overhaul. Not at all inviting
- Clean the sidewalks regularly
- If it can be improved, I would like to improve the walking convenience of the city center and add more sidewalks and street crossing facilities.
- More or better parking
- If improvements can be made, I would like to add more open-air seating and relaxation areas so that people can better enjoy the atmosphere of the city centre.
- More and a variety of shops; more parking
- There are lots of apartment buildings but no dog park you can go to that is outside of work hours. The trial dog park is okay but is never maintained and does not feel safe for my dog.
- If it can be improved, I would like to add more family-friendly facilities, such as children's playgrounds and family lounge areas.
- If improvements can be made, I would like to improve the traffic flow in the city centre, increase accessibility and make it more friendly to all.
- More diverse restaurants. Put a cap on Asian restaurants.
- If improvements can be made, I would like to improve the night lighting in the city centre so that it remains safe and attractive at night.
- More shops to walk around
- Raise parking prices so that there is more open spaces & less circling cars. Reduce on street parking so fewer drivers honk and drive aggressively.
- Wider sidewalks or more car-free only streets
- If it can be improved, I hope to add more public art installations to enhance the cultural atmosphere and visual appeal of the city center.
- Get rid of the parklets
- If it can be improved, I hope to improve the public facilities in the city centre, such as providing more seats and shade areas, so as to enhance the comfort of the public.
- More greenery and a bit cleaner
- If it can be improved, I hope to add more green Spaces and public activity Spaces to enhance the comfort and attractiveness of the city centre.
- Parking costs and the difficulty of parking often keep me away
- Traffic flow - one way streets would solved 90% of the problems
- I hope to add more public green Spaces and leisure Spaces to provide better places for the public and visitors.
- Increase more green spaces
- More variety of retail.

- more financial support for locally owned small businesses that support community values - best example is Bird's Filling station - and it went out of business because the city did not have the foresight to provide economic support for small business owners. Terrible.
- I'd invest more in cleanliness and making sure the unhoused people are getting the help they need to be escorted away from sleeping in public areas in the evenings.
- Make it more upscale like Burlingame and San Carlos. Their downtowns feel much nicer and like a destination/place to hang out with friends and family.
- I will add more green spaces and bike lanes to enhance the walkability and bike friendliness of the city center.
- Don't change at all
- Clean up the streets and storefronts. Better and more plants and trees
- I would love a couple more places for nightlife. Nothing crazy, but a solid neighborhood bar that's not a sports bar or an Irish pub would be amazing.
- Beautify and modernize the area, fresh paint and more greenery
- More places to sit outside and enjoy food or coffee.
- More shops open in the evening would be great, and I love Draegers but would like another grocery store. I hate empty storefronts.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to increase the availability of affordable housing. This would allow more people to live in the heart of the city and contribute to its vitality. It would also help to support local businesses by providing a larger customer base.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to increase the number of public restrooms. This would make it more convenient for visitors and shoppers, especially during busy times.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to create more bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly paths. This would not only encourage sustainable transportation but also make it safer and more enjoyable for people to explore the area on foot or by bike.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to increase the availability of affordable housing. This would allow more people to live in the heart of the city and contribute to its vitality.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to increase the number of bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly paths. This would not only make it easier for people to get around without relying on cars but also enhance the overall aesthetic and sustainability of the area.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to increase the availability of affordable housing. This would allow more people to live in the heart of the city and contribute to its continued vitality.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to create more green spaces. A park or a series of small gardens would provide a place for people to relax, enjoy nature, and take a break from the hustle and bustle. This would also improve the aesthetic of the area and contribute to a healthier environment.

- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to increase the availability of affordable housing. This would allow more people to live in the heart of the city and contribute to its dynamic atmosphere.
- Keeping walkways and public areas clean -specifically could power wash walkways every once in awhile because they get quite dirty and sticky with food/oils/garbage from local restaurants.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to create more green spaces and parks. This would provide a respite from the urban hustle and bustle and offer places for people to relax, picnic, or enjoy outdoor activities.
- Make it more inviting, clean especially on the sidewalks.
- Cleanliness!!!! The sidewalks are so dirty and the smell of the garbage and dumpsters is awful AND the garbage cans are always full. The parking garages and elevators smell like urine. You never know what you are walking on...the pavement is so disgusting.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to add more green spaces and parks. This would provide places for people to relax, have picnics, and enjoy nature in the midst of the urban environment.
- More kid and dog friendly
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to improve the lighting at night. This would make the area feel safer and more inviting for evening strolls and activities.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to improve the lighting in certain areas, especially at night. This would enhance safety and make the area more inviting for evening strolls and activities.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to improve the lighting at night. Brighter and more aesthetically pleasing lighting would enhance safety and make the area more inviting after dark.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to add more bike lanes and pedestrian paths. This would make it safer and more enjoyable for people to get around without relying on cars.
- Expand the pedestrian mall
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to expand the green spaces. Adding more parks or pocket gardens would provide places for people to relax and enjoy nature in the midst of the urban environment.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to improve the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Adding more sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes would make it safer and more enjoyable for people to get around on foot or by bike. This would also help reduce traffic congestion and promote a healthier lifestyle.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to create more green spaces and parks. This would provide areas for people to relax, unwind, and enjoy nature in the midst of the urban environment.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to expand the pedestrian areas. This would make it safer and more enjoyable for people to walk around, shop, and socialize. It could also encourage more outdoor events and activities.

- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to create more bike lanes and pedestrian paths. This would not only make it safer for people to get around but also encourage a more sustainable lifestyle.
- More mix of retail stores, and less Boba!
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to improve the lighting at night. This would enhance safety and make it more inviting for people to explore the area after dark.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to increase the number of public parking spaces. This would make it easier for visitors and residents alike to access the area and enjoy all that it has to offer.
- More variety of restaurants. Love eating out. The street where it's closed off to cars can use more nice places to eat. I also miss Trags. Keep draegars or at least a small grocery store in town.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to enhance the public transportation options. This would make it more convenient for people to access the area without having to rely on cars, reducing traffic congestion and environmental impact.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to enhance the public transportation options. This would make it more convenient for people to access the area without having to rely solely on cars.
- I would love to see more green spaces and parks in Downtown San Mateo. This would provide areas for people to relax, have picnics, and enjoy the outdoors. It could also improve the overall aesthetic of the area and contribute to a healthier environment.
- Improve public transportation options and connectivity. This could include adding more bus routes, bike lanes, or even a light rail system to make it easier for people to access downtown and reduce traffic congestion.
- I would like to see more green spaces and parks in Downtown San Mateo. This would provide places for people to relax, enjoy nature, and have picnics. It would also enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area and make it more inviting.
- Improve the public transportation connections to make it easier for people to access Downtown San Mateo from other areas. This could include more frequent bus services or better integration with regional transit systems.
- Implement better public transportation options and more bike lanes to make it easier for people to access Downtown San Mateo without relying solely on cars. This would reduce traffic congestion and make the area more environmentally friendly.
- One change or improvement: Improve public transportation options and connectivity to make it easier for people to access downtown. This could include more frequent bus services, better bike lanes, and potentially even a light rail or tram system.
- Improve the pedestrian infrastructure by adding more sidewalk cafes, wider sidewalks, and better lighting. This would make the area more inviting for people to stroll, shop, and dine outdoors, enhancing the overall atmosphere.
- Improving public transportation options would be beneficial. This could include adding more bus routes, creating bike lanes, or even considering a light rail system. This would make it easier for people to access downtown and reduce traffic congestion.

- I would love to see more green spaces and parks integrated into downtown. This would provide places for people to relax, have picnics, and enjoy the outdoors. It could also enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area and contribute to a healthier environment.
- Improve the public transportation connections to and within downtown. This could include adding more bus routes, improving the frequency of service, or even considering light rail options. This would make it easier for people to access downtown from surrounding areas and reduce traffic congestion.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to enhance the pedestrian experience. This could involve widening sidewalks, adding more benches and street lighting, and creating more green spaces. This would make it more pleasant for people to walk around and explore the area.
- More shops, similar to Burlingame or San Carlos downtown
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to enhance the pedestrian experience. This could involve widening sidewalks, adding more street lighting, and creating more public art installations. This would make it more enjoyable for people to walk around and explore the area.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to enhance the public transportation options. This would make it easier for people to get to and from the area without having to rely on cars, reducing traffic congestion and making it more accessible for everyone.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to enhance the pedestrian experience. This could include wider sidewalks, more benches and seating areas, and better lighting at night. This would make it more pleasant for people to walk around and explore.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to enhance the pedestrian experience. This could involve widening sidewalks, adding more street lighting, and creating more pedestrian-friendly crossings. This would make it safer and more enjoyable for people to walk around and explore the area.
- Have upgraded kid friendly playgrounds and areas
- Parking
- More nightlife options Homeless population & residual garbage
- Add more young adult nightlife/bars like Karaoke, Trivia similar to Redwood City Downtown
- Need more retail. Not many places to buy a gift etc. do not care for the new parking "meters". Sidewalks are dirty in front of many restaurants.
- If I could make one change or improvement to Downtown San Mateo, it would be to increase the availability of public parking. This would make it easier for visitors and residents alike to access the area and enjoy all that it has to offer.
- sdsd
- Stop building so many high rise buildingsnsins
- More seating for people to hang out rather than only being able to enjoy sitting in downtown outside if you eat at a restaurant with a parklet.
- Maybe a little more shopping vs mostly food
- Parking and accessibility

- Like the above, I would have more street closures, which along with that, more centralized parking.
- More health forward restaurants
- It would be great to see more businesses that aren't food related; the food options are great, but the downtown has become one dimensional. It would also be nice to see some of the storefronts cleaned up and some standards around signage.
- Make it more bike friendly
- More events during weekends
- Open B street for cars
- Lack of parking is a huge issue
- More convenient parking would be helpful with clear signing of cost and hours when you have to pay. Also easier ways to pay.
- A sound alarm or signal on parking garage letting pedestrians aware of car's coming out
- Less cars parked everywhere and more park like setting
- Open B street Very hard for the parking
- More attractive in every possible way including trees and landscaping, inviting areas, buildings that aren't "cookie-cutter"
- Open the streets for driving and parking.
- Bike rentals
- Disabled parking availability
- Would like to see art, entertainment and other non-food related businesses
- Chaos and flow of traffic. Sometimes it seems that people just illegally u turn or cut off drivers. Drivers j aware. It's a madhouse.
- I would add more options for nightlife to help the city grow as a destination for working professionals in their 20's and 30's. Most restaurants close between 9-10 pm regardless of weekday / weeknight and there is only one nightclub (Sky Lounge), which has variable hours.
- A grocery store like Trader Joe's.
- More variety; how many boba and soup restaurants do we really need?
- Keep it small, stop building upward and converting the small downtown into a large one.
- More activities at the park, more nice sit down dinners that are non-Asian food, more parking
- More biker friendly
- More nightlife things to do
- More places to eat quickly
- variety of restaurants, more outdoor restaurant dining spaces, more activities like art shows and wine walk, etc
- Discouraging homeless and pan-handling
- Parking and traffic is the main reason I don't go to downtown. Since I don't live walking distance, I need to drive. Parking isn't guaranteed during busy times, but thankfully I live close enough where I frequently visit in off-hours.
- Approve better architectural design for buildings and landscaping.

- Stop building canyons, I laugh everytime I go down 5th ave. and see the bridge between the buildings. It is pretty ugly.
- More diverse food and drink restaurants and bars. More parking.
- More variety / I feel like everything I knew and loved is turning into an Asian restaurant, which, is fine, but it leaves limited options
- We need lots more along the north end of the B St. pedestrian mall (e.g. more parklets, landscaping), String lights that run overhead, similar to Main Street would be nice!!
- Clean it up! Power wash sidewalks more frequently
- Grade-separate the train tracks so there are fewer horns blowing. More trees in the downtown streets Additional bike infrastructure, especially on feeder streets around downtown and the train station (e.g. Tilton, etc)
- Less traffic. Less car-centric in general
- Shutdown more streets for walking
- Get rid of the license plate parking meters. Keep gangs of bicyclists out of the park. Makes an unpleasant vibe to pedestrians hoping they don't get run over or mugged. Keep our streets open to cars and do not close our streets or make front-to-back parallel parking (limited parking) options instead of diagonal side-by-side parking. Also it is time to re-open B street. There's a park for walking around. We don't need our paid-for streets closed off for 4 years and counting. Also leave the High Density Housing projects for bigger cities. Hands off our suburban and formerly low crime city.
- A little cleaner
- get rid of the b street closure nonsense. it's not even for seating/dining! it's blocked for no reason, y'all. also more restaurants please. and more shops. i feel like DTSM is just okay. not to be a snob bc i love san mateo, but i prefer burlingame ave. also the parking is too pricey and restricted.
- Put in old parking meters that accept coins
- Add more only pedestrians areas.
- More parking

## Q15. Are there any other comments or ideas you would like to share with us about Downtown San Mateo?

- I really like that parts of B street remains pedestrian. I would love an area with some unique boutiques so it can become a destination for shopping. Several shops I liked closed down. may be helping small businesses with rent control would help to keep them.
- The Chamber does a good job of communicating information
- NO
- NO
- The vibrancy and walkability of the parallel north-south streets (i.e. Ellsworth Ave and San Mateo Dr) need to be improved. The can be somewhat depressing and feel unsafe.
- There are too many Asian restaurants.
- Burlingame avenue is lovely. We should be too
- Disappointed to see two smoke shops on B St. Not family friendly or needed.
- Leveling the pedestrian-only blocks on B street will make a huge difference aesthetically and for ease if dining, walking, and other activities.
- NO
- no
- no
- no
- NA
- no
- no
- no
- no
- no
- no
- N/A
- NA
- I think it's pretty good.
- Flexible adjustment of traffic flow.
- NO
- Make outdoor dining easier and more attractive for business owners to implement and more enjoyable for patrons, e.g., like Castro Street in Mountain View.
- Keep up the good work!
- Please do a better job enforcing codes and ordinances as they apply to the buildings in the historic district. Ensure trees and parklets do not block views of historic buildings. Develop more consistent business signage, as what is there is a mish-mash and not at all complementary with the historic buildings to which they are attached. Ensure new construction complements older buildings in scale and building materials.



- Not enough variety of restaurants. Too many Asian restaurants. Missing a bookstore. Make it more attractive to visit downtown.
- Upgrade to a more walkable and enjoyable downtown area like Burlingame with its diverse restaurants and shops.
- Make it easier to get around
- Downtown San Mateo looks dog-eared, haphazard and dated. Good things are happening Downtown and the "look" of Downtown has to reflect that. Burlingame has its look; San Carlos has its look. Downtown San Mateo should have its own unique look...welcoming, warm, diverse but united, attractive (not folksy), "where it's happening". Make sure new developments reflect the beautiful old buildings already there. Don't make Downtown look like every other town in America because that's what's cost-efficient for developers to build. Have it "sing" "San Mateo". Motivate people to want to wander around Downtown, feel good about hanging out Downtown (not just grab their take-out and go). Where's the big picture thinking about what Downtown should be? The San Mateo community (small businesses, residents, visitors, etc.) would support that and get involved. Thanks for asking!
- DSM lacks community PRIDE. Be more like downtown Burlingame. Emphasize unique aspects like historic buildings, independent small businesses and alley walkthroughs.
- "Too Good To Go" take-out hours/days and easy in & out pick-ups; i.e., for 50% sandwiches, salad bowls, and sushi after 4 p.m.
- I love the pedestrian friendly areas
- Really enjoyed the Boba Day event.
- That B Street closure section is attracting throngs of kids on bikes riding recklessly through the area and on the nearby sidewalks. (I.e. Popping wheelies near people dining outdoors, speeding on sidewalks forcing people to jump into the street to avoid getting hit.) Perhaps prohibiting bike riding in that area would help.
- Is the city planning commission proud of what downtown San Mateo looks like now versus 15-20 years ago? If so, why? Do not do to Draegers what has been done to Trags.
- So far nothing negative to say. Pls keep up the safety, and clean environment:)
- Help retailers so that every store that fails doesn't turn over to a food industry
- Have a vision and make it awesome. Clean. Safe. Beautiful buildings. No DEI art. Abstract art that isn't pushing any agenda.
- Open B Street
- San Mateo has a run down feeling. Needs to be nicer.
- Greater restaurant variety and more outdoor dining
- I think the additions of housing downtown is helpful. Just worry about safety and our aging population.
- I enjoy the Downtown San Mateo. There is a great variety of events. I appreciate all of the tremendous effort that must be necessary to maintain the community. Thank you for all of your efforts.
- Thank you!
- Take more pride in Downtown. At present, buildings are unmaintained, sidewalks filthy, trees raggedy, parking scarce. There used to be specialty destination restaurants, but now mostly fast food and predominantly Asian. Downtown is wonderful when we appreciate

and care for the wealth of historic buildings we have, diversify the restaurant options, and include a greater variety of retail stores.

- Open up B Street to vehicles
- somewhat dangerous to cross in crosswalks--right turners on red cars after come close to hitting pedestrians
- Jack in the box has Rats on the corner of 3rd/ s. Delaware bus stop.
- It is embarrassing how little the people making decisions care about the safety of people trying to bike downtown. For 15 years I've gone to meetings and worked to get bike projects included into various plans but nothing good has gotten installed. Bike lanes in the approved bike plan got cancelled but we're told that maybe something will happen with a downtown plan. I'm not holding my breath. It feels like such a waste of time to fill out another survey.
- Love the pedestrian area on B street, with dining areas! More of that would be great.
- Thank you!
- I like the asian food options.
- A refresh of downtown San Mateo is long overdue. B Street is embarrassing with the cheap blockades, cheap looking outdoor dining spaces, skimpy lighting, lack of flowering landscape.
- I would love to see small fairs and events, either with pop-up vendors and/or with shopping deals for the local businesses. Maybe some of these already happen, but I haven't seen them advertised. I'm thinking of something like a street arts fair, small business days where the local shops participate to offer specials or deals, cultural festivals, etc.
- I like the small town feeling of downtown San Mateo but it feels very outdated. The cost of parking makes me want to go to other towns on the peninsula. San Mateo needs to find a way to compete with Redwood City, San Carlos, Burlingame, and other communities - as I fear San Mateo is falling behind the others...
- I live less than a mile from downtown, I walk most mornings to grab coffee and run errands. But if I want to go out to walk around, have a great variety of food at different price points and stop by a retail store etc. I go to Burlingame, Redwood City and San Carlos. It makes me so mad that San Mateo is so neglected in the downtown offerings with all the taxes we pay and how physically nice it is already on 5th, 4th 3rd and 2nd Aves. The city management needs to stop catering to a few persistent tenants and reimagine the downtown - look at Redwood City! Who would have ever thought it would be a far superior downtown to San Mateo. You need to bring in big retail anchors and smaller franchises and stop telling yourself that rejecting this idea is making downtown San Mateo unique in some way or anti-establishment. The tax base around here does not match this ideal! You have a great and physically beautiful downtown to reimagine. I fear all the new younger home owners are doing what we are doing - heading elsewhere most weekends to neighboring cities that have invested in a great local experience. San Mateo downtown gets a failing grade. Please do better! Thanks for the opportunity to share my opinion.
- There has been a long thread about accessibility .. we will go to Burlingame or San Carlos when it's so difficult to park/navigate
- I'd like to see more types of businesses encouraged. We have enough restaurants.
- Needs an affordable grocery store to support high-density housing; better urban planning.

- Keep up the good support for quieting the trains and improving the railway crossings throughout the city. Thank you!
- I like the recent improvements to B Street and the overall trajectory of downtown as a more inviting place to be.
- the closed sections of S B St are incredible - please keep them and keep investing in them!
- More outdoor seating that is city sponsored and not run by a restaurant. This could help restaurants that are not actually on B-Street (kinda like the mall food court concept).
- The b street area has lots of tacky storefronts I'd shop there more often if the parking meters were easier to use.
- Keep it low key and community based.
- The modernization has greatly improved the city. There's still some areas that are grungy or old just off the main area that, if modernized, would make it so much nicer.
- Look to Burlingame (if it weren't for the chain stores/restaurants) and San Carlos for vibrant, clean, well-organized districts. Those places are fun to stroll and meet friends. Also, the percentage of restaurants serving Asian food/boba drinks/snacks etc is too high. Need a better balance.
- It is a pain to drive through downtown due to traffic
- Need more trees and dog parks
- Free parking, farmers markets, outdoor movie nights and community events.
- A footbridge over the train tracks or a pedestrian/bike tunnel (like in downtown Palo Alto) would be great.
- Need a variety of stores, not just junk stores
- Downtown San Mateo severely needs to restrict the repetitive nature of the restaurants that appear. There's an overabundance of Boba shops and a severe lack of actual commerce available in the way of clothing, sporting, art and art supplies. A really significant point of issue for me is a lack of public or private institutions that provide a Museum-like experience. For example, an art museum or a science museum would be fantastic social hubs for the community and really bring a lot of people into downtown who would be likely candidates to go to one of the restaurants or other stores after a visit. These sorts of institutions are the pieces of San Mateo that we are missing - their inclusion into the city fabric would not only create a new and unique experience but also an opportunity for architecture that stands out, and more plaza space that can be developed from existing roadways and parking that would ideally be permanently closed off.
- There is a wide variety of cuisine in the city center of San Mateo.
- A bustling commercial center, San Mateo City Center boasts numerous shopping centers, boutique stores, and specialty markets.
- Please keep it safe, clean, affordable, and enjoyable.
- like the pedestrian mall but does it hurt certain businesses?
- On the above question, I marked "Not at all satisfied" for "Availability of bars and nightlife." I marked this since most stores in DTSM close either by 8 or 9pm which in turn means a lack of activity past those hours. As such, nightlife in DTSM is practically nonexistent outside of the few bars DTSM has. However, I believe this also contributes at least in part to DTSM's

presently high safety. While it is possible to liven up nightlife while still preserving safety, it definitely presents a challenge that shouldn't be taken lightly.

- Make pedestrian zone permanent
  - Downtown is lively because of Asian businesses. But soon it may look like Millbrae and have almost nothing else... That would be a shame.
  - More activity on Pedmall and the park
  - I think downtown San Mateo is great! I should visit even more.
  - It's cute. Too many bubble teas and not enough supermarkets, cheaper lunch places.
  - More places to shop and things to do!!
  - Love the public art on B street
  - nope
  - Create more pedestrian spaces and promote small businesses.
  - The parking enforcement is nuts and too aggressive. I don't mind paying for parking if it makes it easier to find a spot, but it feels like a money grab for the city.
  - Keep it clean and safe. Without that, everything else you do will not matter
  - More events on B Street for example: More live music, small carnival or live shows or just a monthly art show with vendors selling art or a First Friday event
  - Coming out of the train station by car is awkward.
  - The city center of San Mateo is a culturally diverse community with a rich historical background.
  - I am grateful for Downtown San Mateo. It's one of the things keeping me in this area of the peninsula versus others, as the convenience of Caltrain and the excellent variety of food and businesses within walkable districts is hard to beat.
  - Architecture is important. Maintain the old and keep the new interesting
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- If B St is going to stay pedestrian, would like to see more development of the street. It feels kind of empty.
  - Love living here!
  - DTSM seems need to a bit more curation around which businesses come in. For example, we don't need more mountain Mikes. Save that for a strip mall. Need more high quality retail.
  - I wish events were better advertised. Often times I find out about an event after its happened.
  - Support more of the small businesses in north B street and their festivals.
  - I love our diverse, vibrant city. Keep up the good work!
  - I would love to see more landscaping and public art.
  - Help keep rent low for stores so they stay around
  - We need more small mom and pop shops - we have a mall and Burlingame Ave and San Mateo can make a mark for itself
  - The Central Park tennis courts need a better system for lining up for courts. Can there be a reservation system on certain hours or clear signs posted on rules/how to wait? Too many

arguments to fight for courts. It's a wonderful downtown area that we are grateful to live so close to.

- We live in district 3 and never have any art , banners about concerts or city events. So we don't go to San Mateo we go south to San Carlos for coffee and food and music
- The street mural is getting pretty dirty already. While pretty, I don't feel like it has great longevity and wasn't great value for money.
- Want more walkable downtown and more pedestrian friendly! Outdoor dining is great to have. Better to route cars around downtown and keep the downtown for the people.
- It's hard for retail to survive, seems like it's all services or restaurants
- A pedestrian mall from Baldwin to 5th Avenue. Downtown needs to be more walkable with fewer cars. Have owner-occupied residential developments so the population is more permanent and not so transitory. There is a lot of pedestrian trash dropped from those walking along residential 4th and 5th Avenues and cross streets to and from the Downtown. We also need street cleaning signs along 4th and 5th Avenues and cross streets in the residential areas so the cars get moved on street cleaning days and the curbs can get cleaned.
- love the area
- street lights better maintained
- I am sad to see that Talbots is no longer there!
- Thanks for sending this! You guys are doing a great job making improvements to DTSM!
- I do like seeing police officers patrolling downtown.
- I love the central park. I walk there often and enjoy the landscaping. I feel happy that the park is well used and well cared for.
- More concerts
- Downtown San Mateo is an active walkable area. It seems to be slanted towards Asian restaurants and clientele. Don't know if that's a bad thing. The loss of all the grocery shopping will affect a lot of people. Hopefully that will change. Lighlife is sort of non existent, except for dining. For locals, it would be great to have a gathering space with games, cafe, bar, music for evening activity. A place to meet up with people that doesn't only involve alcohol or eating. A really great tea house in Central Park would be unique and different. Making the entrances to the park more of the downtown would also be really nice.
- Overall, downtown San Mateo really needs updating. A lot of depressing storefronts, filthy streets/sidewalks/parking lots, broken down infrastructure. Downtown only really seems to attract people to the hottest new restaurants, other than those hot spots, it can feel otherwise dead. If you go to downtown Burlingame or the newer part of Hillsdale mall, for example, it's clean, lots of people hanging out at all hours, etc.
- Stop developing San Mateo, if we wanted to live in a big city we would have moved to San Francisco.
- Get rid of the theater and make a more welcoming gateway to downtown.
- More concerts in the park would be greatly appreciated.
- Overall very good, wish some restaurant would be able to open later at night especially on weekend, and need parking

- I cannot stand that B Street has been closed to traffic. This one thing has caused me to drastically reduce the time and money I spend downtown. This was obviously the decision of younger people who have no problems physically getting around. I'd also like to see some effort made to get bicycles and electric scooters off of the sidewalks.
- Just would like it kept clean and safe.
- More trees
- Thanks for having more activities. I enjoy attending
- An ideal location for the downtown plaza with be the northwest corner of 3rd and San Mateo Drive.
- As someone who has lived here her whole life, I am very excited by what San Mateo has become and the future of what's in store for this fabulous city!
- Sometimes I don't receive notice of events. Not all visitors live in San Mateo.
- the sidewalks need better maintenance
- More community events! And some that aren't necessarily (always) geared towards families? Would be nice to meet other adults in the community, too!
- Love the community events like the chili cookoff - keep planning and advertising events! Also looking forward to the dog event in September in Central Park.
- There must be some guidelines about how many of the same type of restaurant can open up within the same distance of the same type. I'm Asian, but even I want to see more diversity. Everything is the same now.
- Bring back chains, franchises, and businesses that enforce consistency and professionalism would encourage the many small businesses to care about presentation and would reduce the inconsistency of appearance, cleanliness, and general long vacancies of prominent structures such as the ones directly across from the theater which should be a highlight of San Mateo (would be more so if the benches and general area were patrolled and allowed for residents and workers to feel like this were a place they could sit).
- look at other neighborhoods ,,, burlingame, san carlos, mountain view, etc ... they've actually done a good job at making their towns interesting and a want o visit destination.
- Downtown committee is doing a good job.
  - I think power washing the sidewalks could help keep it looking clean and nice. - In conjunction, more waste bins available to keep people from littering. - More retail businesses that cater to different income levels, the ones I see are a bit on the higher end and are more of a luxury. - More SMPD foot patrols and possibly red light runner ticketing, when my partner and I go on evening walks we see people run the lights that run perpendicular to B Street because they know cars aren't going to hit them, but they don't think of the pedestrians crossing. -Sustainable businesses and bulk bin sales, I sorely miss Byrd's Filling Station even though it was out of my price point, I still want to be sustainable and the bulk bins were a high point of the shop.
- We need a better diversity of restaurants and more mid to fine dining experiences. San Mateo is becoming known as a fast food Boba shop city. There are very few shops of interest to draw locals and visitors. Find a way to help small businesses that offer a range of goods to set up shop. Have some uniformity for shop signage and appearance. It looks like a garbled mess right now. Aside from mostly fast/casual food, there are few dining choices downtown.

- Match Burlingame Ave
- Great place, please don't let it look like a strip mall... Pacific Catch for example:(
- More places to sit on b street
- The cost of parking in Downtown is prohibitive and keeps many shoppers, customers and clients away.
- I think the Downtown San Mateo Association is doing a great job keeping us informed about new businesses, business anniversaries, events, etc.
- please please keep Draegers or something similar. We already lost Trag's. We moved here to be able to walk to essential shopping, but that's being pushed out. San Mateo should not be B'game Ave with national retailers and all the local services gone
- More variety of restaurants. Better parking
- I would like to see it as walkable as Burlingame with wider sidewalks and more parklets. B street is a start but doesn't seem to be utilized well by the vendors.
- Housing downtown is desperately needed, not more office space
- Plenty of car parking and garages but hardly any places to lock a bike. Way too car-centric
- Central Park concert series should be more dates. Have more events on closed part of B St.
- Just get it together and make it happen. Don't talk about this for 5 years then 5 years to implement. Make it happen as quickly as possible and get the city to fix many of their broken processes that slows down approvals. The business downtown need more and better support and it should be easy for them to do things quickly.
- I still enjoy Downtown San mateo, It is still manageable to get around and find parking, although it is getting more difficult. Still clean and city seems to care about maintaining store fronts. With so much developements I am hoping to keep the family friendly atmosphere.
- Would love an H-
- I would like to be able to bike to various areas downtown--especially when picking up takeout--but I'm nervous about safety without most streets having bike lanes.
- Paid parking is inconvenient and expensive
- Sometimes there are too many empty storefronts that linger for seemingly years.
- No
- Keep making small improvements.
- I enjoy downtown San Mateo!
- no
- The pedestrian area with outdoor seating is fantastic. Would like it to be permanent and perhaps expanded.
- Enjoy music in central Park
- Keep the "unsheltered " away from the library. I see them sleeping on the ledge & afraid to walk by. Not to mention going into the library with their dirty blankets, etc.
- I recommend someone in your department stroll down Burlingame Ave and see what they did. They reduced traffic flow, widened and beautified sidewalks--has a very European vibe
- Small business needs attention and love. Downtown needs a strategy and it seems the only strategy is focused on B Street and Central Park... but there is so much more.

- Yes, very disappointed in San Mateo and SM County that they are not investing in this great City.
- Has potential but needs To be more like Burlingame Ave or laurel in San Carlos.
- Public art really adds value to downtowns and I have seen wonderful examples all over the country and world. With few exceptions, our attempts have been very unappealing - murals, sculptures, amenities. We need people involved in design/decision making with better artistic taste to deliver more attractive art to downtown.
- more variety in retail shops and restaurants why is it free to park for 2 hours in San Carlos and Mountain View?
- I like downtown Burlingame better.
- Less car-centric and more community centered
- Please improve Central Park. It's an asset for people of all ages
- San Mateo's population is aging-it's expensive to live there. However the downtown doesn't need to reflect an old, aging population. Please listen to younger voices
- We have the new Caltrain, which is great, but we also have a lot of rail crossings. Don't we need to make less at-grade crossings to eventually accommodate high speed rail?
- Would prefer B street to be open in winter.
- Clean side walks. No trash cans from stores and restaurants on the sidewalks
- The parking garage at Kiku crossing is not being used by the public. Please don't spend any more money on parking.
- no
- More variety needed that is NOT Asian. No place to buy a decent ice cream or gelato for example.
- A lot of development is planned, and these are typically ugly box-like buildings. Consider building plans with more charm and character.
- please dont get rid of more parking. it was bad enough when B street was closed making it really hard to get through that area. finding parking when going out to dinner or trying to pick up takeout can be really challenging on a friday / saturday!
- We need more diverse restaurants downtown. Maybe a country western bar, fun burger restaurants and entertainment for the family. No homeless on the streets.
- Culture and community is important
- Maybe focus more on lower and dining options as opposed to sit down or white tablecloth options
- remove the street murals. They really degrade SM
- Create an inviting, naturally beautiful area where people will gravitate easily when deciding where to go...whether it be for a drink, dessert, meal, stroll or unique gift. Easily said but extremely hard to create!
  - \*Safe bike lanes
  - \*Attractive parklets for dining and drinking
  - \*No traffic walking lanes
  - \*Well rounded cuisine appetizer, coffee, lunch and dinner choices.
  - \*Play area to bring in families and businesses targeting families near the area
  - \*Handmade local craft and artists shops
  - \*More off street parking. Reserving the streets or part of them for foot traffic and outdoor eating and drinking, fountain, play area etc..
  - \*weekly or monthly local artists and farmers market on closed off street
  - \*local artists



sculpture displays throughout downtown \*murals displayed on building walls and fronts. Especially in the little alleys and passageways with effective yet artistic lighting to draw people in \*inviting and casual craft beer, cider and wine outdoor/indoor gathering area for people watching and meeting area for friends \*

- Would be great if residents could have an electronic prepaid parking system like FasTrak
- I am not a fan of the blocked streets. While I realize that some patrons/restaurants like outdoor dining. I think that is long past. Driving downtown has become a nightmare due to the closure of B street.
- It looks very messy and unkempt
- Better traffic management/ flow.
- Change traffic walk signals to be able to cross streets in all directions(ie red lights to all vehicular traffic at San Mateo , Ellsworth, and B streets at 3rd and 4th streets.
- Moderately priced businesses/eateries better than too much upscale/fancy. Walkable alley ways to connect the streets are little hidden gems. There's currently only one that I am aware of.
- More recycle bins in same style as trash bins, more car free areas with pavers over asphalt streets, more large trees situated to reduce wind and provide shade, parking meters that accept coins, nicer storefronts that look more unified in style, needs a beer tap house or brewery, somehow attract a few or just one high end chefs, more parking places, quieter trains, plaques that describe history of buildings, provide shuttles from surrounding neighborhoods, design environment in keeping with the suburban natural beauty of San Mateo, dog friendly with poop bags and receptacles, encourage independent film and "national theater" live streaming at cineplex, provide live theater public activities, have a beer festival with micro breweries, more outdoor seating, keep independent stores, clean and show off the beautiful architectural buildings maybe with lighting,
- Sidewalks are in poor condition along some streets, especially north side of 4th Ave between San Mateo Drive and El Camino. The trees don't help things.
- I would like to see 3rd street to be changed to one way heading west. This is the only thing that would stop cars from making u-turns into parking spots. It would also prevent traffic snarls waiting for cars to turn left.
- I know we all want a 'vibrant' downtown but is there a measurement that tells us when we have reached 'full vibrancy' or do we just keep squeezing more and more people into a confined space?
- This should be pedestrian focus instead of car focus Urban planning
- glad to see the events on B street, keep them coming!
- San Mateo has a long, rich history of which the city can be rightfully proud and which should be preserved. I say that as a lifelong resident with hopes of seeing intelligent development that carries the city into a sustainable future.
- Allow more music/community events on the street.
- Eliminate the quasi-private Central Park Community Center and rebuild using new Burlingame Park CC as a true public model. Maybe 2-3 stories.
- Need some upscale stores.

- I now see a chinese drink shop which has installed a metal pull down door at sidewalk. I see these garage doors on You tube videos on China---it is unsightly and should be banned. They Chinese immigrants are bringing this garage door to their store because they think their glass store fronts will be broken into. City of SM needs to ban these garage doors; and increase safety (either in video monitoring of downtown or drivebys) to make people feel that garage door coverages of their storefronts are unnecessary.
- Although "hole in the wall" shops and restaurants are nice many of them in San Mateo appear cheesy and unclean. We might have a look at fixing that.
- Biking lanes safe enough for kids to get to DT
- More walking streets is great! But we need to figure ways to drive around downtown and not be always backed up.
- Fire any person or persons that have had any influence on this city in the last ten years. They have destroyed a world class location.
- improve senior access to downtown local free trolleys , electric vehicles that run throughout the city
- Downtown needs more diversity and a higher-end feel like Burlingame. Our downtown has too many Asian centric restaurants, narrow sidewalks, no parking, and a street closure. B Street needs to be opened up again. Quite honestly, we avoid downtown at all cost and go to Burlingame for their food and activities. San Mateo downtown appears to be catering to one demographic.
- More stores, less restaurants
- Someone needs to deal with the traffic lights! At 5 am, you shouldn't be hitting every red light. The flow of traffic with blocked-off streets needs to be addressed as well. It seems the City manager is just lazy and disregards the downtown. NO PROGRESS is being made.
- Make downtown a place for everyone—not just younger people who can easily walk!
- Not sure what you can do about this, but the Caltrain gates on E 5th ave sometimes seem to get "stuck" dinging and blocking cars and pedestrians when there are no trains coming (and the gates on both 4th and 7th are up). Cars back up for blocks, and as a pedestrian, I end up walking over to 4th to cross, and in the time it takes me to walk to 4th and get across, the gates at 5th are still down.
- Please seek out and add a gelato store. Maybe one could be added near the park. Also, it would be great to have a book-reading/people-watching "front porch" area in the park.
- Too many parking tickets issued mostly due to compulsory use of a parking App that is difficult to use particularly for seniors
- need for bumps in the median of 4th ave. too many ppl make illegal U turns
- I would be in favor to remove the central parking garage and replace with a pedestrian mall and plaza (also close San Mateo Drive and Ellsworth between 3rd and 4th ave). S B st and cinema are just too small to realize the desired vision.
- Thank you!
- Maybe add shuttles from to and from surrounding neighborhood that go late for movie goers.

- It needs to be cleaned up. All of the sidewalks and the majority of storefronts are dirty and worn out...thus the entire downtown looks tired, outdated and uninviting.
- Many young people choose to live and work here, injecting new energy and creativity into the city.
- An open and tolerant attitude towards people of different cultures and backgrounds has resulted in a pluralistic and inclusive social atmosphere.
- Vibrant entrepreneurial environment
- Has a unique geographical location and natural environment, forming a unique regional character.
- Ideal for both living and working and starting a business, it is an ideal place to live and work.
- Conveniently located transportation hub
- The security situation is good: the police force is adequate, security is well maintained and the residents have a high sense of security.
- Keep historic areas. Instagram about events
- Ongoing urban renewal and renovation projects to improve the quality of the city and the quality of life of its residents.
- Charming night view
- Public facilities such as libraries, gymnasiums and museums are readily available, enriching the spiritual and cultural life of the residents.
- A wide variety of cuisines are available, from upscale restaurants to street food.
- Convenient shopping experience. Shopping centers, department stores and specialty stores are available to meet a variety of shopping needs.
- Redwood City has a vibrant activity and downtown square is perfect to attract large communities. SM is limited to Central Park for large gathering space, downtown B Street safe street is good but doesn't seem enough to make downtown more appealing
- More trees?
- More retail and more parking.
- I feel like the streets sidewalk should be maintained better maybe power washed on a regular basis. It's extremely dirty and stinky downtown.
- If more people can find a place to live close in to downtown, it's a win for all. The people and the business will all thrive. Also, fewer car trips will be necessary if one can walk to shops, entertainment and services
- N/a
- The road has too many holes in it, it would be great to have a more even road.
- Landscaping and vibe is truly important.
- I hope to add some more entertainment venues.
- I wish there weren't always people sleeping in public seats.
- I hope to increase cultural exchanges with other cities.
- I want this city to get better and better.
- You have come a long way in making the downtown more vibrant.
- I'd like to see a reduction in parking fees in the city centre.

- None, I like here.
- Additional traffic enforcement especially at night. Double parking, illegal uturns are such that it's not worth going downtown at night
- All the high rises being built have taken away the 'quaint downtown' appeal of the town
- I hope we can build high speed trains between cities.
- None.
- Parking for seniors
- Art galleries, theaters, and music festivals are frequent, allowing residents and visitors to immerse themselves in the world of the arts.
- A number of hospitals and clinics are located in the city center and surrounding areas, providing residents with easy access to medical services.
- With a number of quality schools and educational institutions, it provides excellent educational resources for residents.
- Residents are close to each other and community activities are abundant, creating a warm and harmonious community atmosphere.
- As an international city, downtown San Mateo has a multicultural flavor that attracts residents and visitors from all over the world.
- no
- A model of green ecology, the city center focuses on greening and ecological construction, providing a good living environment for residents.
- no
- Conveniently located on a major transportation route, it is easily accessible by car, public transportation or on foot.
- no
- Historic buildings, the center of the city has preserved many buildings of historical value, demonstrating the city's deep cultural heritage.
- no
- no
- no
- Make permitting for pop up businesses easier.
- To promote social cohesion in downtown San Mateo by strengthening the community and promoting social justice.
- Focusing on the growth and development of young people, providing a wide variety of educational activities and resources to support them.
- To provide a platform for residents to display and exchange culture, and to promote cultural inheritance and innovation.
- I think it is good that the buildings here are beautiful and the people are interesting and enthusiastic.
- Increase efforts to improve the urban environment, improve urban sanitation and enhance the city's image.
- no
- no
- no

- I hope you will take more care of the environmental health here
- Develop scientific and rational urban planning and management programs to ensure orderly and sustainable urban development.
- Improve emergency rescue mechanisms and facilities to ensure rapid response and effective handling in the event of emergencies.
- Downtown should be upgraded
- Promote San Mateo's local brands and products through exhibitions, promotions and other activities to boost the local economy.
- Draw on the successful experiences and management models of advanced international cities to enhance the international competitiveness of downtown San Mateo.
- To enhance residents' sense of well-being and satisfaction by improving the urban environment and quality of life.
- Encouragement of mutual support among residents to cope with difficulties and challenges in life.
- Promote the attractions and advantages of downtown San Mateo through a variety of channels to increase awareness and reputation.
- Promoting sustainable development . Promote a green, low-carbon lifestyle and sustainable development in the city center.
- Utilizing San Mateo's geographic location and natural resources, develop tourism projects to attract domestic and foreign tourists.
- Ensure that sidewalks are spacious, level and accessible, with clear directional signage and adequate rest facilities.
- According to the characteristics and positioning of different areas, create distinctive neighborhoods with unique styles, such as art neighborhoods and food districts.
- Quality educational resources, such as libraries, museums and science and technology centers, are introduced to enhance the cultural literacy and scientific quality of the public.
- In addition to promoting electric vehicles, the entry of highly polluting vehicles can also be restricted to reduce tailpipe emissions.
- Encourage residents to participate in the planning and building process of the city center to enhance their sense of belonging and responsibility.
- Utilizing digital technology to enhance the efficiency of urban management and service levels, such as smart parking and online errands.
- I think the business atmosphere in the city center also needs to be further optimized to introduce more innovative and dynamic business formats
- In addition to green roofs and vertical gardens, more trees and flowers can be planted in urban open spaces and along roads.
- It is sad seeing the high turnover rate for businesses. There seems to be a new restaurant being taken over every time we visit.
- Utilize existing resources to attract designers, artists and other creative talents to form a creative industry cluster.
- Showcase San Mateo as a melting pot of cultures by organizing multicultural events and festivals.

- Develop the nighttime economy, such as night markets, bars, and musical performances, to make the city center come alive at night.
- Encourage businesses of different industries and sizes to move in and enrich the business ecology of the downtown.
- Make parking costs higher to encourage walking, biking and train use to get to downtown instead. I see my neighbors cars using parking spaces downtown when we live only a 5-10 minute walk away!
- I love this beautiful and welcoming place
- I wish the cost could be lower
- I like the city, but the traffic is a little heavy
- Chamber ignores 25th Avenue and is not appropriating our tax dollars to better support 25th Ave businesses.
- Sorry, no more.
- Well I appreciate the street being closed to allow people to gather it breaks up the flow of trying to get from one end to the other if you're going north and south.
- It would be nice to see other types of restaurants beside taquerias and Asian food.
- Make downtown accessible again!  
Functional- not flashly
- Need more variety of restaurants, too much Asian restaurants. Would like to more of other cultures. To
- Burlingame and San Carlos are far better and more attractive than San Mateo. San Mateo store fronts are unattractive and uninviting. It looks like an old worn out town.
- I hope revise more support for local artists by establishing an art incubator or studio space where local artists can work and displays their art.
- Adding activities to bring people together could boost spending in the city centre
- Add some activities for teenagers and feel like families are coming back to bring their kids to create some atmosphere
- Promote some downtown entertainment
- Install more California native plants
- Less car centric is preferred. There's a ton of parking already
- Restaurants - too many of the same cuisine (Asian).
- More public seating on pedestrian streets
- Our large downtown has so much potential...in addition to visual appearance and cleanliness, better variety of restaurants would be a real plus...plus of Draegers goes out we need a Whole Foods or similar. Thanks!
- More city services located in downtown. City hall should be here.
- Nope
- Stop all traffic, make it pedestrian only. Be walker friendly
- We need a batter playground for kids
- Would be great if there were more interesting stores to shop in. again, like Burlingame and san carlos
- No

- More retail, please More 30-minute parking spaces Free parking! A shuttle would be great
- No
- Invest in public safety and health programs such as improving emergency response systems, providing health education and promoting healthy lifestyles.
- Continue to promote environmental policies and practices, such as waste reduction, energy efficiency and the promotion of renewable energy use
- Regular cultural activities and festivals are organized to promote cultural exchanges and enhance community cohesion and residents' sense of belonging.
- Encourage the integration of science and technology into daily life, such as smart city technology, to improve the quality of life and efficiency of residents
- Provide different types of housing options, including affordable housing, to meet the needs of residents of different income levels.
- Ensure that all residents have access to quality education, health care and social services that promote social equity and well-being.
- Unique retail stores offer personalized goods and services that make shopping a unique experience.
- Downtown San Mateo is known for its safe and stable living environment, allowing residents and visitors alike to enjoy city life in peace.
- Provide policy support to entrepreneurs and energize innovation and entrepreneurship in the city center.
- Encourage new construction and renovation projects in the city center to adopt green building technologies and materials to reduce energy consumption and environmental pollution.
- Upgrade the drainage system in the city center to increase capacity and reduce urban flooding.
- Support diverse economic activities, including retail, technology, arts and crafts, to enhance the city's economic resilience and attractiveness.
- Measures should be taken to protect and rehabilitate buildings and areas of historical value in order to preserve the city's historical lineage
- Encourage the participation of residents in urban planning and decision-making processes to ensure that development projects are in line with the needs and vision of the community
- The city center is home to a number of banks and financial institutions that can provide comprehensive financial services to citizens and businesses.
- Some of the historical streets are well preserved, and you can feel the traces of time as you stroll through them as if you were traveling back in time.
- Each neighborhood has its own unique cultural atmosphere and style, giving you a different feel of the city as you stroll around.
- Whether it's a high end brand or an independent designer store, downtown San Mateo is the perfect place for shopping enthusiasts.
- There are several gyms, yoga studios and outdoor fitness areas in the city center to encourage citizens to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- Can we add free transportation from Shoreview to downtown? Kind of like the trolley services that the other cities have.

- Would also be great to have an evening child activity. There's the gym which sometimes offers date nights but would be great to have other options so parents could do something and then the kids could do something else.
- The Downtown feels like it has become an Asian-focused town. I would rather see more diversity.
- Revert some of the attention to the 'downtown of the south' on 25th Avenue
- Keep a sense of the history & community, don't over-develop and remove longstanding businesses then have empty storefronts due to high rents no one can afford
- I'd love to have a regular Farmers Market on B St.
- no
- It is hoped that the problem of parking during the rush hour will be improved.
- Working with the city to price parking appropriately will benefit businesses and visitors to downtown. Increased revenue could fund cleaning and beautification of downtown and/or benefits for downtown employees.
- From the perspective of urban planning, the layout of the city center may pay more attention to the convenience and comfort of pedestrians, and increase more walking areas and rest spaces, so that people can stroll and stay more comfortably.
- Suitable for travel
- I avoid driving downtown and have turned to taking the bus, as much as possible. I feel the city, chamber, and downtown association should devote more time championing this form of travel.
- Set up multiple roadside drinking spots.
- Personally feel very perfect, no better suggestion for the time being
- Too much on street parking that is too cheap. I'd like to see more people using the parking garages and walking around instead of driving. We should get rid of the central parking garage and make it other community space
- Rationalize commercial areas to avoid over commercialization and maintain community character.
- Encourage nighttime business and increase nighttime entertainment and dining options.
- Adding more public artwork to downtown to enhance the city's aesthetics
- Add more amusement facilities so that more middle-aged and elderly people can use them
- Improve the accessibility of city centers to ensure that persons with disabilities and the elderly can easily access and use all types of public facilities
- no
- Raise the safety awareness of citizens and visitors and enhance public safety education.
- Focusing on housing in urban centers, strengthening the regulation and enforcement of housing policies to ensure the healthy and stable development of the housing market.
- Continuing to increase investment in arts and culture and supporting the development of local artists and cultural organizations.
- Focusing on the health of the population by installing more fitness facilities, health advice points and mental health support services in the city center



- Encourage and support the development of the nighttime economy by extending the hours of operation of commercial neighborhoods and increasing nighttime entertainment and dining options
- Further improving the barrier free facilities in city centers to ensure that persons with disabilities and the elderly can easily access and use various public facilities
- Expand the library, Can hold more people
- I hope more public parks can be built
- The downtown of San Mateo could further enhance the integration and improvement of educational resources. For example, more high-quality schools and educational training institutions could be established to meet the residents' growing demand for quality education. Perhaps more investment could be made in the art and cultural industries. More art galleries, theaters and music venues could be built, and more influential cultural activities could be held to enhance the cultural and artistic atmosphere of the city.
- The city center is a tough place, but there are too many idiots
- Improve the walking and biking environment in downtown by installing more traffic signals and pedestrian crossings
- Promoting international exchange
- Enhancing security and policing in city centers
- Promoting innovation and entrepreneurship development
- Enhancing Technology Integration for a Smart City Experience
- I think downtown SAN Mateo is a relatively low-crime area that residents and visitors can feel at ease in.
- Art installations and murals can be added to public spaces in the city center to enhance the city's cultural atmosphere and artistic sense.
- Increase bus routes and frequency to improve access to public transportation.
- It is hoped that the consumption level in urban areas will decrease.
- I think downtown SAN Mateo is a vibrant area where there are probably a lot of business opportunities and jobs.
- Aggressive driving during rush hour can provide an unsafe situation for pedestrians.
- I think that in downtown SAN Mateo there are a lot of cultures meeting here that can lead to a rich variety of cultural activities and experiences.
- Closely integrating education with community development to enhance community cohesion and sense of belonging
- Promotion of health and well being services
- Upgrading of barrier free facilities
- Enhancing Technology Integration for a Smart City Experience
- Downtown SAN Mateo may also have some challenges or areas for improvement. For example, as cities develop, they may face the problem of traffic congestion and need to further optimize transportation planning and infrastructure.
- I think the city is well-planned and pays attention to environmental protection, with many parks and recreational areas that provide comfortable outdoor space for residents and visitors.

- Encouraging cooperation and interaction between residents, businesses, and government agencies not only enhances community cohesion, but also ensures that downtown development is more responsive to the needs of residents and businesses.
- Focus on environmental protection and energy conservation during the retrofitting process to reduce the impact on the environment
- Optimize the layout and design of sidewalks and bicycle paths to improve the efficiency and comfort of movement
- Encouraging merchants to adopt digital services to enhance the consumer experience and promote the digital economy
- I suggest advocating more green ways of travel to reduce traffic congestion and pollution.
- Utilizing modern technology to enhance the management efficiency and service level of the city center and provide more convenient services to citizens and tourists
- Encourage residents and businesses to participate in the downtown planning and improvement process to ensure that the renovation program is more responsive to needs
- Improve the coverage and efficiency of public transportation.
- Traffic outside the city is convenient, want to enter the city at any time will not be inconvenient traffic and trouble
- I don't have any better suggestions
- Hopefully SAN Mateo County will be more prosperous and economically developed
- Wish there were more places to entertain
- Wish there were more places for kids to play
- It's a vibrant city and I like it very much
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- No, not yet
- Downtown SAN Mateo, whether it is the buildings or the streets, gives me an impulse to stay forever, hoping that it will become more and more prosperous
- Renovate outdated facilities in downtown streets.
- No, there isn't.
- N/A
- NA
- wish parking could be cheaper
- No, not yet
- Very happy with the area. Great commute options.
- Would like to see a regular farmer's market
- Nothing
- Redesign the parking. Maybe make it into a multi parking garage
- Pets are strictly forbidden inside the park

- I hope the street management will be better and the greenery created more beautiful.
- It should make better use of its geographical location to attract high-tech industries
- Storefronts look rundown
- Boba day was a blast. Please do it again
- I suggest that more environmental protection activities be carried out in the city center, such as garbage sorting and greening projects, to improve the sustainability and environmental quality of the city center.
- Thank you for caring for downtown and making it more accessible and useful for locals!
- I suggest adding more local art exhibitions and street performances to enrich the cultural experience of the city centre and attract more visitors.
- More community events. (This year's Pride Festival was such a joyful coming-together.) And shifting the infrastructure from cars to bikes and pedestrians.
- More parking
- I suggest adding more community activities and outdoor recreational facilities, such as open-air concerts and markets, to enhance the attraction and interactivity of the city centre.
- From what I can tell there are 1 or 2 business owners that keep bitching about closing off downtown. The city should disclose who they are - the few are ruining it for everyone.
- I suggest improving the accessibility of the city centre, such as improving parking facilities and public transport links to enhance accessibility.
- Would like to see more kid friendly spaces, roof top dining, farmers market, outdoor spaces to congregate
- I propose adding more green Spaces and walking trails to enhance the leisure environment in the city centre and encourage more outdoor activities.
- I suggest organizing more community events and festivals to enhance the vitality and attractiveness of the city centre, while promoting the participation of local businesses.
- Downtown San Mateo is a gem! The park needs improvements to mesh better with downtown (plaza entrance and open space that brings people between the two areas). B Street needs to be clean and have a long-term strategy to protect it as a core part of the city. I'd love to see the city be more creative with business owners.
- I suggest adding more community interaction Spaces in the city center, such as outdoor discussion areas and small performance venues, to promote communication and cultural activities among residents.
- We need more bike parking and bike lanes!
- I suggest adding more local markets and street stalls, which can support local businesses while providing more choices for residents and visitors.
- Parking is too expensive and it discourages me to visit the downtown unless I really need to.
- Poor parking and circulation looking for spots, very dark, looks trashy
- More diversity in restaurants, more retail
- I suggest setting up more public art installations and interactive displays in the city center to enrich the cultural atmosphere and attraction of the downtown area.
- Include different parts of downtown in city events. You have a banquet hall at one end on B street and so many different businesses toward south b. What's gonna happen to the Talbots building? Wasted space if you ask me.

- I suggest improving public transport links in the city centre, such as increasing bus frequencies and stops to facilitate more residents and visitors.
  - More community gatherings like watching the Olympics or World Cup in an open space
  - A maintained and accessible dog park!
  - I suggest more cultural outreach in the city centre, such as through community bulletin boards and social media, to get more people involved in local festivals and events.
  - I suggest building more community gardens and green Spaces in the city center to improve the quality of life and add to the natural beauty of the city.
  - I suggest adding more public art exhibitions and cultural activities in the city center to enrich the cultural atmosphere of the community.
  - More fun events, like boba day, night market, art & wine festival, cultural celebration events, etc will be great
  - Walkability is key. Eliminate right turns on red and encourage outdoor dining. We don't want to go back to pre-COVID downtown.
  - A playground on B Street would be super popular
  - I propose to strengthen cooperation with local businesses and organize more community events and festivals to enhance the sense of community and attractiveness of the city centre.
  - Make traffic smoother
  - I suggest that we should strengthen the cleaning and maintenance of the city center, and at the same time add some special public art projects, which will not only enhance the beauty of the city, but also attract more tourists.
  - Overall, enjoy the area.
  - I suggest adding more community events and cultural celebrations in the city centre to enhance interaction between local residents and visitors while enhancing the overall atmosphere.
  - I'd like to see more places to just sit and read a book
  - Some busy nights I haven't seen one police car pass on a major high traffic street for hours while sitting in a restaurant - with lots of violations occurring
  - I propose adding more pedestrian and cycle lanes to enhance the accessibility and environmental friendliness of the city centre, as well as organising more community events to further enhance community cohesion.
  - No
  - San Mateo Downtown is nice but also feels like it is stuck in the past.
  - I am so unhappy that Birds Filling Station went out of business. I think the City should have offered some sort of grant or subsidy to help this important business that provided education about sustainability as well as products that allowed shoppers to live a more sustainable lifestyle. And it was a community gathering space and owned by a local family. Everything that should be prioritized in downtown businesses. How could the city let it go? Please please make better choices.
- I think the pedestrian mall is great. I'd like to see it flattened or more parklets added so I'm not leaning in my chair when eating outside at a restaurant that doesn't have a parklet.

- We have too many sushi and ramen restaurants, need more diversity of restaurants including healthy fare, Mediterranean, Italian, frozen yogurt. And more clothes shopping/boutiques so it's more of a destination
- I think the downtown area of San Mateo is a vibrant community with rich cultural activities and dining options. I suggest further enhancing the sense of community in the city center, such as organizing more community activities, increasing public art projects, and improving the availability and comfort of public spaces.
- Don't break or ruin what is nice today
- Don't let new development destroy the character and beauty of our historical space.
- Please get some nightlife going! It feels like San Mateo is really on the up and up, and I think that could help a lot! Also I think it would be great if we could get a more permanent solution for closing down B Street. I am grateful for the planters (they look so much better!!) but I think we could do better. I would also like more tables and chairs for people to hang out in.
- More residential building and fewer office buildings!
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more green spaces and parks in Downtown San Mateo. This would provide a place for people to relax and unwind, as well as improve the overall aesthetic of the area. Additionally, promoting sustainable transportation options like bike lanes and electric vehicle charging stations could help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more green spaces or pocket parks in Downtown San Mateo. This would provide areas for people to relax and enjoy nature in the midst of the urban environment. Also, perhaps there could be more initiatives to support local artists, such as art installations or pop-up galleries, to enhance the cultural vibe of the area.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more public art installations throughout Downtown San Mateo. This could add to the aesthetic appeal and cultural richness of the area. Additionally, perhaps there could be more community gardens or green spaces where people can relax and connect with nature in the heart of the city.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure to encourage alternative forms of transportation. Additionally, hosting more cultural events and festivals could further enhance the area's appeal and bring the community together.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more public art installations and murals around Downtown San Mateo. This would add color and creativity to the streets and make it a more engaging place to explore. Additionally, perhaps there could be more community gardens or green spaces where people can relax and connect with nature.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more public art installations throughout Downtown San Mateo. This could enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area and provide a source of inspiration for residents and visitors alike. Also, improving the connectivity and accessibility of public transportation options would make it easier for people to get to and around Downtown San Mateo.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more public art installations throughout Downtown San Mateo. This could add color and creativity to the streets and make the area even more attractive. Additionally, promoting local businesses and artisans through markets and fairs could enhance the economic vitality of the area and support the community.

- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more public art installations and murals throughout Downtown San Mateo. This would add to the aesthetic appeal and create a unique identity for the area. Additionally, enhancing the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure would make it easier and safer for people to get around without relying on cars.
- More community events would be nice (farmers markets or craft fairs, events for kids, etc)
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more initiatives for local artists and musicians. This could include art exhibitions, live music performances in public spaces, and support for local creative endeavors. Additionally, enhancing the pedestrian experience by improving sidewalks and adding more pedestrian-friendly features like benches and shade structures would make Downtown San Mateo even more inviting.
- I love our downtown! I really like downtown Burlingame and wonder if San Mateo could ever have a weekend farmers market.
- I love living in San Mateo. I live in Hayward Park and walk/drive thru downtown everyday. We need to dedicate more resources to power washing the sidewalks, walks, parking garages on a regular basis. We need to come up with a solution for the restaurant dumpsters and garbage cans that leak all over the sidewalks and smell and attract flies and rats.
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more public art installations to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area. Also, promoting walking and biking by creating better sidewalks and bike lanes would make Downtown San Mateo more accessible and environmentally friendly.
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more outdoor seating areas for cafes and restaurants. This would allow people to enjoy the nice weather and add to the lively atmosphere. Additionally, promoting more sustainable practices, such as recycling and composting, could help make Downtown San Mateo more environmentally friendly.
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more public art installations or murals to add color and character to the downtown area. Additionally, creating more green spaces or pocket parks would provide a place for people to relax and enjoy nature in the midst of the urban environment. Another idea could be to organize more cultural festivals and events that celebrate the diverse heritage of the community.
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more community events centered around art and music. This would attract a diverse crowd and add to the cultural vibrancy of Downtown San Mateo. Additionally, creating more green spaces or pocket parks would provide a respite from the urban environment and offer places for people to relax and unwind.
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more public art installations and murals to add color and creativity to the area. Also, hosting more free concerts and cultural events would attract a wider range of people and enhance the lively atmosphere. Additionally, improving the cleanliness and maintenance of public spaces would make Downtown San Mateo even more inviting.
- Not sure why the mix is so odd - 19 bubble tea places?!? Get rid of cars and preserve the historic small scale and it will succeed.
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more community events focused on art and culture. This could include art walks, live music performances in public spaces, and pop-up art exhibitions. Additionally, improving the bike lanes and pedestrian paths would encourage

more sustainable transportation and make it easier for people to explore Downtown San Mateo on foot or by bike.

- As for other comments or ideas, I think it would be great to see more public art installations in Downtown San Mateo. This could add to the aesthetic appeal of the area and create a more engaging environment. Additionally, promoting sustainable practices such as recycling and composting could help make Downtown San Mateo more environmentally friendly. Another idea could be to create more community spaces, such as parks or plazas, where people can gather and socialize.
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more events and activities that celebrate the local culture and art. This could include art exhibitions, music festivals, and street performances. Additionally, improving the sidewalks and pedestrian areas would make it safer and more enjoyable for people to walk around. Another idea could be to encourage more sustainable businesses and initiatives to make Downtown San Mateo more environmentally friendly.
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more bike lanes and bike-sharing stations to promote sustainable transportation. Additionally, hosting regular farmers markets or art fairs could further enhance the vibrancy of the area and support local businesses.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be wonderful if there were more public spaces for art exhibitions and performances. This could attract more artists and cultural enthusiasts to the area, enhancing its creative vibe. Additionally, perhaps some initiatives to support local businesses, such as special promotions or events, could help boost the economy and keep the downtown area thriving.
- Continue to revitalize! Maybe string lights!
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more bike-sharing stations and pedestrian-friendly initiatives to encourage sustainable transportation. Also, hosting more outdoor markets and art fairs would further enrich the cultural experience of Downtown San Mateo.
- As for other comments or ideas, perhaps there could be more green spaces or parks within Downtown San Mateo. This would provide a place for people to relax and enjoy the outdoors. Additionally, promoting more sustainable transportation options like bike lanes and electric scooter rentals could help...
- I like how Burlingame and San Carlos have their downtown. Farmers market on weekends would be nice.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more art installations and cultural events in Downtown San Mateo. This could attract more visitors and showcase the creativity and diversity of the community. Additionally, improving the signage and wayfinding would make it easier for newcomers to navigate the area and discover all that it has to offer.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more art installations or murals in Downtown San Mateo. This would add to the aesthetic appeal and give the area a more creative and dynamic feel. Also, perhaps there could be more outdoor seating areas where people can enjoy the fresh air while having a meal or a cup of coffee. Another idea could be to organize more street fairs or markets that showcase local products and talents.
- Encourage more public art installations to add color and creativity to the downtown area. Improve the pedestrian infrastructure by widening sidewalks and adding more crosswalks to

make it safer and more enjoyable for people to walk around. Promote sustainable transportation options such as bike lanes and electric vehicle charging stations to reduce traffic congestion and environmental impact.

- Organize more community events and festivals to bring people together and celebrate the unique culture of Downtown San Mateo. Create more pedestrian-friendly areas by widening sidewalks and reducing the dominance of cars. This would make it safer and more enjoyable for people to walk around and explore. Encourage the development of sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives, such as green buildings, recycling programs, and renewable energy sources. This would help make Downtown San Mateo a more environmentally conscious and responsible place to live and work.
- Encourage more local businesses to open up, especially those that offer unique products or services. This would add to the charm and uniqueness of Downtown San Mateo. Improve the public transportation options to make it easier for people to access the area without relying on cars. This could include better bus service, more bike lanes, and perhaps even a light rail or trolley system. Create more public art installations to add color and creativity to the downtown area. This could include murals, sculptures, and other forms of art that reflect the local culture and history.
- Organize more community events and festivals in Downtown San Mateo to bring people together and create a stronger sense of community. This could include art shows, music festivals, or farmers markets. Create more green spaces and parks in the area to provide places for people to relax and enjoy the outdoors. This could involve converting unused lots or adding more trees and plants to existing spaces. Encourage more sustainable practices in Downtown San Mateo, such as recycling programs, energy-efficient lighting, and bike-friendly infrastructure. This would make the area more environmentally friendly and appealing to residents and visitors alike.
- Consider creating more green spaces or parks in Downtown San Mateo. This would provide areas for people to relax, have picnics, or enjoy outdoor activities. Additionally, promoting more art installations and cultural exhibits would enhance the creative and cultural atmosphere of the area. Another idea could be to support local artists and musicians by providing more venues for them to showcase their work. This would attract more visitors and contribute to the unique identity of Downtown San Mateo.
- Other comments or ideas: Organize more community events and festivals to bring people together and enhance the sense of community. This could include art fairs, music festivals, farmers markets, and more. Create more pedestrian-friendly areas by widening sidewalks and reducing traffic in certain zones. This would make it safer and more enjoyable for people to walk around downtown. Invest in public art installations to add more beauty and creativity to the area. This could include sculptures, murals, and other forms of art that reflect the unique character of San Mateo.
- Organize more community events and festivals in downtown. This could range from art shows and music festivals to farmers markets and holiday celebrations. These events would bring people together, boost local businesses, and create a lively and engaging environment. Create more green spaces or pocket parks. These could provide areas for people to relax, have a picnic, or enjoy some nature in the midst of the urban setting. Encourage more sustainable transportation options like bike lanes and electric vehicle charging stations. This would not only



be environmentally friendly but also make it easier for people to access downtown without relying solely on cars.

- Organizing more community events and festivals in downtown San Mateo could enhance the sense of community and attract more visitors. These events could showcase local talent, art, and culture. Encouraging sustainable practices such as recycling, composting, and energy conservation would make downtown more environmentally friendly. Developing a pedestrian-friendly infrastructure with wider sidewalks and better crosswalks would make it safer and more enjoyable for people to walk around downtown.
- Encourage more sustainable transportation options like bike lanes and electric vehicle charging stations to reduce traffic congestion and environmental impact. Support local artists by providing more spaces for murals, sculptures, and art installations. This would add to the cultural vibrancy of downtown. Develop a pedestrian-friendly infrastructure with wider sidewalks, better lighting, and more benches to make it easier and more enjoyable for people to walk around.
- Organize more community events and festivals in downtown. This would bring people together, enhance the sense of community, and attract visitors from outside the area. Create more bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly areas to promote active transportation and make downtown more accessible and enjoyable for those on foot or bike. Encourage the development of sustainable businesses and initiatives to make downtown San Mateo more environmentally friendly.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more public art installations in Downtown San Mateo. This could add to the aesthetic appeal of the area and make it more engaging. Additionally, promoting sustainable practices among businesses, such as recycling and reducing waste, could help make Downtown San Mateo more environmentally friendly. Another idea could be to create a dedicated bike path that connects different parts of Downtown, making it easier for people to get around by bike.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more community events and festivals held in Downtown San Mateo. This would bring people together and create a sense of community spirit. Additionally, promoting local businesses through marketing campaigns and partnerships could help boost the local economy and make Downtown San Mateo an even more vibrant place to be.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more cultural activities and art installations in Downtown San Mateo. This could attract a wider range of people and add to the creative energy of the area. Also, improving the signage and wayfinding would make it easier for visitors to navigate and discover all that Downtown San Mateo has to offer.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more public art installations throughout Downtown San Mateo. This could add color and creativity to the area and make it more visually appealing. Additionally, promoting local artists and musicians by providing more performance spaces could further enhance the cultural scene. Another idea could be to create a bike-sharing program to encourage sustainable transportation and make it easier for people to get around.
- As for other comments or ideas, it would be great to see more public art installations in Downtown San Mateo. This could add color and creativity to the area and make it more visually appealing. Additionally, promoting local artists and musicians by providing spaces for them to perform or display their work could enhance the cultural scene. Another idea could be to create

a dedicated bike path or greenway that connects Downtown San Mateo to other parts of the city, making it easier for people to access the area by bike and promoting sustainable transportation.

- Have more refreshed painting of the buildings or other ways to create uniformity throughout the street. A lot of empty restaurant or retail spaces. Lower rent to help incentivize merchants to open stores to help with vibrancy of DTSM
- Far too many business/restaurant vacancies. We need a variety of retailers & upscale food options.
- As for other comments or ideas about Downtown San Mateo, perhaps there could be more events and festivals throughout the year to bring people together and showcase the local talent and culture. Additionally, improving the pedestrian walkways and adding more bike lanes would make it more accessible and environmentally friendly. Another idea could be to create more green spaces or pocket parks where people can relax and enjoy the outdoors.
- Maintain "B" Street closed
- Mountain View Castro Street is what I would like San Mateo to have. I also think there are a lot of restaurants but many of the restaurants are from the same cuisine. Additionally, bike parking is not throughout downtown and some places you have to park a block away and no parking on B Street.
- Walking downtown yesterday evening to dinner and to the movie theatre with my daughter was difficult as it seemed the lighting around 3rd and the theatre was a bit dim, in addition to just rude people not recognizing there was a literal child around them. Anyway, I digress, it's still a wonderful place to visit during the day, just at night needs to be a little more family friendly. Not late at night, just early evening.
- If B street remains closed, it would be nice to have a more permanent park or other setting.
- Don't build any mix use buildings.
- Please, please address the lack of parking
- I blame the greedy city council for the ugliness of the current city.
- Thank you to the street cleaning workers for keeping Downtown Clean
- More bike parking, wider sidewalks, more greenery, less car traffic, less street parking
- Open B st
- Downtown San Mateo is not very interesting... it's apparent there's been a lack of (executed) vision for many many years. Time for the PTB to step up in a big way.
- Closing B Street has made traffic worse, and is costing small businesses \$\$\$\$. I stopped going there because of the limited accessibility and the traffic gridlock the closures created. It also made it difficult for deliveries to the businesses. Delivery trucks often have to double park 2 blocks away just to get to their destination, which screws up traffic on other nearby streets. Open B Street!
- Host a bike or running race that starts and ends at Central Park
- Looking forward to fall festival!
- El Camino at downtown area needs trees along the sides and median to reduce it's current feeling of a minor dirty freeway

- The public would be more likely to attend events put on by the City or other local groups (B St Boosters) if the advertising were improved. Consider allocating more resources to radio and digital advertising to promote these events and in turn assist our excellent local small businesses.
- Favor humans over cars
- There's zero safe bike parking available and the city keeps removing parking which leads to more congestion as people drive around looking for spaces. MUCH BETTER parking signage would help, and synchronizing the lights better to keep traffic flowing would help too.
- More block parties
- Pretty great so far
- More live music in the park
- I find the closed-off road sections does not impact my access to downtown. In fact, I like less intersections and more leisurely walking spaces, so I hope those remain closed. I have no problem parking further and walking into downtown. (Would like that parking to be hassle-free though.)
- The music events at the central park are a great start! We need more of that. It helps make the city feel lively and a sense of community.
- I went to many meetings concerning downtown, the developers hold the key, especially Bohannon.
- I am loving all the events that are taking place downtown, particularly Boba Day and the Juneteenth Celebration! Would love to see an annual Arts and Wine Festival established!!!!
- Continue to police the area heavily to deter any crime
- More ev charging infrastructure would be nice. Maybe a pilot program for curb-side charging connected to parking meters?
- You do not have the infrastructure or hospitals or police force to maintain and house droves of random influxes of people. Crime is already up. We never had murders and armed robberies and now we do but certain people inserted into our local government are coming with their destructive visions and want to cram more people into our city. This is bad politics and we do not need this social experiment here. We want our freedom of movement and freedom to keep our neighborhoods as they were.
- also stop closing streets down for bike lanes in general in san mateo! my friend lives on n humboldt and it's RIDICULOUS that they can't park in front of their own house bc of the bike lane (that no one uses). you devalued their home and created a huge inconvenience. fix it now!!
- Keep grocery stores
- More outdoor sitting