

PROPOSED 2018 BONDS Report on Community Input

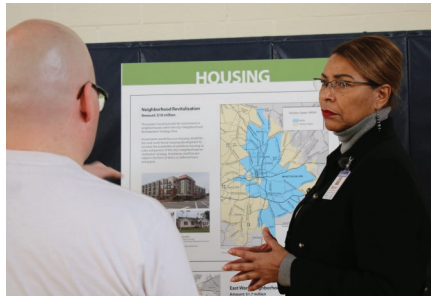


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Background and Introduction

The Mayor, City Council, and staff review all capital needs on an annual basis with the Capital Improvement Plan. During this process, staff from various departments prioritize their list of projects with justifications to the need, cost estimates, available resources, timing requirements, and operating budget impact. The projects are reviewed by the budget staff, and a proposal is sent to the Mayor and City Council for approval. With approval, the first year shown in the Capital Improvement Plan represents actual capital project budget appropriations for that fiscal year. The remaining five years have conditional approval as future planning years. Over the past several years, the City has tried to fund projects with the most need through the Capital Improvement Plan and the 2014 bond referendum; however, due to insufficient funds, a backlog of projects has developed. The proposed 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan includes unfunded capital needs of \$756.2 million.

In August 2017, the Mayor and City Council created the Citizens' Capital Needs Committee to review the City's capital needs and make recommendations for what the Mayor and City Council should consider in a potential bond referendum. The Committee recommended a \$120 million bond package that addressed needs in the areas of economic development, housing development, public safety, parks and recreation, and transportation. During its review, the Committee prioritized funding for existing buildings and programs, adopting a "fix what you have" philosophy. They also focused on funding projects with a total cost greater than \$500,000. In December 2017, the Committee presented its report to the Mayor and City Council during the monthly Finance Committee Meeting.

The Mayor and City Council then held two Special Meetings to discuss and review the list of unmet needs and the potential bond package recommended by the Citizens' Capital Needs Committee and staff. From these meetings, the Mayor and City Council directed staff to develop a \$122 million bond package and gather community feedback. The proposed list includes projects within five of the City's strategic focus areas: Economic Vitality and Diversity, Safe and Secure Community, Livable Neighborhoods, Quality Transportation, and Service Excellence.

The Mayor and City Council directed staff to hold community meetings to provide residents an opportunity to learn about the bond package and provide feedback on the proposed list of projects. Nine public meetings, at least one meeting per ward, were scheduled at recreation centers and a church throughout the city over a four-week period (March 21 – April 12). The meeting locations were chosen geographically to allow for the greatest number of attendees and to promote facilities that may benefit from the potential referendum. The meetings were held on week nights from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (except for one meeting in the East Ward, which ran from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.). After the locations and dates were selected, the City mailed a post card to every residential address, issued news releases to numerous media outlets, and posted announcements in the *Winston-Salem Journal*, *Winston-Salem Chronicle*, and the City website. The City's Marketing and Communications Department also utilized targeted social media posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor to publicize meetings and gather feedback from the community.

The meetings began with a small program that included an introduction and overview from Marketing and Communications, a welcome and comments from the corresponding Council member, and a short video regarding capital needs. Following the brief program, attendees were given the opportunity to speak with City staff about any questions or concerns related to the proposed projects. Attendees were given the opportunity to complete a comment card prior to leaving the facility to give feedback on each category of bond projects. Informational posters, handouts, and comment cards used the formal bond

order titles so that all materials would match what voters would see on the referendum ballot in November. Comments were also collected via the 2018 bond website (www.cityofws.org/2018bonds) and social media.

The following pages outline information concerning logistics, methodology, and themes. Conclusions are summarized on the last page of the report. The appendices provide the proposed bond package (Appendix A); the meeting calendar (Appendix B); the meeting handouts including agendas and informational materials (Appendix C); a list of the actual comments received from the meetings and through the city’s website or social media (Appendix D).

Community Meeting Overview

The City of Winston-Salem organized nine community capital needs meetings over a four-week period (March 21 – April 12) to gather feedback on the potential \$122 million bond package. The meeting locations were chosen geographically to allow for the greatest number of attendees and to promote facilities that may benefit from the potential referendum. Over the four-week period, a total of 249 community members attended the meetings. The meeting locations, dates, and attendees are below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
Wednesday, March 21	Northeast	Carl H. Russell, Sr. Community Center	28
Thursday, March 22	North	Hanes Hosiery Community Center	22
Tuesday, March 27	Southwest	Miller Park Community Center	35
Wednesday, March 28	South	Georgia E. Taylor Neighborhood Center	18
Thursday, March 29	East	Park View Church of God	12
Tuesday, April 3	Northwest	Polo Park Community Center	41
Wednesday, April 4	West	South Fork Community Center	33
Thursday, April 5	East	Winston Lake Golf Course	34
Thursday, April 12	Southeast	Salem Lake Marina	26
		Total	249

Attendees provided written comments on cards that were distributed during the meeting. Of the 249 total attendees, 71 comment cards were returned. An additional 63 comments were received via the bond website or social media. The table below shows the location of the meetings and the number of comment cards submitted.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Cards</u>
Carl H. Russell, Sr. Community Center	7
Hanes Hosiery Community Center	8
Miller Park Community Center	14
Georgia E. Taylor Neighborhood Center	6
Park View Church of God	0
Polo Park Community Center	20
South Fork Community Center	13
Winston Lake Golf Course	1
Salem Lake Marina	2
Online	14
Social Media	49
Total	134

The meetings were scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes. The agenda generally included the following:

1. Overview by the Marketing and Communications Director
2. Welcome from the designated Council Member
3. Video about the City's capital needs
4. Information tables and questions for City staff

The themes presented in this report were taken from the comment cards completed by residents at the end of each meeting. The themes are reported for each of the following bond order categories, as well as a set of themes for general or non-category comments:

- Streets & Sidewalks
- Public Safety Facilities
- Recreation & Parks
- Economic Development
- Housing
- General/Non-Category

Methodology of Comment Card Reporting

All of the community meetings allowed residents to interact with City staff to enhance their understanding of the projects included in the proposed bond package. Attendees could ask questions to gain further insight. Approximately thirty City staff members attended each meeting, with representatives from all relevant departments. Staff were stationed throughout each meeting location with information boards describing and illustrating the various projects within their service area.

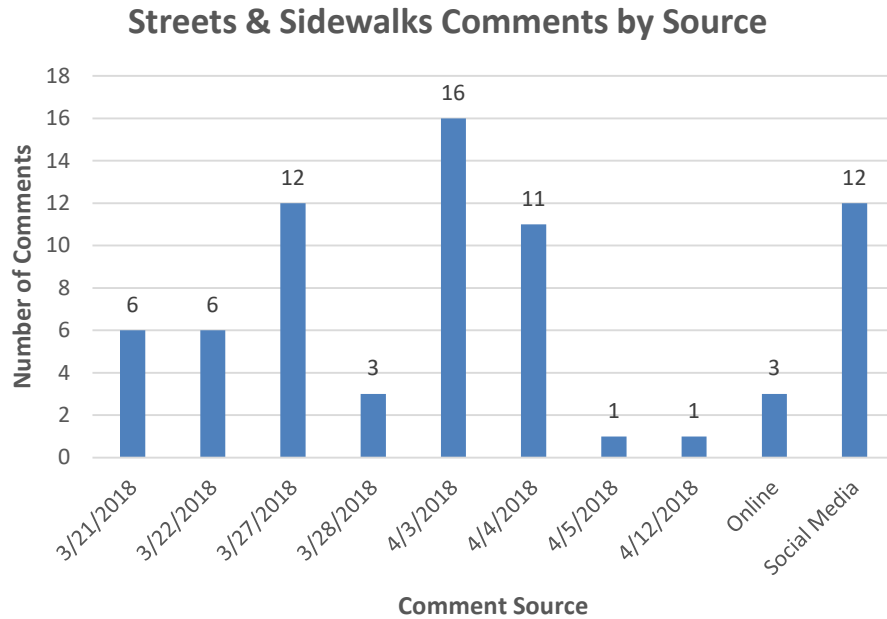
During the interactive portion of the program, discussions were not recorded. Attendees were instructed to complete a comment card with any thoughts on the projects. To summarize the themes found from the comment cards, responses were tallied and assigned to thematic categories by staff. Creating themes allows the reader to grasp the general ideas expressed at the meetings without reviewing all of the data.

City staff categorized the comments into major and minor themes based on the frequency of responses. All the themes are shown in charts within each bond category. The definition of major and minor themes differs for each category due to the variance in responses to each service area.

Summary of Comments

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

The transportation portion of the bond package includes projects such as street resurfacing and other transportation infrastructure improvements. Transportation received the most feedback with a total of 71 comments.



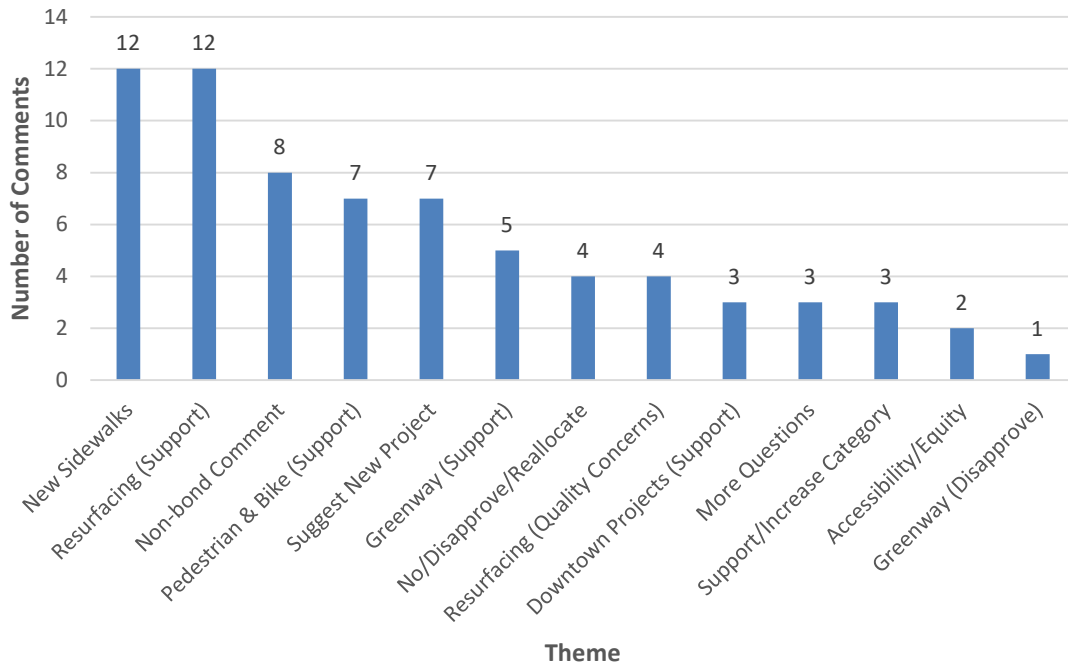
The major themes for this category are a desire for more sidewalks and support for resurfacing. Some respondents listed specific places where they would like to see both of these improvements; others simply cited an overall need for sidewalks or resurfacing in the city. New sidewalks and resurfacing were each mentioned in 12 comments.

The three minor themes were cited seven or eight times. Eight commenters focused on non-bond related concerns such as trash in roadways or drains, snow removal, specific maintenance requests, or comments on the community meeting. Seven commenters expressed support for bicycle and pedestrian focused projects, and seven other respondents suggested new, non-sidewalk projects, including intersection improvements and road widening.

Given the high level of support sidewalk and pedestrian projects received, it is important to note that there is currently no funding in the bond specifically for new sidewalks or sidewalk maintenance. However, there is \$1.4 million proposed for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

In total, 30 comments were in support of this category in whole or in part, while only five comments were in opposition in whole or in part.

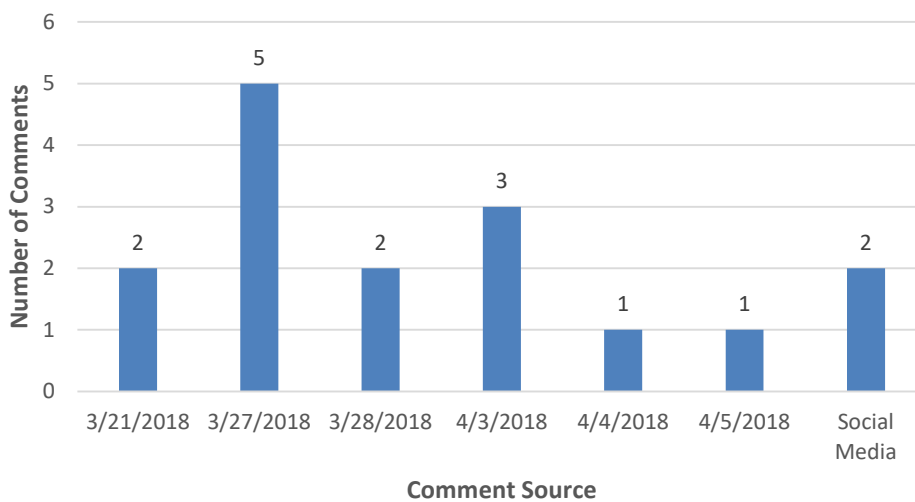
Streets & Sidewalks Comments by Theme



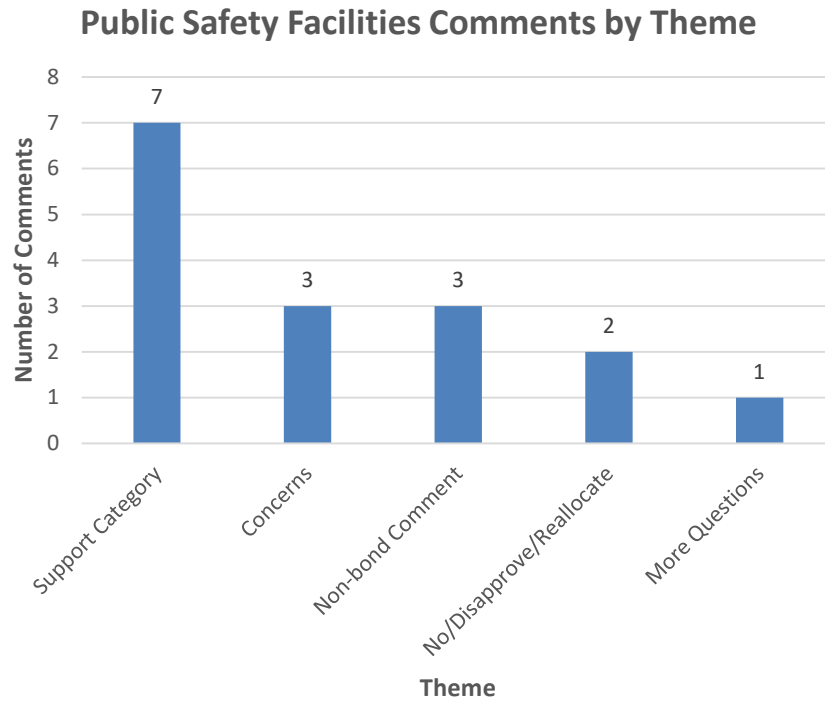
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

Public safety projects include upgrades to the radio communication system, replacement of Fire Station #3, a new fire station in the Burke Mill Road area, and the first phase of a new public safety training complex. In total, 16 comments were received for this category.

Public Safety Facilities Comments by Source



The only major theme was complete approval of this category, which was noted in seven comments. Three other comments contained various concerns, including equity in the placement of police facilities, how the City will ensure funding for future phases of the training complex, and the impact of increased noise from the new fire station. Only two commenters expressed opposition to this category.



RECREATION & PARKS

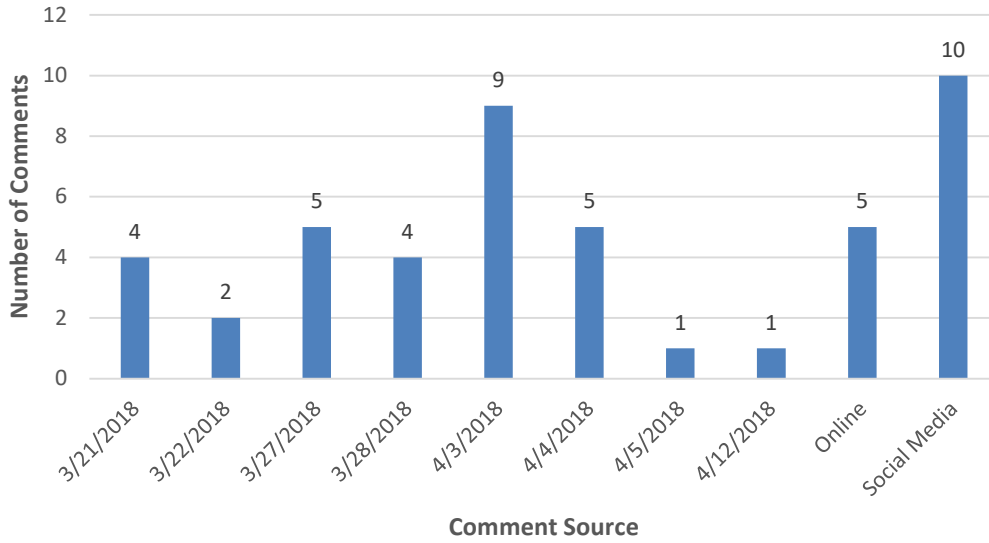
Recreation has a wide variety of projects in the proposed package including new park development, major renovations, and maintenance and rehabilitation of older parks and facilities. Recreation received 46 total comments.

The major theme for this category, expressed in nine comments, is support for specific projects listed in the bond. Specific sites respondents supported include Carl H. Russell, Granville Park, Hanes Park, Quarry Park and Washington Park. Respondents also requested additional funding for Granville Park, Fourteenth Street, and Winston Lake Golf Course.

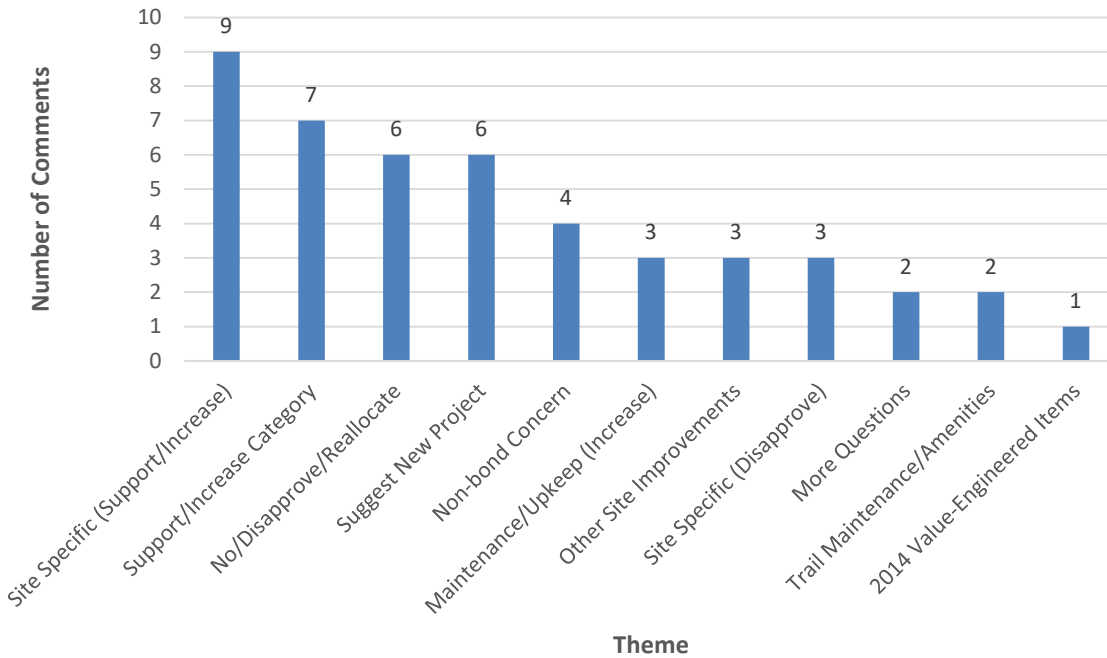
Three minor themes were cited six or seven times. Seven respondents expressed support or requested an increase to this category of funding, while six suggested the amount should be reduced or disapproved this portion of the package. Six comments also contained suggestions for a new project, specifically a skate park.

In total, 16 comments expressed support for the Recreation and Parks category in whole or in part, while nine expressed disapproval for some or all of the category.

Recreation & Parks Comments by Source



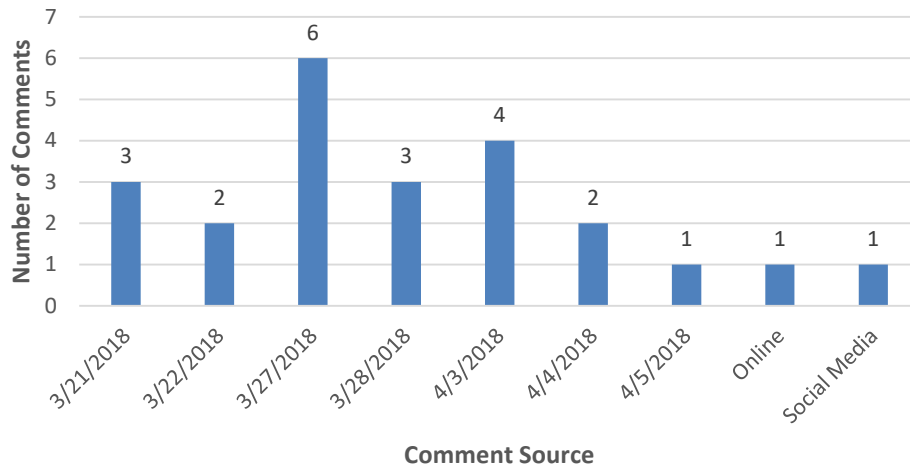
Recreation & Parks Comments by Theme



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development projects, which include site development and infrastructure, Liberty Street redevelopment, and commercial redevelopment, received 23 total comments.

Economic Development Comments by Source

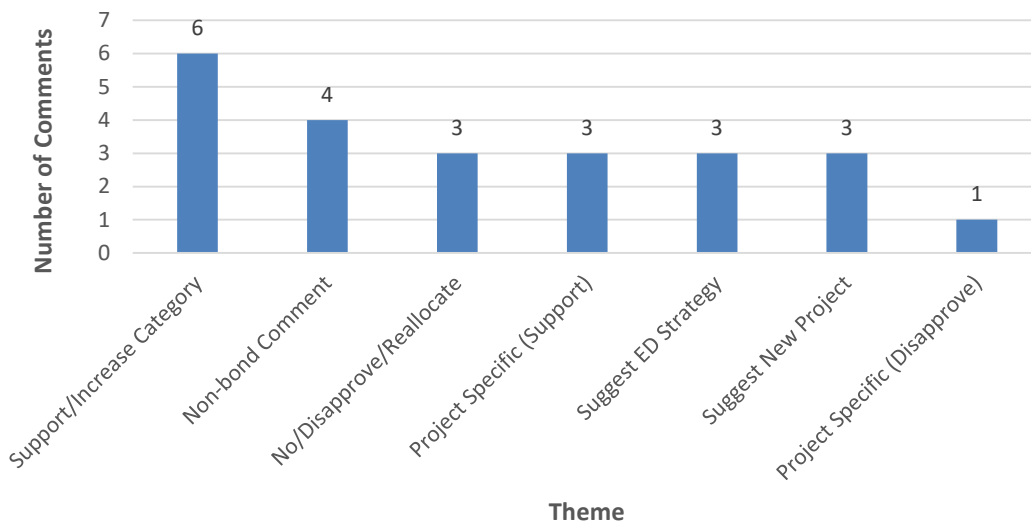


The major theme was general approval of this portion of the package, which was repeated six times.

Other commenters expressed support (3; Commercial Revitalization and downtown projects) or disapproval (1; Liberty Street Redevelopment) of specific economic development projects, suggested new sites for redevelopment, or suggested specific economic development strategies the city should utilize, such as investing in early childhood programs and providing classes for small businesses or entrepreneurs. Non-bond comments included requests for school funding, relocating the transportation center, and praise for the meeting and/or staff.

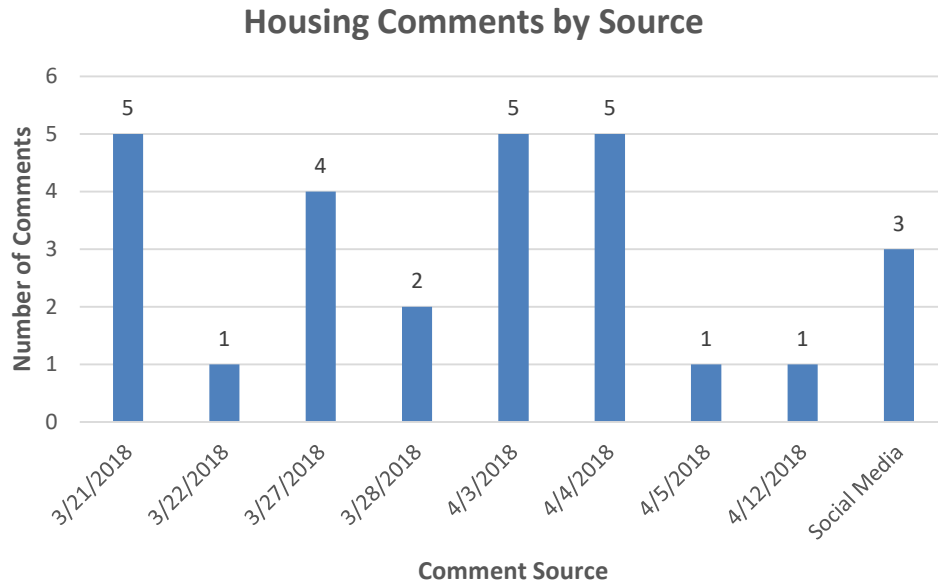
Nine comments supported this category in whole or in part, while four were opposed to some or all of the projects.

Economic Development Comments by Theme

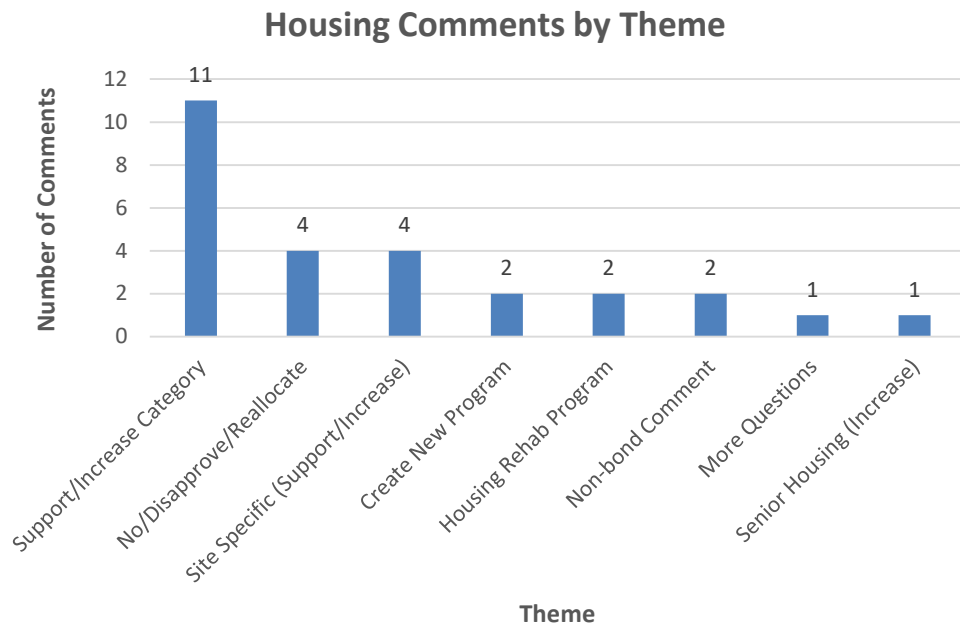


HOUSING

Housing development projects include housing rehabilitation and neighborhood improvements. The majority of the 27 comments submitted on housing development were affirmative.

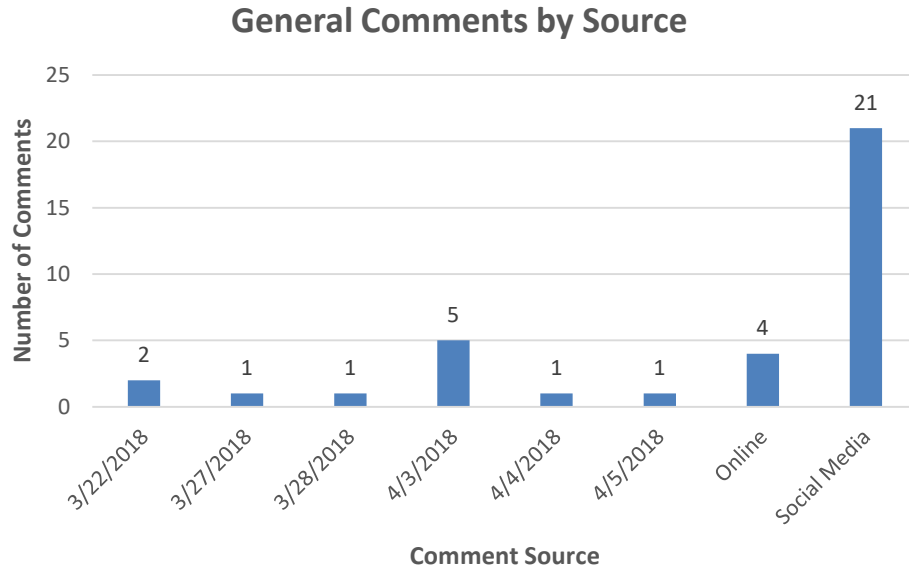


The major theme was approval of this category, which was noted in 11 comments. Two minor themes, each cited four times, were disapproval of the category and support for specific sites, including East Winston, Peacehaven, Shalom Project/PCCI redevelopment of Budget Inn, Piedmont International University redevelopment of Royal Inn and HOPE Ministry areas.

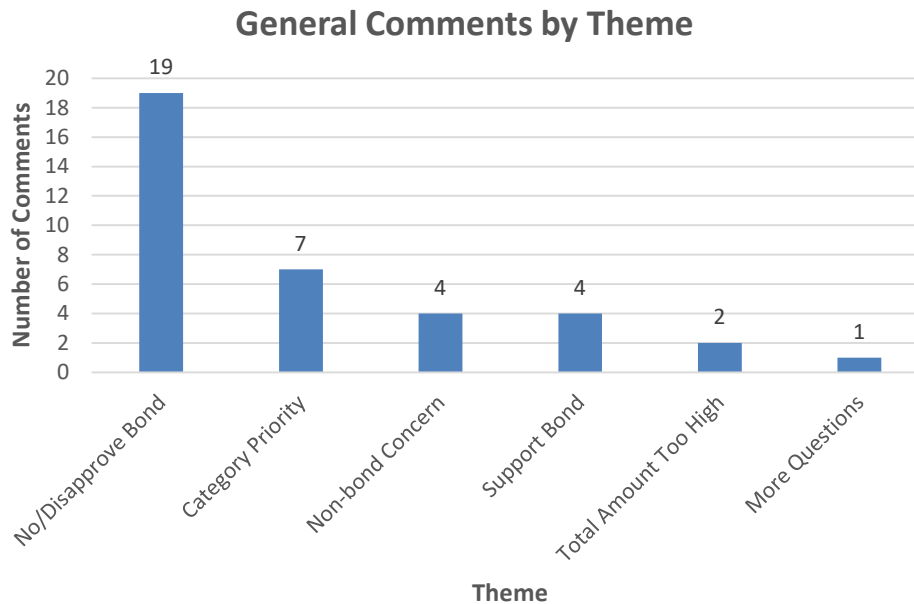


GENERAL COMMENTS

Along with offering feedback on each category of bond projects, 36 respondents provided general comments on the potential bond package as a whole.



The major theme of these comments was disapproval for the bond (19). Smaller groups of commenters wanted to shift funding from one category to another they saw as a higher priority (7) or felt the total amount of the package was too high (2). Four respondents were in support of the bond.



Conclusions

Based on the review of all the comments, the feedback received was generally more positive than negative. Of the total 220 comments, 85 supported the bond in whole or in part, while only 45 disapproved the bond, specific categories, or projects.

In all five categories, major themes included support for the category and/or specific projects. Streets & sidewalks received the most focus from citizens with requests for new pedestrian facilities, especially sidewalks, ranking highest among the comment themes. Only in the general comments was disapproval or a lack of support a high ranking theme.

The comments received from the community provided City officials with public input on a major proposal. The comments should prove to be beneficial to the Mayor, City Council, and staff as the bond referendum process continues. Information provided for this report represents a small group of citizens, not a scientific sample. Additionally, we are not able to verify that all social media comments came from residents, despite the geographic targeting used. Therefore, this report is presented as information only.

Appendix A

**Proposed \$122 Million
Bond Package**

2018 Proposed Bond Package

(as of 2/26/18)

PROJECT	AMOUNT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Economic Development Sites/Infrastructure	\$10,000,000
Liberty Street Redevelopment - Phase I	\$2,500,000
Commercial Redevelopment in Blighted Areas	2,000,000
Economic Development Total:	\$14,500,000
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	
Neighborhood Revitalization	\$10,000,000
East Ward Neighborhood Revitalization	\$1,700,000
Housing Development Total:	\$11,700,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Public Safety Radio Communication System	\$9,000,000
New Fire Station	5,000,000
Fire Station #3 Replacement	3,600,000
Public Safety Training Complex	3,500,000
Public Safety Total:	\$21,100,000
PARKS AND RECREATION	
Recreation and Parks Facility Renewal	\$6,570,000
Winston Lake Park Improvements - Phase II	5,300,000
Salem Lake Park Improvements - Phase II	3,700,000
Quarry Park Development - Phase II	3,100,000
Washington Park Renovations	2,500,000
Hanes Park Improvements - Phase II	2,000,000
Playground Renovations	1,870,000
Carl H. Russell Community Center Renovation	1,160,000
Bethania-Rural Hall Pocket Park	1,000,000
Park Land Acquisition and Park Development	1,000,000
Strollway Renovations	1,000,000
Georgetown Pocket Park	800,000
Easton Park Restrooms	500,000
William R. Anderson Jr. Gym Renovation	500,000
Parks And Recreation Total:	\$31,000,000
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS	
Street Resurfacing	\$13,600,000
Concrete Base Streets Rehabilitation	6,230,000
Business 40 Corridor Enhancements	3,800,000
Polo Road Improvements	3,670,000
Liberty and Main Street 2-Way Conversion	3,600,000
First and Second Street 2-Way Conversion	2,800,000
Multi-Use Path	2,300,000
East End Area Plan - Phase I	2,000,000
Little Creek Greenway - Phase II	1,500,000
Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements	1,400,000
Salem Creek Greenway Pedestrian Sidepath	1,000,000
Streetscape Improvements - Phase I	1,000,000
Greenway Development	800,000
Streets and Sidewalks Total:	\$43,700,000

GRAND TOTAL: \$122,000,000

Appendix B

Meeting Agendas



AGENDA

Capital Needs Community Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Carl H. Russell, Sr. Community Center

- 1) Overview – Ed McNeal, Marketing & Communications Director

- 2) Welcome – Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke

- 3) Video about the City's Capital Needs

- 4) Information Tables and Questions for City Staff



AGENDA
Capital Needs Community Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Hanes Hosiery Community Center

- 1) Overview – Ed McNeal, Marketing & Communications Director

- 2) Welcome – Council Member Denise D. Adams

- 3) Video about the City's Capital Needs

- 4) Information Tables and Questions for City Staff



AGENDA
Capital Needs Community Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Miller Park Community Center

- 1) Overview – Ed McNeal, Marketing & Communications Director

- 2) Welcome – Council Member Dan Besse

- 3) Video about the City's Capital Needs

- 4) Information Tables and Questions for City Staff



AGENDA
Capital Needs Community Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Georgia E. Taylor Neighborhood Center

- 1) Overview – Ed McNeal, Marketing & Communications Director

- 2) Welcome – Council Member John Larson

- 3) Video about the City's Capital Needs

- 4) Information Tables and Questions for City Staff



AGENDA
Capital Needs Community Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Polo Park Community Center

- 1) Overview – Ed McNeal, Marketing & Communications Director

- 2) Welcome – Council Member Jeff MacIntosh

- 3) Video about the City's Capital Needs

- 4) Information Tables and Questions for City Staff



AGENDA
Capital Needs Community Meeting

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
6:00 p.m.
South Fork Community Center

- 1) Overview – Ed McNeal, Marketing & Communications Director

- 2) Welcome – Council Member Robert C. Clark

- 3) Video about the City's Capital Needs

- 4) Information Tables and Questions for City Staff



AGENDA
Capital Needs Community Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Winston Lake Golf Course Club House

- 1) Overview – Ed McNeal, Marketing & Communications Director

- 2) Welcome – Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery

- 3) Video about the City's Capital Needs

- 4) Information Tables and Questions for City Staff

*Please note – because the 3/29 East Ward meeting was part of an established Town Hall, there was no separate agenda for the meeting at Park View Church of God.



AGENDA
Capital Needs Community Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Salem Lake Marina

- 1) Welcome & Overview – Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

- 2) Video about the City's Capital Needs

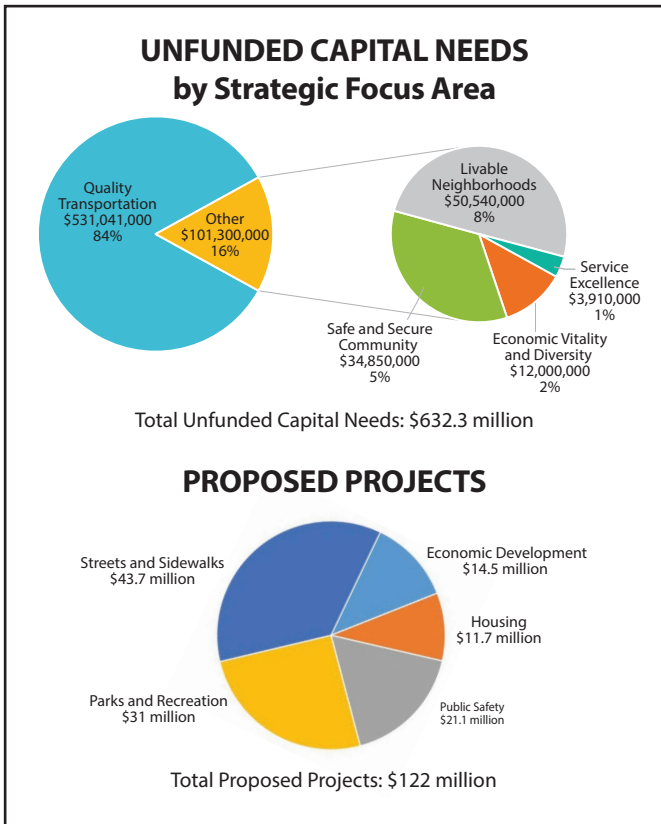
- 3) General Questions and Answers

- 4) Breakout Information Session with City Staff

Appendix C

Informational Materials

CAPITAL NEEDS



The bonds that citizens approved in November 2014 allowed the city to make a start on its backlog of unfunded capital needs. However, Winston-Salem still has \$632.3 million in unfunded needs for streets, sidewalks, buildings, parks, infrastructure and equipment. The City Council recently reviewed the list and proposed that the city move forward with \$122 million worth of projects for streets & sidewalks, recreation, public safety and economic and housing development. A list of proposed projects and a brief description of each is printed on the back.

The City Council is considering a bond referendum to finance these projects. Borrowing \$122 million will allow the city to address the most pressing of these needs and pay the money back over time, much as people do when they borrow money to buy a house or a vehicle.

If the city were to finance all \$122 million in projects, the city Finance Department estimates that the city property tax rate could increase up to 4 cents, starting in July 2019. Based on this, the owner of a house valued at \$150,000 would pay \$60 more in property taxes starting in August 2019. This works out to \$5 per month.

MEETING CAPITAL NEEDS

Winston-Salem lags behind most other cities in North Carolina in capital spending financed through bond referendums over the past ten years.

CHARLOTTE

- 2008, \$227.2 million (streets, neighborhoods, housing)
- 2010, \$203.6 million (streets, sidewalks, bridges, neighborhoods, housing)
- 2014, \$816.4 million (transportation, neighborhoods, housing)
- 2016, \$218.4 million (transportation, housing, neighborhoods)

DURHAM

- 2010, \$20 million (streets, sidewalks)

GREENSBORO

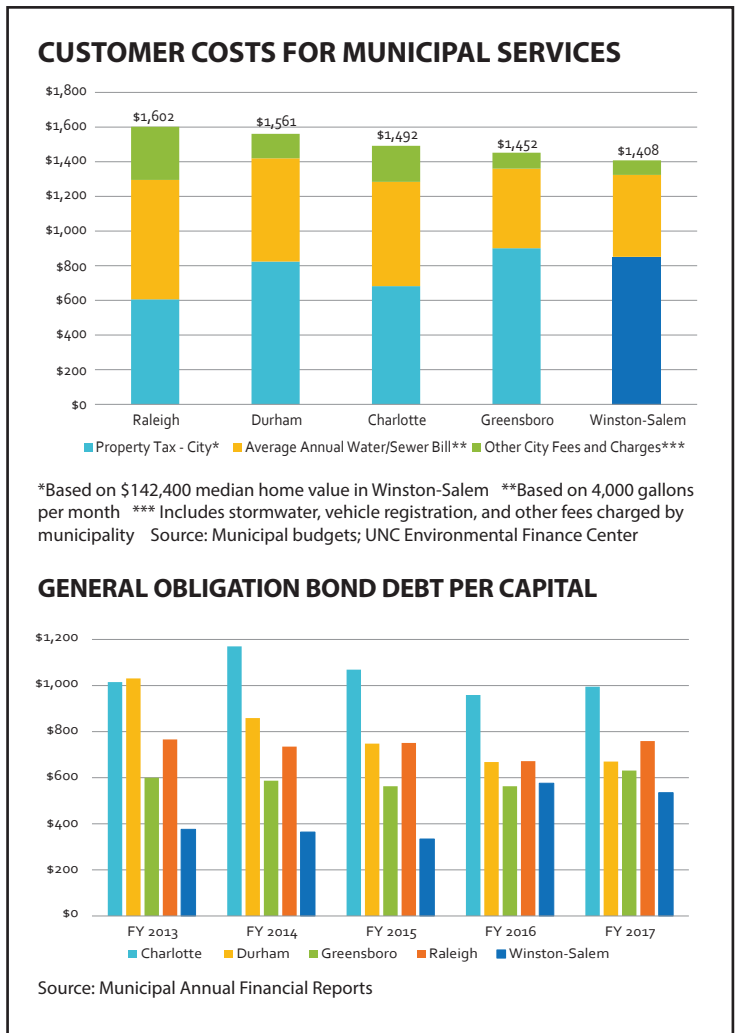
- 2008, \$155 million (streets, housing, parks & recreation)
- 2009, \$20 million (nature science center)
- 2016, \$126 million (housing, recreation, economic development, transportation)

RALEIGH

- 2011, \$56 million (transportation, public housing)
- 2013, \$75 million (transportation)
- 2014, \$91.8 million (parks & recreation)
- 2017, \$206.7 million (transportation)

WINSTON-SALEM

- 2014, \$139.2 million, (streets & sidewalks, economic development, housing, recreation, public safety)



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**CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM
2018 BOND DOLLARS**

PROPOSED PROJECTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Sites/Infrastructure (Business/industrial park purchase & infrastructure dev.)	\$10,000,000
Liberty Street Redevelopment - Phase 1 (Streetscape enhancements, property acquisition and clearing)	\$2,500,000
Commercial Redevelopment in Blighted Areas (Business improvement grants/loans in targeted areas)	\$2,000,000
Total	\$14,500,000

HOUSING

Neighborhood Revitalization (Workforce housing rehab, construction, financial assistance)	\$10,000,000
East Ward Neighborhood Revitalization (Targeted housing investments)	\$1,700,000
Total	\$11,700,000

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

Public Safety Radio Communications System (New communications system & radios)	\$9,000,000
New Fire Station (Burke Mill Road area)	\$5,000,000
Fire Station #3 Replacement (North Liberty Street) (Replace with new station with two engine bays)	\$3,600,000
Public Safety Training Complex (Acquisition, master planning, driving range)	\$3,500,000
Total	\$21,100,000

PARKS AND RECREATION

Recreation and Parks Facility Renewal (Facility upkeep and maintenance including roofs, heating & air, electrical, lighting, paint)	\$6,570,000
Winston Lake Park Improvements - Phase II (Lake dredging, lakefront strollway, fishing pier & pavilion, restrooms, pedestrian improvements)	\$5,300,000
Salem Lake Park Improvements - Phase II (Shoreline bulkhead, boat ramp, picnic shelter, pedestrian facilities, boat slips)	\$3,700,000
Quarry Park Development - Phase II (Playground, picnic shelters, pedestrian & picnic facilities, expanded parking)	\$3,100,000
Washington Park Renovations (Basketball court/fitness area, restrooms, restoring historic infrastructure/shelters, concrete pedestrian paths, picnic pavilion)	\$2,500,000

Hanes Park Improvements - Phase II (Tennis center & tennis court renovations, resurface track, park overlook)	\$2,000,000
Playground Renovations (Replacements/upgrades at selected parks)	\$1,870,000
Carl H. Russell Community Center Renovation (Renovations including new lighting, painting, landscaping)	\$1,160,000
Parkland Acquisition & Park Development	\$1,000,000
Bethania-Rural Hall Road Pocket Park (Playground, benches)	\$1,000,000
Strollway Renovations (Resurfacing, bridge repair)	\$1,000,000
Georgetown Neighborhood Pocket Park (Playground, benches)	\$800,000
William R. Anderson Jr. Gym Renovation (Court replacement, expanded seating)	\$500,000
Easton Park Restrooms	\$500,000
Total	\$31,000,000

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Street Resurfacing (64 centerline miles)	\$13,600,000
Concrete Street Rehabilitation (Eight street segments)	\$6,230,000
Business 40 Corridor Improvements (U.S. 52 to Peters Creek Parkway)	\$3,900,000
Polo Road Improvements (Reynolda Road to Long Drive)	\$3,670,000
Liberty and Main Streets 2-way Conversion (MLK Jr. Drive to Brookstown Avenue)	\$3,600,000
First and Second Streets 2-way Conversion (Peters Creek Parkway to Church Street)	\$2,800,000
Multi-Use Path (Peters Creek Parkway to Lockland Ave.)	\$2,300,000
East End Area Plan Phase I (Fifth Street between U.S. 52 & MLK)	\$2,000,000
Little Creek Greenway - Phase II (Greenway extension to Somerset Drive)	\$1,500,000
Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements (Bike lanes, sidewalks, safety improvements)	\$1,400,000
Streetscape Improvements - Phase I (Targeted locations)	\$1,000,000
Salem Creek Greenway Pedestrian Sidepath (Marketplace Mall to Silas Creek Parkway via Link Road)	\$1,000,000
Greenway Development (Design funds)	\$800,000
TOTAL	\$43,700,000
Total All	\$122,000,000

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

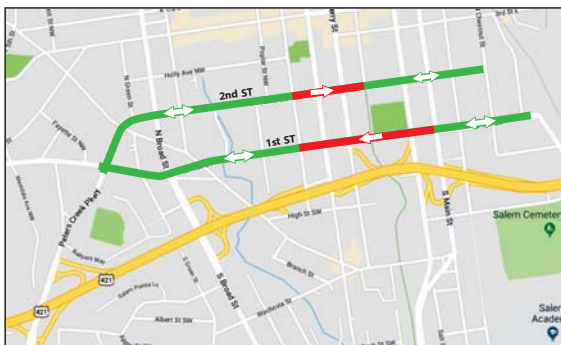
Liberty and Main Streets Two-Way Conversion Amount: \$3.6 million

The reconstruction of Business 40 will eliminate the ramps at Liberty and Main Streets. To facilitate downtown travel with this change, the Chamber of Commerce Business 40 Task Force recommends that Liberty Street and Main Street be converted to two-way traffic. This project would fund the conversion of Liberty and Main streets between Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Brookstown Avenue after the re-opening of Business 40 in 2020.



First and Second Streets Two-Way Conversion Amount: \$2.8 million

The reconstruction of Business 40 will eliminate the ramps at Liberty and Main Streets while leaving in place the ramps at Cherry and Marshall Streets. To facilitate downtown travel with this change, the Chamber of Commerce Business 40 Task Force recommends that portions of First Street and Second Street be converted to two-way traffic. This project would fund the conversion of First and Second streets along most of their lengths between Peters Creek Parkway and Church Street, except for the portions indicated in red on the map. The conversion would be implemented after the reopening of Business 40 in 2020.



Multi-Use Path Amount: \$2.3 million

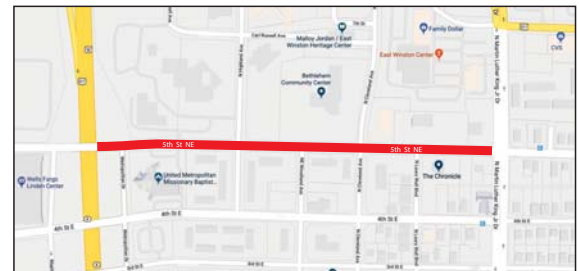
To allow for pedestrian and bicycle access between Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and downtown along the Business 40 corridor, a multi-use path has been included in the Business 40 rebuild project. The path would provide a separated transportation route for cyclists and pedestrians and would have connections along the way between residential neighborhoods, employment centers, and recreational land uses, including BB&T Ballpark. This project would fund the portion of the path from Peters Creek Parkway to Lockland Avenue, which is outside the scope of the Business 40 project.



This artist's rendering shows the Multi-Use Path where it passes by BB&T Ballpark.

East End Area Plan – Phase I Fifth Street Streetscape Improvements Amount: \$2 million

The East End Area Plan includes improving the appearance and function of East Fifth Street through streetscaping. This project would provide funds for streetscape improvements along Fifth Street, in the area between U.S. 52 and Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.



STREETS & SIDEWALKS

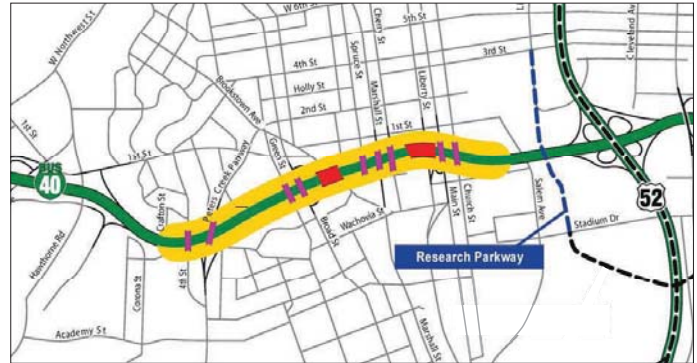
Business 40 Corridor Enhancements

Amount: \$3.8 million

The city of Winston-Salem and Creative Corridors Coalition have committed to upgrading the appearance of the Business 40 corridor when the highway is rebuilt. This project would fund the clear noise wall on the Peters Creek Parkway Bridge, as well as other enhancements as funds allow, which could include monument foundations at bridges, pedestrian level lighting and enhanced landscaping.



This artist's rendering shows the clear noise wall to be installed along the bridge that will carry Peters Creek Parkway over Business 40 after it is rebuilt.



The area in yellow shows the portion of Business 40 that the Creative Corridors Coalition is focusing on.

Streetscape Improvements – Phase I

Amount: \$1 million

A streetscape comprises the visual elements of a street, such as the road itself, trees and other plantings, lighting, benches, bike racks, and public art. Streetscapes give the streets character and help create an identity for an area. Many cities have developed streetscape standards to aid this process. A Downtown Streetscape Plan is currently scheduled to be developed and presented by winter of 2018. The plan will include design standards and funding estimates. This project would provide funds to begin implementing the recommendations in the plan.

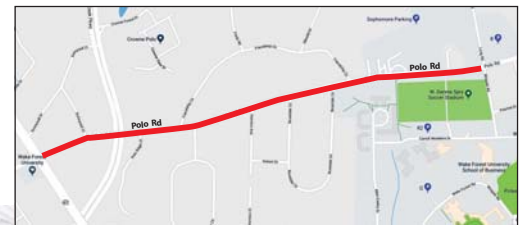


Downtown streetscape improvements installed in 2001 include benches and planting beds.

Polo Road Improvements

Amount: \$3.67 million

This project would fund safety improvements related to traffic flow on Polo Road between Reynolda Road and Long Drive. The project would include pedestrian improvements such as pedestrian signals, crosswalks, curb ramps and signs; and bicycle lanes.

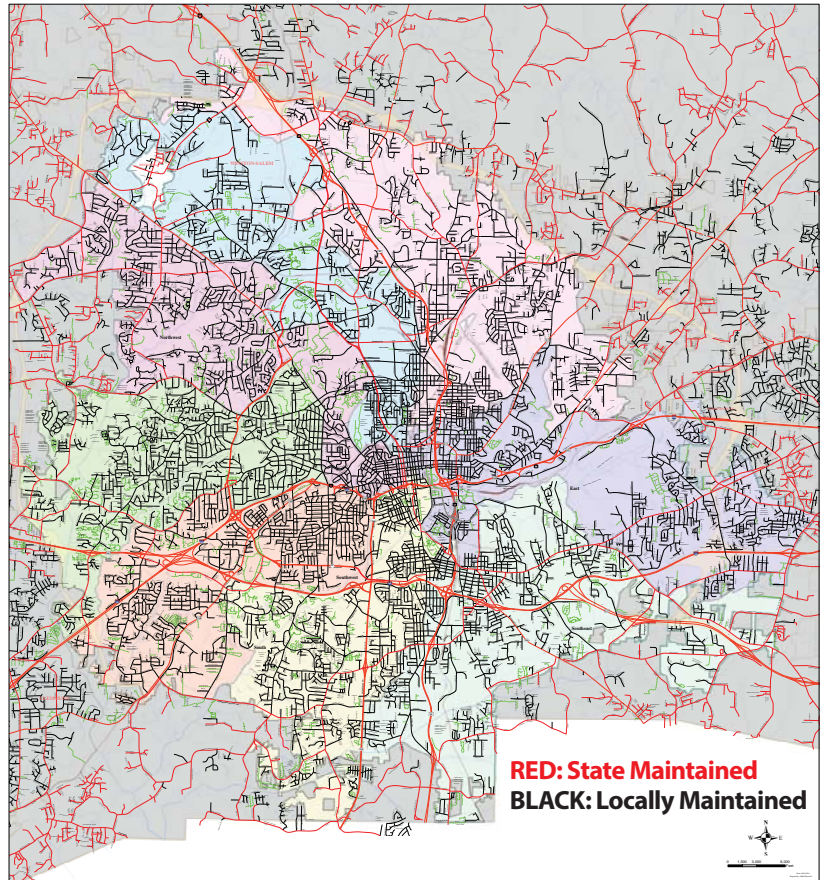


Polo Road today.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Street Resurfacing Amount: \$13.6 million

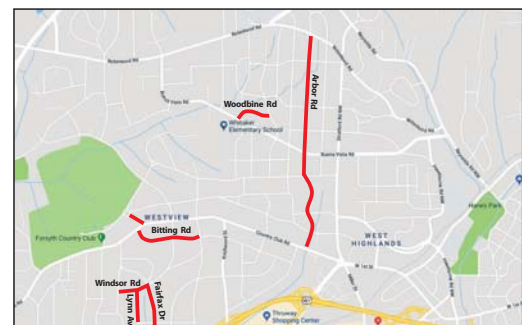
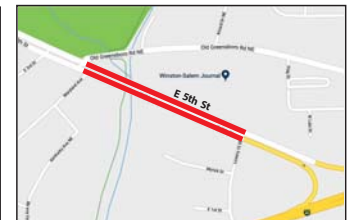
The City of Winston-Salem maintains 1,013.52 centerline miles of hard surface streets. This project would allow the city to resurface an estimated 64 centerline miles of city streets.



Concrete Base Street Rehabilitation Amount: \$6.23 million

The city has many streets that were built with concrete and substandard curb and gutter. The concrete base has exceeded its life expectancy. Asphalt has been applied on top of the concrete street in a thin layer to provide enough remaining gutter to carry stormwater, but this thin layer is constantly breaking and popping off. This project would convert the concrete streets to asphalt streets, and allow for easier and more effective repairs when required.

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| Arbor Road | From Robinhood Road to Country Club Road |
| Bitting Road | From Club Park Road to Westview Drive |
| E. Fifth Street | From Lowery Court to Old Greensboro Road |
| 18th Street | From N. Liberty Street to the dead end |
| Fairfax Drive | From Windsor Road to the dead end |
| Lynn Avenue | From Windsor Road to Greenwich Road |
| Windsor Road | From Plymouth Avenue to Fairfax Drive |
| Woodbine Road | From Westover Avenue to Buena Vista Road |

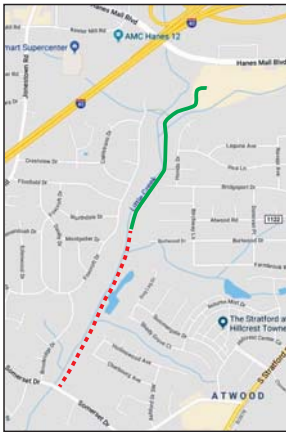


STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Little Creek Greenway – Phase II

Amount: \$1.5 million

This project would fund an extension of the Little Creek Greenway from its current end to Somerset Drive, a distance of 3,500 feet.



Little Creek Greenway currently dead ends near Atwood Road.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements

Amount: \$1.4 million

Funding for this project would be used to improve bicycle and pedestrian accessibility throughout the city. Projects could include repairing current bicycle and pedestrian facilities as needed, constructing roadway safety improvements, and expanding sidewalks and bike lanes.



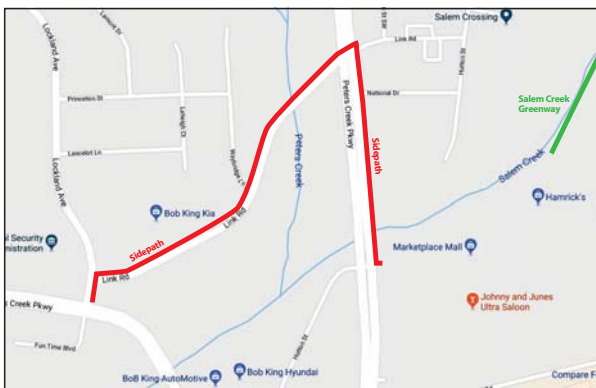
Pedestrian improvements at Polo and Peace Haven roads. Bike lanes installed along Acadia Street.



Salem Creek Greenway Pedestrian Sidepath

Amount: \$1 million

This project would provide funds to construct a pedestrian sidepath connecting the Salem Creek Greenway and Marketplace Mall to Silas Creek Parkway. The pedestrian sidepath would consist of a wide, ADA-compliant paved walkway running along Peters Creek Parkway from Marketplace Mall to Link Road, along Link Road to Lockland Avenue, and down Lockland Avenue to Silas Creek Parkway. Pedestrian crossings would be added at the intersections of Peters Creek Parkway and Link Road and at Link Road and Lockland Avenue.



Pedestrian crossings would be installed at the intersection of Peters Creek Parkway and Link Road.



A separate pedestrian bridge could replace this sidewalk along the Peters Creek Parkway bridge over Salem Creek.

Greenway Development

Amount: \$800,000

This project would create a reserve that would allow the city to expedite greenway construction by completely funding design work for future greenways with local dollars. Staff would then seek construction funding through various state and federal sources.



PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

Public Safety Radio Communication System

Amount: \$9 million

The current public safety radio communications system for both the city and county is more than 15 years old. It requires parts that can no longer be replaced and cannot be guaranteed to be serviced. A new system would contain new hardware and software that can make use and take advantage of the existing eight radio towers, and would include the replacement of radios. Most city operations, including police, fire, and public works, will use the new communications system. The total cost of a new communications radio system is estimated to be \$18 million and would be split 50/50 with the county.



Among other things, this project would update the communications consoles used by 911 operators.

New Fire Station

Amount: \$5 million

National fire-protection standards call for a four-minute travel time for fire trucks to the scene of a fire. There is a 3.6 square-mile area in the vicinity of Burke Mill Road that is outside this 4-minute standard. This area includes Hanes Mall, Forsyth Medical Center and other major commercial buildings, and this area is forecast to grow by 10 to 25 percent over the next four years. Construction and staffing of a new fire station would close this gap. This area experiences a high number of annual requests for service and has 384 occupancies that score at least a moderate risk in the department's Occupancy Vulnerability Assessment Profile.

The proposed fire station also would include a historic apparatus bay, highlighting the history of the department.



The area outside the four-minute response window is shown in red. Each dot represents a fire call.

Fire Station 3 Replacement

Amount: \$3.6 million

Fire Station 3, located at 2995 North Liberty St., was completed in 1964 and has outlived the usefulness of its design. In addition to inadequate apparatus bays, dormitory space, and storage, the facility contains no classroom space, physical training facility, or laundry room. HVAC system design is inadequate, requiring the use of window units. Office space must also be used as dormitory space and there are only two showers. Replacement with a building similar to the new Fire Station 8 would alleviate these concerns.



The current station 3 is more than 50 years old.



The existing Station 3 would be replaced with a new facility similar to the new Fire Station 8 on Reynolda Road.

Public Safety Training Complex

Amount: \$3.5 million

This project would fund land acquisition and master planning for a Public Safety Training Complex and construction of a 600' x 600' asphalt driving instruction pad for the Police Department that meets the specifications of the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. This is essential to ensuring police officers operate their vehicles safely and responsibly and use proper procedures during pursuit and traffic stops. The master plan would include facilities that would be funded and built at a future date, such as fire training building, a fire apparatus driving pad, and a fire maintenance facility.



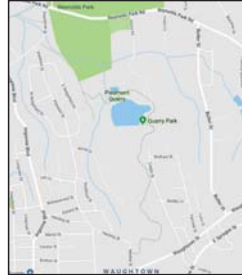
Currently the Police Department has to set up cones every time it trains drivers in this parking lot on Shorefair Drive.

RECREATION & PARKS

Quarry Park Development – Phase II

Amount: \$3.1 million

This project provides for further development of the new Quarry Park built with the 2014 bonds. Proposed amenities for Phase II include a playground, picnic shelters, pedestrian infrastructure and expanding and paving the parking lot.



William R. Anderson Jr. Gym Renovation

Amount: \$500,000

The William R. Anderson Jr. Recreation Center gymnasium is heavily used. After successive resurfacings of the gymnasium floor over the years, the floor has reached the point where it cannot be resurfaced further. This project would pay for replacing the gym floor and new, expanded spectator seating.



The William R. Anderson Center gym has reached the point where the floor must be replaced.

Carl H. Russell Community Center Renovation

Amount: \$1.16 million

The Carl H. Russell Community Center opened in 1987 and was North Carolina's first community center with gigabit internet access. Over time, increased demand for quality rental space and issues related to deferred maintenance have driven the need to make several upgrades/repairs to the community center. This project would provide funding for renovation of Carl H. Russell Community Center and could serve as a model for similar renovations across the city. Proposed renovations include new paint and updated interior lighting. Outdoor renovations could include exterior lighting improvements, improved accessibility, security improvements, and several landscaping improvements around the community center.



The Carl H. Russell Community Center is 31 years old and needs overdue maintenance and renovation.

RECREATION & PARKS

Winston Lake Park Improvements – Phase II

Amount: \$5.3 million

This project provides for further development of Winston Lake Park following Phase I renovations and improvements that were funded with the 2014 bonds. Proposed amenities and improvements in Phase II include a lakefront strollway, lake dredging and dam repairs, improved fishing facilities including a fishing pier and fishing pavilion with rest rooms, and pedestrian improvements.



Phase II of Winston Lake Park Improvements would focus on the lake itself.

Salem Lake Park Improvements – Phase II

Amount: \$3.7 million

Phase I of renovations and improvements to Salem Lake Park was funded with the 2014 bonds and included a new Marina Center, restrooms, parking improvements and playground. Proposed improvements and amenities funded in Phase II include renovating the shoreline bulkhead, rebuilding the boat ramp, adding kayak storage and boat slips, and building a picnic shelter near the playground.



Phase II improvements include a picnic shelter near the playground.



Washington Park Renovations

Amount: \$2.5 million

A master plan was recently completed for Washington Park. The proposed funding of \$2,500,000 would finance renovations to the basketball court and adjacent fitness area, replacing the restrooms, restoring historic infrastructure and shelters, building new concrete pedestrian paths and adding a picnic pavilion



Hanes Park Improvements – Phase II

Amount: \$2 million

Funds for this project would allow completion of the second phase of improvements to Hanes Park. Phase I is currently underway. Phase II would include renovating the Joe White Tennis Center and the hard- and soft-surface tennis courts, resurfacing the track and constructing an overlook along Hawthorne Road.



Both the hard- and the clay-surface courts at Hanes Park would be renovated.



RECREATION & PARKS

Playground Renovations

Amount: \$1.87 million

This project would provide replacements and upgrades for playgrounds in select parks. Playgrounds are replaced based on annual safety assessments, condition of the equipment, and overall usage. Potential parks could include Reynolds, Skyland, Lockland and Bolton.



This project would fund new playgrounds at city parks. These photos show new playgrounds recently installed at Hanes and Salem Lake parks

Strollway Renovations

Amount: \$1 million

The Strollway provides a pedestrian and bike connection between downtown and the Salem Creek Greenway. The Strollway was completed 30 years ago and its current condition presents several hazards to users. This project would include resurfacing and minor bridge repair.



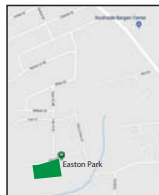
The Strollway renovations would address tripping hazards such as this manhole cover.



Easton Park Restrooms

Amount: \$500,000

Funding for this project would provide for the construction of new restrooms at Easton Park.



Bethania-Rural Hall Pocket Park

Amount: \$1 million

This project would create a neighborhood park to fill an unmet need in the Bethania Freedman's Community along Bethania-Rural Hall Road, adjacent to Fire Station 20. The park could include a gazebo, picnic tables, walking path and benches.

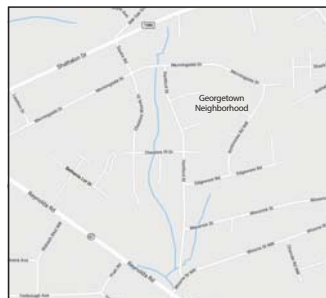


The park would be built next to the fire station on Koger Lane.

Park Land Acquisition and Park Development

Amount: \$1 million

This project would create a reserve fund to be used exclusively for future acquisition of land that could be developed into future park land and open space. Funding would be available for sites throughout the city.



Georgetown Pocket Park

Amount: \$800,000

This project would create a neighborhood park to fill an unmet need in the Georgetown neighborhood in the North Ward. Park amenities would include a playground and benches. A specific park location has not been identified.

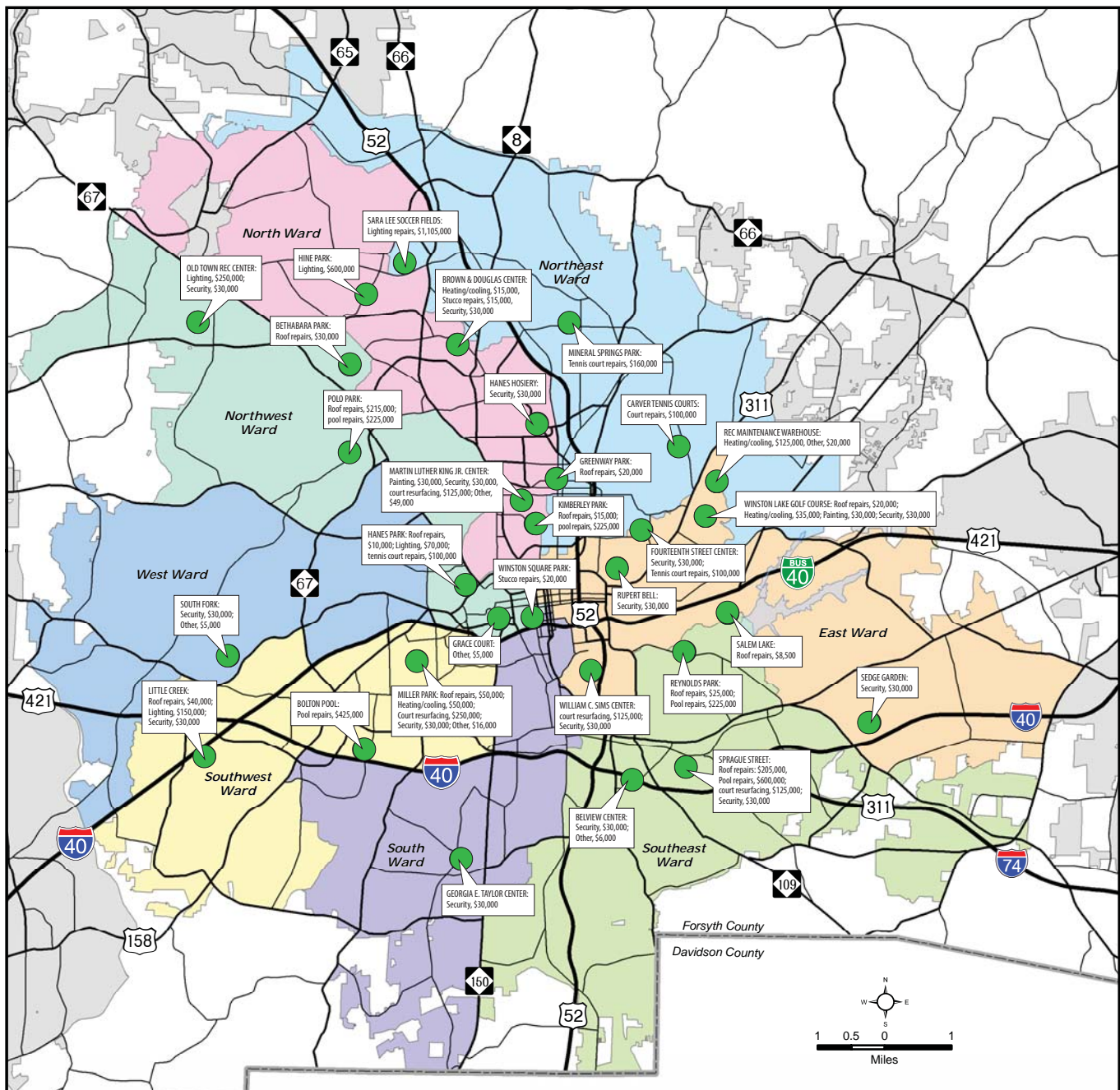
RECREATION & PARKS

Recreation and Parks Facility Renewal

Amount: \$6.57 million

Property and Facilities Management has performed facility condition assessments on all recreation facilities and has established a schedule for the replacement of roofs, replacement of heating and air conditioning systems, painting, renewal of interior finishes, replacement and repair of electrical and lighting systems, and miscellaneous maintenance.

Along with general facility renewal, this project would also include needed maintenance, improvements, and upgrades to lighting, security, tennis courts, basketball courts, and pools throughout the city.



Date: 3/13/2018 Planning & Dvpt Services

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Sites/Infrastructure

Amount: \$10 million

City staff, in conjunction with the Utility Commission and Winston-Salem Business Inc., have identified potential sites where future industrial or business parks could be located or infrastructure developed, including Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, Union Cross Business Park, Brookwood Business Park and Whitaker Park. Funds could be used to purchase land and for park development and infrastructure, including grading, water and sewer construction, and road construction. Development of business parks has proven to be a successful tool for creating jobs and expanding the tax base.

PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS



Brookwood Business Park



Caterpillar Infrastructure



Herbalife Infrastructure

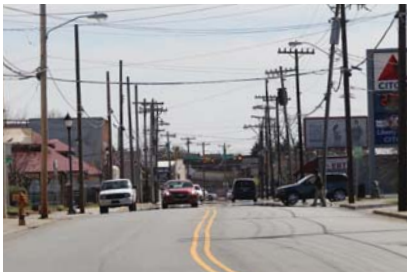


Union Cross Business Park

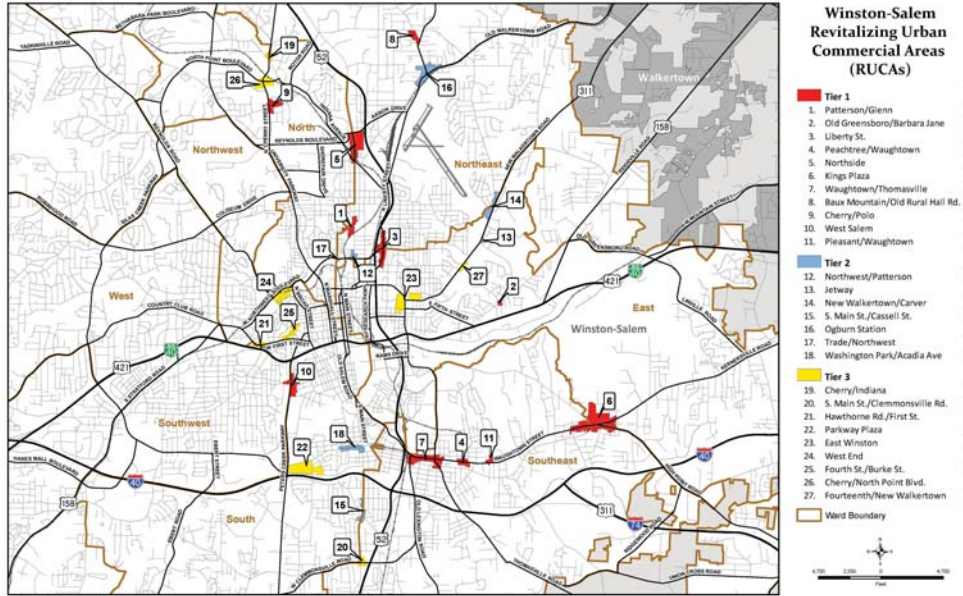
Liberty Street Redevelopment – Phase I

Amount: \$2.5 million

Funds for this project would be used to address urban blight along the Liberty Street corridor. Phase I activities could include streetscape enhancements, property acquisition, demolition and clearing, land banking, and new construction.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Commercial Redevelopment in Blighted Areas

Amount: \$2 million

This project would fund site improvements for businesses in targeted urban commercial areas as part of the city's Revitalizing Urban Commercial Areas (RUCA) Program. Funds for site improvements would be provided in the form of grants and low-interest loans to small business owners. Of the 27 total RUCA areas identified in Tiers 1, 2 and 3, only 11 have received funding.

EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS RUCA PROJECTS*



Area 3 - North Liberty Street



Area 7 - Waughtown/Thomasville



Area 6 - King Plaza



Area 1 - Glenn/Patterson



Area 16 - Ogburn Station



Area 18 - Washington Park/Acadia

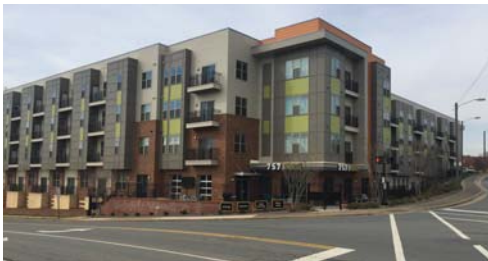
*RUCA projects involve multiple buildings.

HOUSING

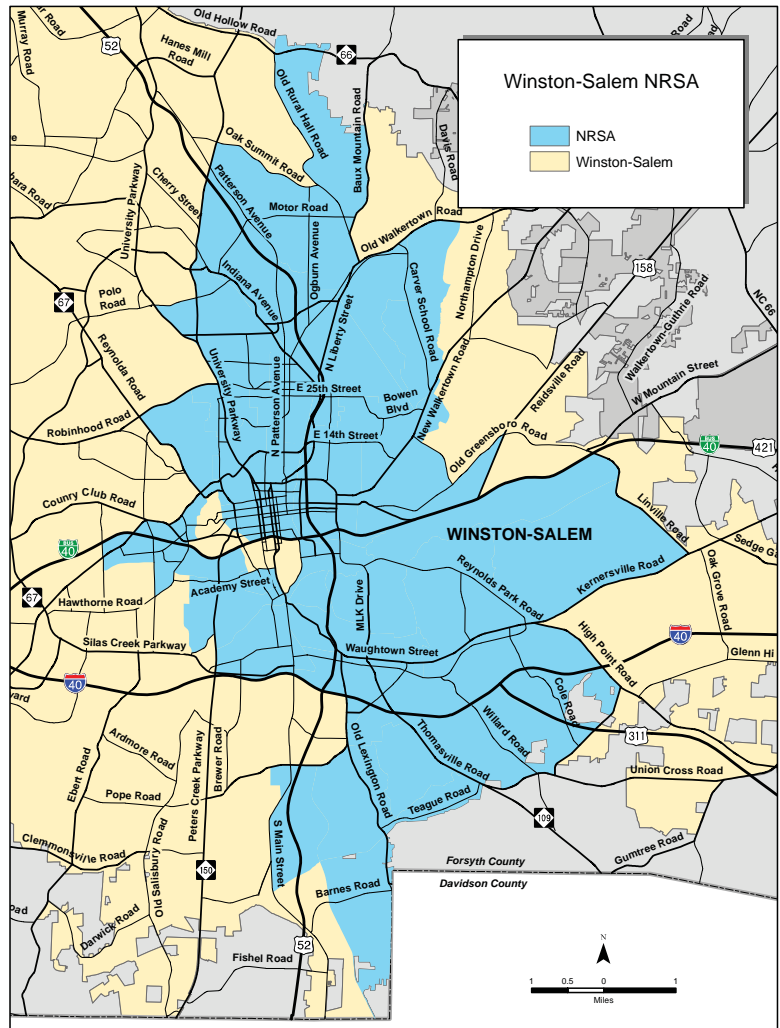
Neighborhood Revitalization Amount: \$10 million

This project would provide for investments in neighborhoods within the city's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area.

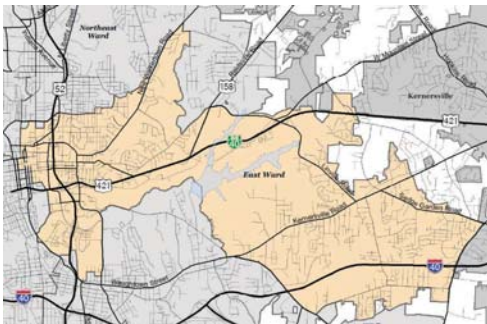
Investments would focus on housing rehabilitation and multi-family housing development to increase the availability of workforce housing as a key component of the city's neighborhood revitalization strategy. Assistance could be provided in the form of direct or deferred loans and grants.



Projects assisted by the housing bonds approved in 2014
Top: 757N, an apartment complex that includes workforce housing;
Lower left: Emmanuel Retirement Village, an independent living retirement community under construction off Old Greensboro Road;
Lower right: affordable homes built in the Ridgewood Place subdivision.





This project would seek to stimulate housing investments in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area.



East Ward Neighborhood Revitalization Amount: \$1.7 million

Funds for this project would provide for targeted housing development investments throughout the East Ward.

2014 Bond Project Update

Project	Bonds	Project Budget	Spent/ Committed	Status
 PARKS AND RECREATION				
Quarry Park - Phase I (including Waughtown Connector)	\$5,000,000	\$5,273,000	\$5,270,880	
Winston Lake Aquatic Facility	4,000,000	5,010,880	5,008,130	
Salem Lake Marina	4,000,000	4,623,700	4,623,360	
Happy Hill Park Renovations	5,000,000	4,500,000	579,030	Out to Bid
Jamison Park Development	3,000,000	3,074,590	3,074,590	
Water Spraygrounds	2,050,000	\$2,829,910	-	
Sedge Garden Park	-	407,850	407,850	
Rupert Bell Park	-	434,690	428,790	
Mineral Springs Pool	-	322,000	320,950	
Polo Park Pool	-	288,000	286,000	
Little Creek Park	-	228,000	226,710	
Parkland Pool	-	337,250	29,750	
Hathaway Park	-	231,000	230,930	
Reynolds Park	-	353,120	353,120	
Miller Park Renovations/Redevelopment	2,000,000	2,500,000	794,300	
Hanes Park Improvements	1,000,000	2,250,000	2,082,400	
Winston Lake Golf Course Renovations	1,500,000	1,505,160	1,505,160	
Sedge Garden Recreation Center Gymnasium	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,299,690	
Park Land Acquisition	1,000,000	940,340	938,900	Ongoing
Second Street Park	-	300,000	49,230	
North Ward Park	-	1,228,000	186,100	
Park Master Plans	-	150,000	147,900	Ongoing
West Ward Pocket Park	-	35,000	34,250	
Kimberley Park Improvements	400,000	576,440	771,030	
Parkland Pool & Tennis Courts	400,000	457,500	45,000	
Blum Park Improvements	250,000	309,300	280,890	
Brown & Douglas Recreation Center/Piney Grove Park Improvements	350,000	251,420	251,410	
Fairview Park Renovations	200,000	243,500	243,340	
Bowen Park Restroom Renovations	150,000	181,660	181,250	
Hobby Park Improvements	100,000	92,990	92,990	
Facility Lighting Improvements & Tennis Courts: Carver HS	150,000	36,830	36,820	
Parks and Recreation Total	\$31,850,000	\$36,442,220	\$28,055,510	
 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS				
Street Resurfacing	\$15,250,000	\$15,200,130	\$13,527,990	
Sidewalk Construction and Repairs	10,000,000	10,237,860	5,563,860	Ongoing
Meadowlark Drive Widening	5,600,000	7,605,000	832,420	Out to Bid
Old Salem Infrastructure	1,000,000	3,745,600	435,600	
Concrete Base Streets Rehabilitation	2,700,000	2,979,720	2,978,090	
Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects	3,800,000	2,406,000	32,420	Ongoing
Polo Road Corridor Improvements	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,751,520	
Business 40 Corridor Improvements	1,000,000	1,468,470	60,560	Input
Streets and Sidewalks Total	\$41,350,000	\$46,642,780	\$25,182,460	

Project	Bonds	Project Budget	Spent/ Committed	Status
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES				
Public Safety Center Renovations	\$10,000,000	\$10,865,000	\$854,190	Out to Bid
Alexander Beaty Public Safety Training & Support Center	7,000,000	5,886,830	5,882,140	✓
Police District 1 Facility (North Point Boulevard)	3,458,000	3,445,300	3,446,100	✓
Police District 3 Facility (Winterhaven Lane)	3,958,000	3,366,000	3,308,540	✓
Police District 2 Facility (Lucia)	1,584,000	2,398,870	2,338,260	✓
Fire Station #7 (Arbor Road)	2,000,000	2,170,000	2,156,910	✓
Fire Station #8 (Wake Forest)	2,580,000	2,080,000	2,088,470	✓
Fire Station #9 (Ogburn Avenue)	420,000	1,265,000	1,246,740	✓
Public Safety Facilities Total	\$31,000,000	\$31,477,000	\$21,321,350	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Economic Development Sites/Infrastructure	\$20,000,000	\$14,250,390	-	Planning
Whitaker Park	-	4,000,000	\$4,000,000	Ongoing
Hydroponics/HOPE	-	1,140,110	1,140,110	Ongoing
Enterprise Park	-	500,000	500,000	✓
Brookwood Business Park	-	106,500	106,500	✓
Lucia Development Study	-	3,000	3,000	✓
Downtown Development	3,000,000	3,000,000	-	Planning
Revitalizing Urban Commercial Areas (RUCA) Projects	2,000,000	572,650	-	Planning
Patterson/Glenn	-	866,250	866,250	Ongoing
14th Street/New Walkertown Road	-	260,000	260,000	Ongoing
RUCA III Infrastructure	-	200,000	200,000	Ongoing
Old Greensboro/Barbara Jane	-	101,100	101,100	Ongoing
Economic Development Total	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$7,176,960	
HOUSING				
Housing/Neighborhood Development	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	-	
Ujima Emmanuel Retirement Village	-	-	\$2,500,000	🚧
New Hope Manor	-	-	1,600,000	Ongoing
757 North	-	-	1,250,000	✓
Ridgewood Place	-	-	650,000	Ongoing
Transforming Urban Residential Neighborhoods (TURN)	4,000,000	4,000,000	966,191	Ongoing
Housing Total	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$6,455,600	
PROJECT TOTAL	\$139,200,000	\$149,562,000	\$88,191,880	

* Project budget includes authorized GO Bonds and additional City funds

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Under Construction



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Appendix D

**Comments and Themes by
Bond Category**

Streets & Sidewalks Comments

Theme	Comment	Source
Accessibility/Equity	Get out & walk around city. Check <u>ALL</u> neighborhoods for repairs, streets for potholes on a regular basis all year.	Comment Card
Accessibility/Equity	ADA compliance, full expansion to access facilities, parks, greenways, etc	Comment Card
Downtown Projects (Support)	Very glad to see more streets in downtown becoming two-way. Look forward to improved street trees downtown (streetscape plan)	Comment Card
Downtown Projects (Support)	Two-way First & Second needs to be done as soon as possible.	Comment Card
Downtown Projects (Support)	2-way of First & Second streets is critical to the pedestrian safety of the Holly Ave. Neighborhood	Comment Card
Greenway (Disapprove)	Eliminate the \$ for the Salem Creek Greenway extension, the state has determined it's not feasible. Don't waste \$ on it.	Comment Card
Greenway (Support)	Little Creek Greenway extension to Somerset: A connection to Hillcrest Towne Center area will help probably 1800 residents to access the greenway safely. The easiest connection would be to Green Arbor Lane (no cul de sac or developed property at that point)	Comment Card
Greenway (Support)	Connect Little Creek to multiple neighborhoods along Somerset & Jonestown	Comment Card
Greenway (Support)	Little Creek Greenway extension would serve 100-1400 people living in Hillcrest Center. An extension of the Greenway to now in construction Green Arbor Lane would provide access to the Greenway	Comment Card
Greenway (Support)	Sidewalk along Jonestown; Love Little Creek Greenway. Needs to connect to Brookridge Dr., as Somerset is unsafe. Neighborhoods west of Jonestown could cross at Cheltenham Dr.	Comment Card
Greenway (Support)	Little Creek Greenway - Phase II - we are very excited about the completion of this project. Many of my friends and family want to utilize the Greenway to get the the Little Creek Rec Center/Park and Hanes Mall Blvd without having to use a car (push stroller/biking). One concern I have is the heavier traffic and the sharper turns and short sight lines on Jonestown and Somerset that could be potentially hazardous for kids/pedestrians getting to the Little Creek Greenway. Could a connection be made from the Little Creek Greenway to Brookridge Dr just north of the Rutledge drive intersection? (Parcel ID 6804-40-5562.00). Pedestrians from west of Jonestown could cross to the neighborhood via Cheltenham Dr to avoid the bulk of traffic on Jonestown and Somerset to connect to the Greenway. I figure this would be a most cost effective solution than having to sidewalk Jonestown and Somerset. I'd even be willing to organize volunteers to help clear land and labor for the project, as it would be greatly beneficial to the neighborhoods in my ward.	Online
More Questions	I still have questions	Comment Card
More Questions	This was very fruitful for two questions I had for Jeff Fenster Transportation Engineer. He asked that I email him with my questions and he will direct me to getting answers.	Comment Card
More Questions	Are you keeping up with construction in relation to so much increased traffic? Are new methods up-dated? What about Reynolda Rd between Reynolda Village & Wake Forest Drive?	Comment Card
New Sidewalks	Spaulding Dr would like to have sidewalks	Comment Card
New Sidewalks	Would like sidewalks	Comment Card
New Sidewalks	Need more sidewalks in Northampton area	Comment Card
New Sidewalks	Nice to see that more side walks have to be built. Our city is being built up. Thank God	Comment Card
New Sidewalks	We need a sidewalk bad 4600 Blk N. Cherry between Indiana Ave. & Germanton Rd. Short residential stretch. Many older citizens use wheelchairs in the street - safety concern - Thank you - Michael James	Comment Card

Streets & Sidewalks Comments

Theme	Comment	Source
New Sidewalks	Please consider adding a pedestrian path on Coliseum Drive from Graylyn's side entrance to Robinhood Rd. Lots of walkers, joggers, dog-walkers, etc. go through Graylyn to Reynolda Gardens along this busy road or else go the long way to avoid the unsafe road. Thanks!	Comment Card
New Sidewalks	Sidewalk extension on Petree Rd! At least to big curve. People walk on Petree Rd.	Comment Card
New Sidewalks	Need sidewalks on Friar Tuck from Peace Haven to Will Scarlett. Also, Will Scarlett from Staffordshire to Friar Tuck.	Comment Card
New Sidewalks	We would be very interested in extending the sidewalk on Petree Rd. (at Mt. Tabor High School) further down Petree to Boxthorne Ln. (Thornhill neighborhood.) Thank you!	Comment Card
New Sidewalks	I love seeing the poor and disabled walkin on busy streets and being hit by cars because there are no sidewalks.	Facebook
New Sidewalks	Sidewalks are needed throughout the city. I am shocked that sidewalks don't exist near obvious facilities like elementary schools, shopping centers, and recreation centers. Safety for WS residents and visitors should be one of the primary concerns for city planners.	Facebook
New Sidewalks	Definitely need more sidewalks	Facebook
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	Poverty Reduction Why isn't the city investing in affordable housing. The 2019 bonds are funding roads when affordable housing is Winston's most critical issue.	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	NO	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	(1) \$3.7 mill. For short stretch of Polo? Don't think I can support that much. Is this for WFU? What about the rest of Polo Rd? What about Indiana Ave., a street I drive daily - very neglected (2) 2-way street conversions - we need one-way downtown (3) Too many streets in Buena Vista	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	Decrease funds	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Retnuh Dr., Athens Dr., curve on Retnuh constant trash dump	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	We needed help with Sheraton St. when it snowed on the dead end	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	We need snow removal on the dead end part of Sheraton St. at 4162 and below on Winnipeg St. Please call me. (M. Bailey)	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Not a city-wide priority, but... the curb at my house is broken & falling off in multiple places. It was oddly built when the city put in sidewalks (in the city's kind effort to preserve my trees) and has crumbled due to yard-waste pick-up trucks, etc. I contacted the city several years ago but got no response. I'm sure the neighbors would appreciate its getting repaired, too. Thank you for considering.	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	very informative; all friendly	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Downtown - more garbage cans?	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Concentrate on cleaning up Stratford Rd. The manholes sink constantly. The road is covered in trash and the run-offs clog causing the street to flood. Maximum speed should be 45 mph - drag racing at midnight nightly down Stratford towards Clemmons	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Maybe lower speed limits would help reduce damage to automobiles and make W/S friendlier to pedestrian and cyclists. Just a thought that would not cost much tax money	Facebook
Pedestrian & Bike (Support)	greenway & bike facilities especially Salem Creek extension across Peters Creek are great! 2-way conversion is also essential. Multi-use path & business 40 enhancements.	Comment Card
Pedestrian & Bike (Support)	Looks great! So excited for multi-use path. Best project in the bond!	Comment Card

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Theme	Comment	Source
Pedestrian & Bike (Support)	West Salem has an abundance of sidewalks that need repair. We are mapping them all to give you an estimate of needs. I'll be happy to drive the neighborhood with your team!	Comment Card
Pedestrian & Bike (Support)	Pedestrian crossing signals needed at the intersection of Peace Haven and Robinhood. This is a very busy intersection.	Comment Card
Pedestrian & Bike (Support)	Need multi-use path downtown as priority. Bike & ped important including crossings.	Comment Card
Pedestrian & Bike (Support)	I strongly support multi-use path downtown. More money needed for bike & pedestrian facilities.	Comment Card
Pedestrian & Bike (Support)	We need to make W-S more pedestrian friendly, which is more than building sidewalks. The areas around sidewalks need to be pleasant and safe. We need more pedestrian crossing signals with instructions on how to use and interpret the signal. We need high-visibility crosswalks, including raised crosswalks (like on Cloverdale) around schools and busy intersections. The intersection of Robinhood and Peace Haven is a nightmare for pedestrians. The multi-use path along the new Business 40 is sorely needed. Use signage and messages to inform the public about how to interact safely with pedestrians and cyclists.	Online
Quality Concerns	Need to use a good grade of material for streets.	Comment Card
Quality Concerns	Please work to improve the standards for patching roads - the city and contractors leave <u>poor</u> work in many cases.	Comment Card
Quality Concerns	We are eager for <u>quality</u> paving of potholes & around 'manholes' in streets - very jolting to drive Country Club as well as other places	Comment Card
Quality Concerns	Winston-Salem's roads have tore my car up more times than I can count. Event when they redo a road and bridge the meeting spot of pavement and bridge are a pointed shape and you can really mess up your oil pan/suspension.	Facebook
Resurfacing	I definitely think the roads on the East as well as the Northside should be resurfaced. There's several potholes in the middle of the streets & it makes the city look horrible as well as messes up cars.	Comment Card
Resurfacing	Definitely need more resurfacing	Comment Card
Resurfacing	Desperate need of street repairing in Town & Country on smaller streets. Sidewalks for T & C NW area needs more attention	Comment Card
Resurfacing	Finish sidewalk along Petree Rd near Mt. Tabor High School. Concerned about degraded conditions on our streets and roads in view of the imminent closure of Business 40. We will experience many times the volume of traffic, especially on thoroughfares. Please give significant attention to this issue. What if a closure of one of these arteries had to happen because of an emergency failure of pavement on a significant street?	Comment Card
Resurfacing	Royalton Street needs resurfacing.	Comment Card
Resurfacing	Fix Reynolda Rd through Reynolda Village all the way to downtown!	Facebook
Resurfacing	These potholes are horrible!	Facebook
Resurfacing	This city has the worst roads I have ever been on. And what the heck is up with having a man hole every ten feet? And they are right in the tracks for tires. Brand new pavement on Polo Rd. and man holes ruined the entire thing. Fix Reynolda Rd. from Yadkinville Rd to Stratford Rd.	Facebook
Resurfacing	Robinhood Rd from Silas Creek to Peace Haven can use a repave with all of the potholes and poor patch work.	Facebook
Resurfacing	Where did the money we voted on last time for streets go to? Ride down Reynolda and you will find out it wasn't used for streets now you're asking for more. It's a no brainer.	Nextdoor
Resurfacing	Fix the roads.	Nextdoor

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Theme	Comment	Source
Resurfacing	We would like to see our street, Archer Road, get resurfaced. We have pot holes, and where the sewer lines run under the road there are dips. In fact on the sidewalk there is a large hole where a pipe comes through and the sidewalk has crumbled around it. We would also like to see the street sweeper come back again. They were much more frequent years ago and add so much to the appearance of the streets. Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinion.	Online
Suggest New Project	The intersection at Thurmond St. and NW Blvd is very dangerous and it is going to get worse with the closing of I-40. Controlled turn lanes are needed & marking of the intersection. I go thru this intersection 2 x per day.	Comment Card
Suggest New Project	Widening of 27th St. Traffic calming E 27th St. Street lights on E 27th St.	Comment Card
Suggest New Project	Repair Wycliff Dr. & fix elevated manhole at curve - Include improvements to greenway from Reynolda Rd. (at Yadkinville Rd.) to Bethabara. Connect Muddy Creek greenway to Reynolda Rd.	Comment Card
Suggest New Project	Baron Road between Archer Rd. and Hertford Rd. badly needs curbs and gutters. It is a very short street beside Messiah Moravian property.	Comment Card
Suggest New Project	Reconfigure/update intersection of Polo & Reynolda Rds. near Speas/College Park to avoid traffic issues	Comment Card
Suggest New Project	Meadowlark widening is needed. I make sure my son rides the bus. When he has tutoring, I realize the need for transportation improvement.	Comment Card
Suggest New Project	Intersection improvements on Hanes Mall Blvd and Bus-40: WS needs to do something about tha Hanes Mall Blvd area! That road needs some serious help in the form of relief roads. Add east-bound exit from 40 at Hanes Mall/Outback area. Add interchange at 40 in Clemmons to Hanes Mall Blvd.	Facebook
Support Category	Suggested areas of repair are good.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Yes!	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	The needs are great. Hope you can find more \$ for roads.	Comment Card

Public Safety Facilities Comments

Theme	Comment	Source
Concerns	Concerned about partial funding of training center - where and when will additional funding come from?	Comment Card
Concerns	Noise from fire station - Burke Mill/Bolton	Comment Card
Concerns	I see these in Black areas mostly. Need to be on white side of city also.	Comment Card
More Questions	I still have questions	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	NO	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	\$21 million for Public Safety? Cause Winston is so dangerous?	Facebook
Non-bond Concern	Stoplight at 311 & Carver	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	very informative; all friendly	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	There needs to be stricter penalties for the dangerous habits people use - misuse or nonuse of turn signals, rolling stop signs and red lights, speeding, riding on folks bumpers.	Facebook
Support Category	Looks great!	Comment Card
Support Category	I approve of all of this \$. This is the only bond I will vote yes on.	Comment Card
Support Category	Looks good! Hooray Public Safety!	Comment Card
Support Category	Much needed - definitely support	Comment Card
Support Category	Yes	Comment Card
Support Category	OK	Comment Card
Support Category	Yes!	Comment Card

Recreation & Parks Comments

Theme	Comment	Source
2014 Value-Engineered Items	This is how the 2014 Hanes Park bond investment was sold to the public before the vote, (see below) from your own website. Please read. None of these improvements were made, even though a great amount of additional money was found for park improvements. Even the track resurfacing was paid, in the end, by the school system. All I ask of the new bond is that this money is used for what was proposed in the 2014 bond. Doubling down on tennis court, tennis clubhouse, and restrooms updates, inside the track are a short sighted use of funds and continues the ridiculous and unsafe situation at the track created many years ago. There is a masterplan created by MLA with bond money that included moving the inside track tennis courts, tennis center and restrooms out of the track. I hope that the city consider that plan as you move forward with the new bond plan. Thanks.	Online
Maintenance/Upkeep (Increase)	Great job on the park projects. Need more \$ for basic maintenance.	Comment Card
Maintenance/Upkeep (Increase)	More \$ for maintenance	Comment Card
Maintenance/Upkeep (Increase)	More funds for parks and rec maintenance. Many aging facilities & need to take care of new facilities.	Comment Card
More Questions	I still have questions	Comment Card
More Questions	More questions about Hanes Park	Facebook
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	no to bond for parks	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	NO	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	(1) Washington Park - \$2.5 million? I use that basketball court. It was resurfaced not long ago. People love it as it is. New bathrooms? The old ones aren't old at all and they're always locked!!! Why a picnic pavilion? Give us tables spread out in the park, like now. (2) Hanes Park "overlook?" You can't be serious. (3) Salem Lake already has a picnic shelter near the playground.	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	<u>Lots</u> of work has been done in these areas - necessary for quality family life & community but other projects need more attention such as streets, sidewalks.	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	Decrease funds	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	I don't agree with ANY recreation being funded by taxation.	Facebook
Non-bond Concern	very knowledgeable and all friendly	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Reduce payment to rent parks & recreation centers	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Start with the most in need first & walk around communities. Get residents' input to what is needed.	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	So what happened with the cement skate park in the Happy Hill Park renovation?	Facebook
Other Site Improvements	Need lights in Crawford Park area. Carver Rec needs outside lights on building as of 3-15-2018	Comment Card
Other Site Improvements	Plant more trees. "God's not making more land, but we can plant more trees."	Comment Card
Other Site Improvements	Signage enhancement in order to identify the amenities within the recreation centers and parks and adequate lighting	Comment Card
Site Specific (Disapprove)	I would be strongly opposed to the Washington Park renovation plan if it means that the dog park will no longer have shade. I also question the wisdom of putting ball fields in the current location of the dog park since it floods on a regular basis.	Online

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Theme	Comment	Source
Site Specific (Disapprove)	[Excerpt from longer comment] Quarry Park should be recognized as a very special natural resource and developed as such. Unfortunately, the incredibly vibrant BLUE water of the quarry was not sufficiently protected during construction of the park. Feeder streams, which once trickled down the sheer rock walls and splashed gently into the crystal clear water below were thoughtlessly diverted into culverts. Meanwhile, red mud and debris were allowed to flow freely into the quarry before erosion controls were eventually installed. In spots, mud still flows into the quarry every time it rains... Vines are rapidly overtaking the forest, and little is being done to prevent its spread. At the Leight Street barricade, kudzu almost grew across the pavement and into the forest on the other side before it was sprayed. While I am opposed to broadcast spraying of herbicides, other measures can be taken to prevent kudzu from spreading into new areas. Despite being included in Phase 1, the old quarry is still shrouded in kudzu and unsecured in any way. It's a miracle no one has walked off the edge. No signage on the quarry's history or buffers has been installed... We frequently overhear hikers and cyclists complaining about the inability to walk/ride all the way around the quarry, especially since the topmost rim affords the most spectacular views. Rather than enlarging the Quarry Park parking lot, expand lots at the Anderson Recreation Center, where limited parking has always been a problem. Instead of constructing another playground at Quarry Park, consider adding new playground equipment to the existing facilities at the Anderson Recreation Center below. There are numerous conventional parks with playgrounds nearby... Long before park/greenway construction began, my husband and I were assured frequent mowing would not be necessary. Much to our chagrin, the park and greenways are mowed whether they need it or not. On the Waughtown Greenway Connector, the bare red dirt is frequently mowed stirring up dust and pollen, not to mention the noise. This greenway is behind the home of an elderly couple with serious health problems, including asthma, who have had to tolerate this dust and noise since construction began. Landscape both Leight Street greenway entrances incorporating large boulders to keep ATV's and other vehicles off the greenway. Stream restoration projects at both greenway bridges would be extremely beneficial for the park and community. The stream bank at the Marble St. bridge is rapidly eroding and could undermine the foundation of the nearby Duke Energy tower.	Online
Site Specific (Disapprove)	[Excerpt from a longer comment] 1. It is very difficult to understand why a playground needs to be added to what was originally designed and intended to be a PASSIVE park. This is especially perplexing since, as the City Mgr. has observed, there are playground facilities at the recreation center approximately 500 yards away. If these facilities are deemed to be unacceptable then spend some of the bond funds on upgrading these facilities accordingly. 2. The parking area is currently a very environmentally-friendly, gravel (permable) surface that does not contribute to stormwater runoff as asphalt paving does. Please leave it that way, with the possible exception of a small area for handicapped transition to the existing picnic tables. 3. Except for opening day, the most cars seen in the parking area is about 35 or less than 50% of the available spaces. Why does the parking area need to be expanded, especially since the city council gave special dispensation for having less parking than defined by ordinance? 4. Some of the pedestrian access issues are merely a function of incomplete or poor quality work by the contractor during Phase One. We should not be asked to spend additional money to correct prior, poor workmanship. 5. New picnic area/shelters should be of reduced profile and limited to the area north of the current parking lot or be nothing more small cover for the existing tables. In this manner, the visibility of the views of the landscape will not be impaired.	Online
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	Make Winston Salem Golf Course look like Reynolds	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	I do not see much about 14th Rec Center on New Walkertown Rd. It needs a lot of work on outside, also inside. You never heard much about this center.	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	playground upgrades & continued investment in Quarry Park	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	Great & receptive conversation with Ian & William Royston - appreciate the sincerity and look forward to the future for Granville Park!	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	Granville Park is finally getting attention, but we are going to need a few million more dollars for improvements.	Comment Card

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Theme	Comment	Source
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	Greenway for our area	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	Hanes Park appreciates the bonds - keep the interest coming.	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	How are lakes stocked with fish? Are they stocked? Happy to see renovation plans for Carl H. Russell community Center (attend Kwanza there).	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	Please move the tennis courts and tennis center OUT of the inside of the track at Hanes Park, This is unsafe for track users to have people (usually completely unaware) crossing the track to use the bathroom or tennis facilities. Also, this would open up a wonderful green space and allow for the schools to host track meets like all the other schools are able to do and the schools and public would gain field for play. Thank you!	Online
Suggest New Project	SKATE PARK	Facebook
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Suggest New Project	SKATE PARK. Different builders than the park at the Coliseum	Facebook
Suggest New Project	A GOOD skatepark would be a huge tourist attraction. It's completely different from building a normal park with tennis courts and basketball courts, etc.	Facebook
Suggest New Project	Skate park! And actually consult skaters on how it's designed. The current one wasn't well done. Thanks!	Facebook
Suggest New Project	Skate park! Lexington is building a park that will be nice enough to bring tourism from all over NC. Apex already has one and has seen amazing results. Winston can do it too!	Facebook
Support/Increase Category	There should definitely be more income placed into recreation/parks for the children who depend on the recreational centers for homework assistance, etc.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Seeing the many works involved and completed helps me decide to stay in this area.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	New area planned for dog park in Washington Park will need shade structures - glad money is allocated to parks!	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Underestimated as a factor in economic development. Quality of life is very important in corporate location decisions.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	We're excited! Keep up the great work.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Yes! :-)	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Personally, I enjoy being a home owner in the city limits just for this kind of stuff [parks/skate park]. I'm glad my taxes help build greenways and the skate park. I would love to see more parks and recreation spending.	Facebook
Trail Maintenance/Amenities	I hope to see additional water fountains and benches during these improvements around the lake, not just at new playground and marina. It's a long way around! You get thirsty! Everything else looks great!	Comment Card
Trail Maintenance/Amenities	Silas Creek walking course has holes with water and tree branches are down. It is not kept up.	Comment Card

Economic Development Comments

Theme	Comment	Source
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	How many shopping centers is the city of W-S going to subsidize?	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	NO!	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	NO. Leave it to private investments.	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	moving transportation center from downtown to East Winston	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Very informative; all friendly	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Ken Millett was friendly and very knowledgeable and informative. Enjoyed talking with him.	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	Schools - playgrounds, books, upgrade computers, classroom furniture, learning supplies.	Comment Card
Project Specific (Disapprove)	Please remove the \$4.5 million for Liberty St. & Commercial Redevelopment and add that money to Parks and Park Maintenance.	Comment Card
Project Specific (Support)	Fund a new mall with an Apple store.	Comment Card
Project Specific (Support)	Downtown development should be included	Comment Card
Project Specific (Support)	RUCA is desperately needed	Comment Card
Suggest ED Strategy	I still have questions (Called citizen to follow-up: He feels that it is important for the city to support small businesses, provide small business classes/trainings, and provide computer centers and classes for citizens. Would also like these economic development projects to engage young people (middle/high school aged) to build them up and keep them in the community.)	Comment Card
Suggest ED Strategy	Work in partnership with entrepreneurs to revitalize blighted areas. These [commercial] areas form a barrier to neighborhoods joining other neighborhoods - instead of building new & tearing out more green space, use these [existing] areas to support needed businesses & housing.	Comment Card
Suggest ED Strategy	[Excerpted from a longer comment] That brings us to the bonds. The citizens of Winston-Salem and their leaders have a unique opportunity to be a part of expanding our early childhood system. Under the headings of economic development or housing, we urge you to consider helping to expand our childcare capacity by including childcare facilities as an aspect of any future public-private partnerships in neighborhood and community development. The cities of Durham and Raleigh have already embarked on such projects. In Durham, the Whitted School comprises a set of high-quality Pre-K classrooms, operated by Durham Public Schools, serving local four-year olds within an affordable senior housing complex—further lending itself to ongoing intergenerational activities. In Raleigh, the new Village at Washington Terrace, still under construction, will provide 162 affordable apartments, as well as a child care center operated by the Methodist Children Home. Both of these examples are case studies of successful public-private ventures to expand child care capacity. We can and must be equally, if not more, creative. At this very moment, important community development initiatives are in the discussion and planning stages in the historic Boston Thurman area and in East Winston. Should the financing of additional childcare capacity be a component of those discussions? Our Pre-K system faces many challenges. Family need greatly outstrips the current capacity and costs. Pre-K and other birth-to-five early education waiting lists are long—in significant part, not because our private child care providers aren't prepared to serve the need; but because our providers lack the current space and critical assistance with financing capital expansion, whether through new construction, adaptive renovation, or leasing. Child care capacity is a critical component of a larger, much-needed, community-wide plan to bring to scale sufficient, high quality Pre-K programming to serve all the families that wish their children to benefit from enriched, classroom-based activities before entering kindergarten. Education, business, civic, political, and neighborhood leaders all recognize the need for a comprehensive, workable plan to expand Forsyth County Pre-K—taking advantage of available state and federal funding, as well as potential new, local public and private funding. The scale of that eventual plan will reflect the boldness of our vision and our appetite to make informed, if difficult, choices among critical, competing needs. We see Winston-Salem's bonds as one sensible piece of helping to move Forsyth County Pre-K to a larger, yet still manageable and affordable scale. Investing in children during their critical birth to eight years is a win-win. All of us benefit when children are school ready, graduate from high school, and grow into productive citizens and valued employees. Thank you for allowing our community's child care needs to be a part of Winston-Salem's strategic capital planning.	Online
Suggest New Project	We need more economic development in the Carver area.	Comment Card
Suggest New Project	Help for Shalom project to come through for Budget Inn.	Comment Card
Suggest New Project	Please support the Shalom Project/PCCI Initiative to redevelop the site of Budget Inn to workforce housing. Also, please assist Piedmont International University with redevelopment of the Royal Inn site!	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Very important to us even if not in South Ward. Excited for Liberty Streetscape enhancements. Would love some trees on that street.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Yes	Comment Card

Economic Development Comments

Theme	Comment	Source
Support/Increase Category	OK	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Yes!	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Increase funds here	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	We could spend a little more on economic development, honestly, and we really need to deal with the homeless problem downtown.	Facebook

Housing Comments

Theme	Comment	Source
Create New Program	What about subsidizing a land trust? Affordable housing is such a huge need in East Winston, the various methods the city is using to promote affordable housing have failed. A land trust would promote affordable housing and reduce absentee landlords. The Durham Community Land Trust has been around since 1987. What's stopping Winston from following in Durham's footsteps?	Comment Card
Create New Program	More housing needed - housing needed for people coming out of prison with felonies.	Comment Card
Housing Rehab Program	Interest rate reduction on the Housing Rehab Program	Comment Card
Housing Rehab Program	Residents' money to repair their houses, yards, landscape lawns. Free to the elderly 60 and up.	Comment Card
More Questions	I still have questions	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	NO	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	Please significantly reduce the 10 million and remove the 1.7 and add that to Parks and Park Maintenance.	Comment Card
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	Need to stop paying for housing and put that money in our schools. We need to invest in our future.	Facebook
No/Disapprove/Reallocate	[This comment is really vile, so only the sentiment and not the person's actual words was recorded] Disapprove of housing bond.	Facebook
Non-bond Concern	I have conversed with Sharon Richmond concerning a property lien on my property. She has been very helpful directing me to Greg Turner to help solve my problems. Also, Mrs. Burke, the North Alderman. It was wonderful to see these representatives at this forum tonight! I finally believe I will see it resolve! Mr. Turner plans to look into the matter!	Comment Card
Non-bond Concern	informative and knowledgeable	Comment Card
Senior Housing (Increase)	More housing for the elderly (low income).	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	More and better housing in East Winston overall	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	Build the houses on the lot on Peacehaven near Woodgrove	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	Same as above (Please support the Shalom Project/PCCI Initiative to redevelop the site of Budget Inn to workforce housing. Also, please assist Piedmont International University with redevelopment of the Royal Inn site!)	Comment Card
Site Specific (Support/Increase)	Some areas in the East have run-down unusable housing. Some HOPE Ministry areas.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Affordable housing and schools	Facebook
Support/Increase Category	Nice to see new homes and apt being built. We need it.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Happy to hear of the future of the city in this area in keeping home ownership at the forefront.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Fine. Hooray housing!	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Bonds for housing (NRSA) should be tripled. Shouldn't safe affordable housing come first? These park & street projects are wants, not needs.	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Stress need for affordable low-income housing throughout the city	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Yes	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	OK	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Yes!	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Increase funds	Comment Card
Support/Increase Category	Continue working toward affordable housing for all	Comment Card

General/Non-Category Comments

Theme	Comment	Source
Category Priority	Streets, sidewalks, public safety are greatest priorities.	Comment Card
Category Priority	Most of it looks necessary but not all (lists Polo Rd, 2-way conversions, Concrete-base street rehab, Washington Park, and aspects of Hanes Park and Salem Lake as questionable). These park & street projects are wants, not needs. Move to housing.	Comment Card
Category Priority	Decrease Streets and Recreation to increase Econ Dev and Housing	Comment Card
Category Priority	Where will all these millions come from. Some of this is not important, like Streets & Sidewalks, Parks & Recreation, and Housing.	Facebook
Category Priority	I'm insulted. The numbers say housing and economic development will continue to be their least concern.	Facebook
Category Priority	As a tax payer in the outskirts of the city we (citizens in our neighborhood) in the east ward are feeling forgotten. As the new highway comes through, the response time for fire/medical calls is delayed. Minutes count and currently it takes an average of 7 to 8 minutes to get into some parts of our neighborhood. I would like to see more money focused on the fire department. Sidewalks can wait, people's lives can't.	Facebook
Category Priority	As usual streets and sidewalks and the such are a priority instead of public safety. What about the benefits and pay for a depleted police department that is only getting worse. Do something to support the police and help with retention and recruiting. This city and its dysfunctional and less than reputable city government will never change. As Bill Stuart once said, "The police department is a necessary evil". I'm sure his clone, Lee Garrity, feels the same way.	Online
More Questions	Your presentation was well done and informative. I have three questions. (1) How many new jobs will these project create in our community? (2) What will be done to encourage or use minority contractors, businesses and employees to work on these projects? (3) Why has money not been put aside over the years to pay for this work? Our condominium has a special fund to which we annually contribute for future repairs. Over the past 20 years this fund has really helped us pay for necessary improvements without running up debt.	Online
No/Disapprove Bond	No bonds	Comment Card
No/Disapprove Bond	No to bonds	Comment Card
No/Disapprove Bond	NO TO BONDS 2018 - but does want city to repair streets/sidewalks and parks, and provide free house/lawn care to elderly.	Comment Card
No/Disapprove Bond	We don't need a bond. We need effective leadership and managers for the city of W-S!	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	Nope. No new bonds.	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	From this budget it looks like we'll be sleeping on sidewalks instead of decent homes.	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	Again? Already? Another bond is unacceptable! Vote no!!	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	I would recommend selling off parts of the city to people that can make it look better than the landfill it does today, and stop taking advantage of tax money...It's high time for some accountability for the millions the city wastes with no concern for the people that bear the burden.	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	Need to cut down on property tax	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	Considering how high our property taxes already are, I'm inclined to say you don't need any more of our money until you learn to spend it wisely. How much did that stupid arch on 52 cost us?	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	We have one of the highest poverty levels in the state. As such we need to cut spending to a more sustainable rate or else you will lose more taxpayers. It's too late for me, I'm over this poorly managed city and its liberal politics. But I would like to be able to sell my house before you amke it impossible to do so.	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	As a retired employee, I've seen past and present leadership become self-servers and thieves who line their pockets and their friends pockets. One area of the city gets the most advantages and the other three get leftovers and false promises. Hell no to more of the same.	Facebook

General/Non-Category Comments

Theme	Comment	Source
No/Disapprove Bond	[Thumbs down emoji]	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	Definitely not!!!	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	So your taxes will go up and home values go down	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	No more spending. We could use some fiscal conservatism in our local government. Use the money you already steal from your subjects. Don't keep stealing more. [Same commenter has multiple responses to other comments about property taxes being immoral or theft, the need to shrink government, and turn functions over to the private sector.]	Facebook
No/Disapprove Bond	I'm going to vote against these bonds. You raised taxes throughout the Great Recession and are now reaping increased revenues with the recovery, which could be stronger if you were not so greedy. Yes the city needs be doing things to make it more appealing and to grow and it needs to be better managed so we can do these without incessant revenue increases. The poor in this city are having a tough time and are not able to enjoy the brunt of your attentions. The outlandish increases in monthly energy and water bills drown the poor in humiliation and hopelessness. You need to be doing a better job with what you have.	Online
No/Disapprove Bond	<p>PROPERTY TAXES ARE UNFAIR Property taxes are unfair and should not be used to finance bond packages such as the five categories proposed for the November 6th Winston-Salem ballot. Basically, I believe that any tax that allows unaffected voters to impose a tax on a population of affected voters is unfair. If I could impose taxes on other citizens that would improve my situation, but would cost me nothing, I would vote "Yes" every time. Property taxes represent approximately 90% of the city's revenue. When property taxes were first imposed upon city residents, the logic was that property owners are principally the wealthy residents and they should be the citizens who pay for the bulk of city services and infrastructure. However, today the bulk of money derived from property taxes comes from Winston-Salem's shrinking middle class. Ever increasing property taxes in the city have driven the emerging middle class to our suburbs, e.g., Clemmons, Lewisville, Pfafftown, etc., where property taxes are much lower. Yet these same suburban people commute daily into the city and utilize many of the items listed in the proposed 2018 City Bond Package. Furthermore, the migration of Winston-Salem's middle class to the suburbs has increased the property tax liability on the city's senior citizen population. This population can ill afford constant increases in property taxes because many, if not most, live on fixed incomes. Each time a new bond package is proposed, the city council attempts to portray the increase as minimal, e.g., the new bonds will only increase your taxes by "\$80 per year on a \$200,000 home." However, these tax increases are like compound interest wherein small increases per event add up to big bucks over the long haul. I know because I have been paying these taxes since 1968. When I worked full time, these increases were offset by regular salary adjustments. These adjustments except for a fortunate few cease when a person retires. There is another factor about bond packages never discussed by our city leaders. Tax increases to fund these bonds should cease when the projects are paid for. In other words, we should see a decrease in our taxes because principal and interest are no longer being paid. I don't recall that ever happening during my 50 years in Winston-Salem. There's nothing as permanent as a temporary tax. Another consequence of the property tax financing is that many Winston-Salem non-profits, e.g., churches, hospitals, universities, pay no property taxes, yet derive the benefits from infrastructure improvements. It is apparent to me that a different levy must be found to finance city improvement bond packages. No one likes increasing taxes, but a local sales tax or implementing a local income tax would be a fairer means to finance bonds for Winston-Salem infrastructure improvements. Winston-Salem's mayor and council members must lobby the NC General Assembly for permission to seek new tax revenues for funding bond packages.</p>	Online

General/Non-Category Comments

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No/Disapprove Bond	Will say it now - we just passed a bond vote not too many years ago that we probably have not paid off yet. Meaning our taxes would involuntarily have to go up to pay the city creditors. Wait a few more years for these bonds to go through. Who knows, may get more added some taken away but NO	Twitter
Non-bond Concern	Do we still have our children in trailers [for classrooms]?	Facebook
Non-bond Concern	How about finishing up 52?	Facebook
Non-bond Concern	How about a campaign that focuses on littering. I have never seen a more trashy city where citizens have not second thought about throwing their garbage out onto the streets or parking lots. You can make everything as nice as you want but until you get the littering problem under control, everyone will just look past the improvements to the trash.	Facebook
Non-bond Concern	What happened to the money from the school lottery? That was a scam if there ever was one.	Facebook
Support Bond	All are needed improvements to our city to move forward.	Comment Card
Support Bond	All greatly needed. I plan to support.	Comment Card
Support Bond	Support higher taxes for bond projects	Comment Card
Support Bond	In favor of all!	Comment Card
Total Amount Too High	Don't raise taxes again! This is too much spending.	Comment Card
Total Amount Too High	I hate to see our property taxes go up again so soon. We had a big increase this year (2017). I hope we can continue to live in the City of W.S.	Comment Card