

2. long diaper changing tables in public because some people are wheelchair bound and intellectually disabled, so someone else has to change them ex: cerebral palsy. Invest in south Laredo. Special needs! Handicap friendly parks, wheelchair swings, etc. Events! Dances, sensory friendly movie screenings. Community gardens (lots of places and by parks) Public transportation: taxis that drive through neighborhoods. Very artistic individuals with disabilities who deserve to have their art showcased and sold. All wheelchair basketball teams.

4. Public transportation: connect south to north better. Last bus from downtown to south (santo nino) leaves at 7 pm; it is the last route that can transport people home. Southerners want more flexible schedules. Environmental: clean river- that can be used for tourism, walkability, and entertainment.

5. Change the perception on public transit. Build a culture of great family values. Improve on customer service all throughout Laredo (stores, restaurants, gov. entities). Create sustainable jobs requiring college degrees.

6. We need: Alternative housing options. Alternative funding for infrastructure improvements. Incentives for job creation. Economic development. Alternative land development options (higher and lower density).

7. Social services (more needed). Attract others to come to Laredo- sell Laredo! Would like to see communities/subdivisions have nearby outdoor recreations, walkability areas. Affordable housing, bring downtown to life. Cafe areas, outdoor dining (umbrellas, shades). Entertainment, water parks, resorts/lodges (creates jobs, opportunities).

8. Education: needs more degrees in the health field offered in local colleges and universities. Job Opportunities: job openings for degrees earned out of the city. Public Transportation: student transportation, for students attending college and university.

9. There is no arts and culture here, no incoming exhibitors, a border research center, or anything to inspire. A bookstore outside the mall, please.

10. Build more schools so students can receive more attention from teachers.

11. If we could implement all of the ideas on the left side cohesively it can make a great city. I agree with a comment said in the forum stating that we don't have to be like other cities. Laredo has a great unique sense and we should stay true to that.

12. Education is key to job opportunities. We have huge lack of skilled workforce. If this is not addressed the community will not prosper, and remain stagnant. The only way to attract new businesses is to develop a talented skilled workforce.

14. Students from all over the country and the world apply to universities in part to take advantage of their location. Austin, Boston, New York City are all cities with large student

populations, and I think Laredo can be a similar land of destination for a world class education. It would also bring more diversity into the city.

15. Even though outdoor recreation comes out 9th- it isn't "not" important, but providing or "incentivizing" job growth will change our landscape- revitalizing downtown is critical.

16. A walkable neighborhood.

17. We need to alleviate the concentration of persons going to and heading out of downtown more efficiently.

19. If we want students/people with degrees to "come back," will the wages be competitive? Attract college students by making the surrounding area of LCC (both campuses)/TAMIU more commercial- connect them to the community. What about gentrification? What about increasing police force with this?

23. Thank you for coming together! We need community gardens. Places to inspire and promote creativity.

26. Creating, or redeveloping the downtown area, creating a tourist hot spot attraction, with identifiable landscape and a retail scene that sells mainstream, quality products is key to creating a city that natives and visitors will flock to.

27. There are no sidewalks in too many places in the south. Traffic: Laredo needs a highway to connect the south with Hwy 35. With no high speed highways Laredo appears like a little towns. Nuevo Laredo has Boulevard Colosio, and we don't have in our plans a highway to move south to the north. People need to cross Laredo in 12 minutes using a highway.

29. Need to focus on social issues. Identify problems at neighborhood level. Create more neighborhood level solutions. Neighborhood associations and neighborhood planning are needed. Consider policies to encourage long-term community engagement.

31. Too many of such ordinances and land make population dependent on government. Should be limited to certain areas. Southern development. Safety improvement: clean and maintained roads, turning lanes like entrance 3 to TAMIU needed. Lighting parks also. How is city going to integrate with local education when we seek outside sources for research? Education tackles crime with family partnerships with city.

33. Many of the topics discussed today are of great importance to me and my family. Considering that we are currently in the summertime, Laredo has limited to no "big city" outdoor recreation for my children. Regarding walkability, I appreciate the creation of trails such as the Chacon hiking trail however, the indecency exposed so near does not make it enjoyable whatsoever (referring to the allowance of explicit "beer runs" to be open for business).

35. What plans do we have for downtown parking? Are there any tax increases? They mentioned about having homes with frontage access to an arterial road. Shiloh, Del Mar, Hillside, Calton have that and it's a mess. We have no direct and easy line from 35 to loop 20.

36. Revitalizing downtown should just focus on building a better downtown area by adding and removing, but should take safety into consideration. There are places downtown that many people don't visit due to the dangerous areas.

37. Laredo, is built for the people. But instead of focusing so much on trying to make Laredo look like a metropolitan area, you should be focusing on social welfare in the social service sector, people wouldn't be in the dumps. If we cared for them because helping the people is helping the city.

38. The largest faces of Laredo are our highway 35, 83 and 358- and most of that frontage is hideous. Power lines should be buried. New construction should be reined in with strict guidelines on aesthetics, green areas and nicer public features. Beautification codes must be better conceived and strictly enforced.

41. Must restructure process involved with land development and building in order to stimulate growth. Have city of Laredo incentivize large companies to bring well paying jobs to Laredo. Create technology programs at high school level to educate youth for jobs of future.

43. Cultivate the youth. Train noise, no 5th bridge, regulate 18 wheeler traffic. Flooding mitigation. We need an identity- we can be San Antonio, Portland, or New Orleans.

46. Continue to educate and simply explain both the micro and macro implications and expectations to the community so that they may better understand how the comprehensive plan affects them personally. Look into "design for social impact."

51. Forget the 1992 plan, take a look at the 1964 plan. Its simple but its good start for innovation. Integrate colonias for a stronger local economy. Look at what Latin American cities are doing in terms of comprehensive plans. Although we are in the US, please understand that we are a majority hispanic city so this plan must reflect that. Cherish the riverfront along the entire length of the city. Prioritize lower income community and complete sidewalks and widen them.