

## Kickoff Open House Feedback

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### What are some of the Challenges in Denton?

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Challenges	Code enforcement, student housing, bike lanes, noise pollution
Challenges	more tree & green space
Challenges	cutting down too many trees
Challenges	Plan for gas production & truck/pipeline traffic
Challenges	Plan ahead for gas well pad sites (12 to 18 well bores per site)
Challenges	Older sections of Denton & areas needing updating
Challenges	Balance presence of corporate & local businesses
Challenges	More trees in parks
Challenges	Not as pedestrian friendly as needed. More sidewalks & pathways/intersections to promote
Challenges	FIX OUR STREETS; they are a joke for a progressive town
Challenges	Our growing problem with preventable diseases
Challenges	We need more businesses within walking distance
Challenges	Fix zoning & appearance of industrial & commercial buildings as other cities have (Trophy Club, Flower Mound) Denton looks blue collar
Challenges	No bus stops. Serious issue for low income groups
Challenges	Inadequate Code Enforcement
Challenges	Keeping our excellent energy supply current and in repair & prep'ed for this growth
Challenges	The Denton Drive & Ft Worth Drive entrances into Denton do not make a good first impression
Challenges	Save & replant trees
Challenges	Need better roads for traffic flow
Challenges	Historic Preservation
Challenges	Lack of promotion of business just south of the square
Challenges	Honor the environment! Save our Trees! Challenge!
Challenges	Get the dumpsters off the sidewalks & out of the streets. They are not public art
Challenges	Roads!
Challenges	Transportation - lack of sidewalk & bike trails; Low end shopping, need higher end retail - e.g. Central Market; Entrances to city unappealing
Challenges	Denton can stand on its own - it does not need to be a Georgetown to Austin; Dallas is not that
Challenges	Keeping an identity & growth plan that is separate from UNT/TWU
Challenges	More parks, bike paths, bike parking
Challenges	conservation/sustainable source of water, especially in light of recent droughts
Challenges	Development vs Green Space/Open Space
Challenges	Bike lanes on small neighborhood roads
Challenges	Green space replaced w/ student housing :(
Challenges	Need more green space
Challenges	Not convenient to bike & run (unsafe due to lack of infrastructure)
Challenges	Keep Lg. Trucks off square during rush hours 11:30 - 1, 4:30 - 6
Challenges	Developing all land in city limits
Challenges	Air quality/Gas Wells/Traffic
Challenges	Better signage of where destinations are

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Challenges	Creative vision for the community
Challenges	Make UNT shoulder the \$ for the convention center
Challenges	Dealing with only 900 homeless children in DISD
Challenges	Roads; losing eclectic vibe due to more homogenous corporate atmosphere seeping in; bike lanes; losing "bottom up" creativity
Challenges	Not becoming a little Dallas
Challenges	The entire United Way needs Assessment
Challenges	A fracking site next to homes, a hospital and a park!
Challenges	Traffic/Connectivity
Challenges	Poor Air Quality
Challenges	Planned Roads
Challenges	I live in an apartment and have to drive my recycling across town. If apartments could have recycling bins, it would encourage more people to participate
Challenges	Traffic; difficulty in getting permits; staff prejudice
Challenges	Not pedestrian friendly from train to square
Challenges	Many people don't want change and stop it even if it is positive; Factions compete instead of
Challenges	Sustainable source of water; property development & growth; DISD-schools
Challenges	More frequent transit time so you can take a bus across town and not have to spend hours doing
Challenges	The Fry Street debacle was disheartening. It really took away from the Historic Hickory/Oak St
Challenges	Too few bike lanes & Trails
Challenges	Complete Streets, urban densification, less car dependence
Challenges	No Food/Beer/ANY delivery truck on square. Allow only on Pecan, Walnut, Cedar, Austin Streets
Challenges	Make permits easy
Challenges	Drilling and Fracking in City!
Challenges	Intense heat in summer - need more planning for heat island effect + shade
Challenges	Big box retailers and chains are taking over and turning Denton into "Anytown, USA"! Local moms & pops are struggling. Cool it with the mega development
Challenges	not enough citizen participation; need neighborhood meetings
Challenges	Encouraging local, independent biz & providing a livable area for artists
Challenges	When a street is repaired... in a few weeks it is dug up again by another department
Challenges	No county hospital
Challenges	Need better schools
Challenges	Gas drilling, unplanned and in populated areas
Challenges	Providing sufficient housing for low income families
Challenges	AMC Movie Complex
Challenges	Rough Roads; Need for better grocery stores near the downtown area
Challenges	Traffic - more lanes needed
Challenges	light rail/mass transit to Ft Worth as well as Dallas
Challenges	Development / Growth
Challenges	Transportation

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Challenges	The Business & Development Community & the City Government don't always see eye to eye
Challenges	Denton is on the edge of H2O restrictions annually - incentivize residential collections systems
Challenges	Retaining & maintaining historical areas & homes
Challenges	Traffic is an obvious challenge. Also, around the Square seems to be getting tighter with all the new apts and restaurants
Challenges	Eclectic Architecture - encourage it!
Challenges	1) Parking; 2) Parking; 3) Parking to accommodate growth!
Challenges	TRAFFIC
Challenges	Mow grass along rail lines, i.e. Mingo Road
Challenges	Apartment recycling
Challenges	Fire/EMS to outlining city areas
Challenges	Road Repairs
Challenges	Some apt buildings around TWU are rundown and need to be restored or torn down. This brings the value of our houses down
Challenges	Improve appearance of main entries into City
Challenges	Fracking & drilling inside the city boundaires. The Rayzor Ranch well site is horrible for those of us who live in that neighborhood
Challenges	No WOW effect when you enter denton
Challenges	Traffic. Streets. Traffic Patterns
Challenges	Homes around the universities should have tougher upkeep rules. Many look awful
Challenges	Maintaining Historic Charactre in a growing city
Challenges	Maintain small town feel in a the midst of large urban development. Keep unique identity
Challenges	Preserving & Encouraging LOCAL OWNED BUSINESS over corporate enterprise
Challenges	We need to take care of our homeless population!
Challenges	To give residents voice/power over universities
Challenges	air quality
Challenges	Tension between Bikes, Cars, Busses
Challenges	not enough PUBLIC space (like a riverwak, city benches, etc.)
Challenges	Polluted air water & land due to natural gas drilling
Challenges	Cherish historic neighborhoods
Challenges	Putting gas well on Bonnie Brae by hospitals, parks, & homes
Challenges	Streets that do not connect the city, i.e. Carroll Blvd that dead ends in a neighborhood rather than go through it
Challenges	Excellence in schools; Traffic
Challenges	bike lanes; road repairs; traffic
Challenges	few bike racks; need more dog parks
Challenges	increasing urban density and limiting car dependent sprawl
Challenges	When are we going to solve the downtown parking?? When???
Challenges	no urban chickens yet!

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Challenges	Developing a code with flexibility to make reasonable decisions not create a code that is so strict we lose positive ideas and opportunities for growth and redevelopment
Challenges	Lack of public green space throughout the city
Challenges	Encouraging & keeping mid-small businesses and their growth!
Challenges	more community activities (movies in the park, etc)
Challenges	Homeless population
Challenges	Quick access to all of Denton; Committed City Government; Friendly Folks; Desire to plan with
Challenges	Red Tape: Old School Way of Thinking
Challenges	More upscale grocery & shopping
Challenges	More Downtown "green spaces" parks!!!
Challenges	More Restaurants/Shopping
Challenges	Above ground electric utilities - eye sores
Challenges	gas drilling, pollution, traffic, lack of interaction among racial groups
Challenges	Maintaining the small town environment
Challenges	Thoroughfares around the city. More supermarkets in some areas
Challenges	Substandard rental property; keeping historic/older houses; creating good jobs
Challenges	Bad traffic planning, need to be able to move traffic better; not enough corporate jobs; not enough townhome condos
Challenges	Keeping ahead of growth; being productive
Challenges	Hide dumpsters from view. Remove them. Street parking spaces and sidewalks
Challenges	Connected walking & bike paths citywide
Challenges	Maintaining healthy and high-achieving public schools
Challenges	Keeping a rich agricultural heritage
Challenges	Small Business Growth
Challenges	Need more sidewalks throughout the entire city
Challenges	Quit making adjustments to be "like" some other city. Do or take action b/c it is the right action not an imitation of another
Challenges	travel not by car i.e. bike lanes. Not enough sidewalks
Challenges	city v. developers putting in new roads
Challenges	Keep Denton's soul while cultivating new development