Phase 1 Public Outreach Summary

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PLAN FORWARD 2050
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
Outreach Summary

Introduction

The Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan embodies Lincoln and Lancaster County’s shared vision for the future, out to the year 2050. The theme of the Comprehensive Plan is “Plan Forward,” because it will envision a future that not only looks forward in time, but also forward in concept with new and innovative ideas to support our growing community.

The development of the Comprehensive Plan includes extensive public input with contributions from all facets of the community – from local leaders and topic area experts, to regular citizens who have shared interest in building a strong vision for Lincoln and Lancaster County. All public input and community outreach follows the guidelines that were set in the Public Engagement Plan.

The development of the Comprehensive Plan is coordinated with the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan, a separate document that focuses on transportation needs and is required for the City and County to receive federal transportation funds.

Phase 1 of community outreach ran from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020. Phase 1’s community outreach goal was to ask for Big Ideas, educate the community on what a Comprehensive Plan is, set up an awareness campaign about the work that will be undertaken over the next two years, and to gather community input to develop a community vision. These work efforts will help launch the next phase of the development of the Comprehensive Plan which includes identifying and outlining the policy framework and completing the scenario modeling.

Key Participant Groups and the Public Engagement Plan

Staff Committee

Collaboration between City of Lincoln and Lancaster County departments is critical for the successful implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The Staff Committee serves as a technical review committee, receives updates on the process, and discusses major plan topics and themes. The Staff Committee includes forty staff members from Lincoln Transportation & Utilities; Lincoln Electric System; Building & Safety; Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Urban Development; Parks & Recreation; Lincoln Public Schools; Lincoln Libraries; Lincoln Mayor’s Office: Lincoln Fire & Rescue; Lincoln Police Department; Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department; Lincoln Law Department; Human Rights; Lancaster County; Human Services; Lancaster County Engineer; and Norris School District. The Staff Committee met three times during Phase 1, and additional information can be found in Appendix A with topics discussed and meeting notes.
Community Committee

The Community Committee has a primary role in helping to develop the Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The Committee works with staff to study, analyze, and discuss major elements of both plans. The Committee receives education on specific topics in order to make informed decisions, participates in in-depth discussion and brainstorming exercises, and reviews draft materials. A total of 30 members are on the committee which consists of all nine Planning Commission members along with community stakeholders of various backgrounds – neighborhoods, business, sustainability/resiliency, design, etc. The Community Committee met three times during Phase 1. Additional information can be found in Appendix A.

Public Engagement Plan

The Public Engagement Plan guiding principles for public engagement:
1. Provide timely information about the plan process to the public.
2. Educate the public so that they can make informed decisions.
3. Engage the public in order to collect meaningful input.
4. Give adequate notice of public participation activities and allow time for public review and comment on key decision points.
5. Ensure that all demographic groups within the county are able to provide input.

Outreach Activities and Findings

Website

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department hosts the project website at planforward2050.com that provides information about the process, survey information, latest news, and media content. On each page of the website, visitors are provided an opportunity to contact staff directly with comments or questions and to sign up for an email list. During Phase 1, staff received a total of 18 comments and 146 people signed up to receive occasional emails regarding the Plan Forward process. The comments can be found in Appendix A.
Social Media

Ongoing activity on Facebook (Plan Forward 2050), Twitter (@planforward2050), Instagram (@planforward2050) have been posted through Phase 1. Messages from staff using the hashtags #planforward2050, #thinklnk2050, and #plancaster2050 have been utilized and will continue to be used. Coordination with other established accounts from the City/County have pushed important messaging through the process.

During the past three months, Plan Forward 2050 accumulated 121 followers and has 107 page likes. Some of the content published on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter has been shared by the Mayor’s account and the City of Lincoln’s government account.

The non-promoted content that reached the most individuals included: the West Haymarket Comp Plan Cruisin’ video with a reach of 1.8K people; The 35th and Holdrege Comp Plan Cruisin’ video with a reach of 1.4K people; and the Rock Island data with a reach of nearly 1.3K people.

Facebook advertising was purchased for the Public Event that took place on February 6, 2020. From that, the advertisement reached 9,586 people over an eight day period. The cost per event response was $.089. A majority of those reached saw the advertisements on the news feed on their mobile app. The advertisement was targeted to those individuals living in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Presentation Circuit

Staff presented an overview of the Comprehensive Plan to several groups prior to and immediately after launch. The presentation is similar to the one that was given during the Public Event. A list of the meetings that have been on the presentation circuit through Phase 1 include:

- October 3, 2019 – Leadership Lincoln Executive Series
- October 24, 2019 – Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)
- January 13, 2020 – Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable
- January 16, 2020 – Press Conference
- January 25, 2020 – NeighborWorks Neighborhood Forum
- February 6, 2020 – Public Event
- February 11, 2020 – Parks and Rec Community Forestry Advisory Board
- February 19, 2020 – Growth & Development Forum at Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
- February 22, 2020 – Great Plains Trails Network (GPTN) Annual Meeting
- March 10, 2020 – Mayor’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee
- March 12, 2020 – Parks & Rec Advisory Board
Phase 1 Survey

The 18 question survey during the Phase 1 Outreach was intended to gather people’s thoughts and opinions on Lincoln and Lancaster County today and discuss their big picture vision for the future. The survey was provided in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Arabic, and Chinese/Mandarin. During the two month period that the survey was open to the public, 622 people participated. A full list of additional comments can be found in Appendix B. Participants of the survey were asked, “How would you rate the Quality of Life in Lincoln and Lancaster County today?” In response, 81% of participants felt that the quality of life was either above average or excellent.

Participants were asked, “Has the Quality of Life increased, decreased, or stayed the same since you’ve lived in Lincoln-Lancaster County?” A majority of respondents said that the quality of life either remained the same or increased either slightly or significantly. Participants were asked a follow-up question, “How many years?” The average amount of time that the respondents have either lived or worked in Lincoln-Lancaster County is over 23 years.
Participants were asked, “Looking ahead to 2050, do you expect any new issues – or existing issues that will become more prominent – for Lincoln or Lancaster County over the next 30 years?” Participants were given the opportunity to select their top 3. Overwhelmingly, participants chose increase in traffic congestion as one of their top issues. Rounding out the top 3 were higher cost of living and lack of housing choices. One interesting note is that the fourth highest selected option was increase in disasters. This may be related to the flooding that happened nearly a year prior throughout the State of Nebraska and increased discussion about resiliency and climate change.

Participants were asked, “Looking ahead to 2050, what miles or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County?” Respondents were given six options including: carbon neutral; access to preventative health care; complete the east beltway; cost of living below the national average; Vision Zero; and Other.
Survey participants were asked two separate questions, “What are the top 3 things that you like the most related to living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County?” and, “What are the top 3 things that need improved related to living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County?”

The top 3 responses from participants that they liked the most were: feeling of safety and low crime (Safety, 343); sense of community (Community, 220); and cost of living (Cost of Living, 207). Schools were close behind with 204 positive responses.

The top 3 responses from participants that they thought needed the most improvement were: transportation network (Transportation, 299); cost of living (Cost of Living 182); and physical appearance (Appearance, 155).
Public Event and Virtual Public Event

Planning Staff hosted a Public Event at the Pinnacle Bank Arena on February 6, 2020 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A presentation by Planning Director, David Cary, provided an overview about the Comprehensive Plan and the upcoming planning process. That presentation was followed by a presentation from David Drozd, from the UNO Center for Public Affairs Research, which publicly unveiled projections for Lancaster County’s 2050 population. Approximately 150 attended the event.

There were four interactive stations (2050 Focus Areas, Lincoln and Lancaster County Today, 2050 Community Vision, Long Range Transportation Plan Vision) and two informational stations (2050 Population Projections, Plan Forward 2050 Overview) for attendees to participate in. At the 2050 Focus Areas station, a voting bin was set up for attendees to choose five topic areas that are the most important to them with the Comprehensive Plan update. Staff noted that the topics were chosen for discussion purposes and did not necessarily represent how the final plan would be organized. The topic areas attendees could choose from and their vote count were:
Other items people expressed an interest in include but are not limited to: solar; water (access and quality); growth of industry workforce; County roads and bridges; more green space; food deserts; and affordable housing. Additional comments from the Public Event can be found in Appendix B.

At the Public Event, a kiosk was set up for people to provide input on three questions. The first question was, “What do you like about Lincoln/Lancaster County today?” Some of the responses included:

“I like our strong neighborhood organizations & the responsiveness of city government to neighborhood concerns”

“Lincoln is welcoming”

“so many opportunities for families”

The second question asked “What could use improvement?” Some of the responses included:

“more attractive zoning for commercial districts”

“road repair”

“staying ahead of the curve in innovation”

The third question was an exercise to draw pictures or provide comment on a post-it. The question asked, “What would you like to see in the community in 2050?” Some of the responses included:

“100% renewable energy by LES”

“affordable housing for all ages with transportation & no need for a car”

“AG preservation”

A separate booth for the Long Range Transportation Plan asked attendees to provide input on, “What do you envision the transportation system to be like in 2050?” Some of the responses included:

“More mass transit. More micro mobility options.”

“More accessible access to bus & public transit. Pad @ each bus stop. Train to Omaha.”

“People are not going to give up their cars! We need more streets on the edge. We need more 4 lanes N&S”
For those unable to attend the Public Event, the Planning Department hosted a Virtual Public Event online that allowed virtual attendees to watch the presentations from the evening and participate in an online version of each booth at the event.

**Youth Outreach**

Planning Staff was able to participate in a Kindergarten class in February 2020. The Kindergarten class was working on a unit related to transportation and recently finished up a unit about “Where you live.” After discussing transportation and the City of Lincoln, the kids were handed out sheets of paper and given time to draw their vision for 2050. Flying cars, a library connected to McDonalds, and more parks and playgrounds were popular ideas.

![Images of children's drawings](image1.jpg)

**Upcoming Work**

**Focus Groups**

Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Staff is working to coordinate future working group meetings with various stakeholders that have detailed knowledge in different topic areas. These groups will provide detailed discussion about a specific topic, such as housing, economy, etc. The purpose of these groups is to help develop goals and strategies for each topic.

Planning staff created a six question survey for the Home Builders Association of Lincoln (HBAL) focus group. Staff also plan to meet in person with HBAL over the summer. Planning staff will coordinate with each County Commissioner to host discussions throughout the County and Villages. Planning staff will continue coordinating working group meetings with stakeholders and topic area experts.

**Underrepresented Population Outreach**

The Public Engagement Plan identifies the need for a process to reach all populations in the County, including people who may be underrepresented in a typical outreach process.

Strategies specifically designed to reach underrepresented populations include:

- Partnering with community organizations who work with underrepresented populations to promote outreach activities.
- Doing outreach events in locations accessible to everyone.
- All items presented at public meetings will also be available on the project website.
- Exploring options to provide translation services for the project website and major documents.

A continuation of the presentation circuit is being planned with options to provide informational materials to those communities that are currently underserved.

**LPS Material Preparation**

Planning Staff met with the K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Specialist with Lincoln Public Schools in early March 2020 to discuss the presentation to the Kindergarten class and to explore future opportunities to work with students more in the future. Staff will be providing a framework for 3rd grade and High School Geography curriculum to discuss Planning items and how Lincoln-Lancaster County plans for the future. Materials will be prepared and sent to Lincoln Public Schools in Summer 2020 in the hope that the materials will be incorporated into the curriculum for the 2020-21 school year.

**Policy Framework and Scenario Modeling Phase**

The goals of the next phase of Comprehensive Plan development are to develop a Policy Framework and complete Scenario Modeling. Developing a Policy Framework will identify and review goals and strategies for the plan document. During Scenario Modeling, land use and growth area plans will be developed. A Growth Scenarios Report will also be published which will summarize the benefits and costs of each scenario. A public event and interactive survey are also planned during this phase.

The Draft Goals and Strategies and the Land Use Plan will be available for public review towards the end of 2020. A public event is anticipated to occur at the time of the draft reveal.

The recommended Goals and Strategies and the Land Use Plan will be finalized in early 2021 before beginning the Plan Development phase. A public event is anticipated in early 2021 to gather additional public input on these items.

**Conclusion**

Due to the current situation related to Covid-19, outreach activities that include in-person meetings have been momentarily put on hold. Planning staff is looking at additional ways to provide outreach efforts during this time by utilizing YouTube and social media outlets.

Planning Staff has implemented a strong start for an engagement strategy that will be used to develop the Community Vision and educate the public on the planning process. Additional outreach, including targeted outreach to underrepresented populations, is a major goal moving forward. With the current pandemic and need for physical distancing, staff anticipates that new options will be needed to continue to encourage community members to remain involved with the development of the Comprehensive Plan.
Appendix A: Committee Meetings
Meeting Notes

Comprehensive Plan Staff Committee – Kickoff Meeting
January 9, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 303

Attendees: Paul Barnes, David Cary, Collin Christopher, Stacey Hageman, Teresa McKinstry, Andrew Thierolf, Kellee Van Bruggen, Brian Will, Allan Zafft and Ed Zimmer of the Planning Dept.; Ann Ames, Lancaster County; Ben Higgins, Transportation & Utilities-Watershed Management; Bob Simmering, Transportation & Utilities-Engineering Services; Brian Kramer, Transportation & Utilities-Wastewater; Dave Beyersdorf, Transportation & Utilities-Water Dept.; Donna Garden and Mark Lutjeharms, Transportation & Utilities; Francisca Beltran and Tim Sieh, City Attorney’s office; Joel Dagerman and Shana Sprackling, Lincoln Electric System; Jon Carlson, Mayor’s office; Larry Legg, County Engineer; Michael Davis and Brian Praeuner, StarTran; Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries; Pat Borer and Jeremy Gegg, Lincoln Fire & Rescue; Sara Hartzell and J.J. Yost, Parks & Recreation; Sara Hoyle, Human Services; Scott Wieskamp, Lincoln Public Schools; Scott Holmes and Chris Schroeder, Health Dept.; Terry Kathe, Building & Safety; Wynn Hjermstad, Hallie E. Salem and Wayne Mixdorf, Urban Development.

Paul Barnes thanked everyone for coming and explained the agenda and expectations. These meetings will be ongoing for the next couple of years. The website will be active next Thursday when a press conference will be held.

David Cary gave a Power Point presentation. He reviewed what has happened to Lincoln over the last 30 years. He explained the process of what goes into creating the Comprehensive Plan and pointed out some assumptions from the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, along with principles for Lincoln’s growth. The 2050 update will be a major update to the plan. He identified some assumptions from the current plan. He pointed out some topic of interest for the 2050 plan. There are a lot of other planning efforts underway. These discussions will be brought into the new Comprehensive Plan.

Allan Zafft gave a quick overview of the Long Range Transportation Plan LRTP). This is required to be updated every five years. The LRTP is developed in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan. The goals and objectives will be identified, along with a needs assessment. The next phase is development of alternatives and analysis. The draft LRTP will be put together in 2021. It will be finished at the end of 2021.

Andrew Thierolf continued with the schedule for the Comp Plan. He reviewed some elements of the schedule such as the different committees, groups, public events and surveys.

Kellee Van Bruggen noted that staff has previously met with most people in the group today to talk about ‘big ideas’. She reviewed the topics that were raised in those meetings. She explained that the new Comp Plan will be tied to four themes: resilient, innovative, livable and thriving.
Thierolf stated that the webpage is planforward2050.com. There will be information, a survey and a video, amongst other items available.

Stacey Hageman stated the press conference and website launch is next week. A public event will be held on February 6, 2020 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. There will be different stations and information available at the open house. Barnes stated that everyone is welcome to reach out to the community and let them know about the open house.

Everyone broke into smaller groups for a visioning exercise to address four questions:

1. Which topics are most important to you?
2. What do you like about Lincoln-Lancaster County?
3. What don’t you like about Lincoln-Lancaster County?
4. What do you want to see for the community in 2050?

Group answers

1. Transportation; Safety, public & environmental; Safety; affordable housing, resiliency, sustainability; Retain recognizable identity; Preserve natural areas; Health and safety; Make sure entire community is aware of growth (involvement)
2. Commute time, efficient transportation; Parks and trails; Safe and secure environment (hometown feel), orderly process to grow; Something in Lincoln keeping people here; Safe community still has small town feel, health community, affordable and reliability of infrastructure; Quality of schools; Healthcare services; Short commutes
3. Poor north/south connections; Lack of coordination with bedroom communities, especially Waverly and Hickman; More parades that use buses; Single source water; Lack of affordable housing; Limited alternative transportation; Some congestion in a few areas of town; Blighted areas; Underutilized airport and mass transit; Traffic and condition of infrastructure
4. Lincoln is benchmark peer city; Better community acceptance for alternate transportation; Infill development and safety services throughout county; More green space and keep home town feel; Still a safe and healthy city; Keeping pace with growth, East Beltway; Greenspace; Balance between development and environmental concerns; Maintaining a viable downtown core.

Barnes stated that the Community Committee meets on January 30, 2020. We will schedule more meetings for this group on Thursday, probably the third Thursday in February. The Community Committee will meet the last week of the month.

Cary thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Comprehensive Plan Community Committee – Kickoff Meeting
January 30, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 303

Attendees: Mayor Gaylor Baird; David Cary, Paul Barnes, Stacey Hageman, Teresa McKinstry, Andrew Thierolf, Kellee Van Bruggen and Allan Zafft of the Planning Dept.; David Drozd; Marco Barker; Tom Beckius; Nora Brown; Silas Clarke; Grant Daily; Tracy Edgerton; Anna Eicholt; Deanne Finnegan; Stephanie Fisher; Peter Hind; Karalyn Hoefer; Steve Ingracia; Cristy Joy; DaNay Kalkowski; Vic Klafter; José Lemus; Sam Manzitto Jr.; Marilyn McNabb; Todd Ogden; Burdette Piening; Vishnu Reddi; Susan Larson Rodenburg; Dennis Scheer; Bryan Seck; Nader Sepahpur; Meghan Sittler; Sheila Dorsey Vinton and Cindy Ryman Yost

Mayor Gaylor Baird thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She was a Planning Commissioner during the planning of LPlan 2040. She knows firsthand how much work is involved in developing a vision for the community. She urged everyone to bring their unique perspectives and thanked everyone for being community leaders and helping to create something that will guide the community. We want to be inclusive, resilient, thoughtful and innovative.

Paul Barnes welcomed everyone. He went over the agenda. Everyone around the room introduced themselves. He presented a video for the group.

David Cary expressed his gratitude to everyone for being willing to spend their time on this. A lot has changed since 1990. Lincoln has grown by about 193,000 since 1990. We have the 2040 plan which is the vision horizon year. Now we are talking about 2050. There is a minor update every five years, with a major update every ten years. This involves the entire county. Some assumptions in the current plan were that we would grow by 106,000, 90% of county population in Lincoln, 40% of residential units will be multi-family, 40,000 units with 8,000 units of infill, and generational needs. Basic principles of growth are annexation tied to utility services, compact and multi-directional, Lincoln Public School district boundary tied to annexation, one community concept, gravity flow sewer and efficient and orderly growth is cost effective. He showed the current growth tier map. The brand is PLANforward. We want to talk about where we want to go and where we need to be. We will be a county of about 440,000 residents by 2050. Lincoln will be approaching 400,000. A lot of these topics are already in the current plan. There will be new topics as well. Some trends is that there is a lot of growth on the south and east sides of the city. There is growth happening in other areas, as well as inside the city. In the 2040 plan, infill was discussed. The assumption was 20% of infill dwelling units. The reality has been around 26%. 74% of new growth is happening on the edge of the community. We want to think about older commercial areas. There are a lot of opportunities out there. Topics of interest are infill, demographic trends, future of older commercial centers, impact of the advances in technology and affordable housing needs. There are also some concurrent planning efforts with various plans. A big part of this process is the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This will be a coordinated with that plan and a concurrent effort. The Transportation Plan is developed in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan.

Andrew Thierolf stated this is an almost two year process. There are four phases. Phase one is big ideas. This is to develop the community vision, what do we want to be in 2050? There is a public event next week. The next couple of phases are policy framework and scenario modeling. That will take most of 2020. That is where a lot of the content will be figured out. There will be some public events. Near the end of
summer, we will release the draft goals. 2021 will be mostly about writing the plan itself. We want to develop a more interactive plan. Mid 2021 is when the draft plan will be available for review. Then it will be presented to Planning Commission, City Council and the County Board. The LRTP will be presented to the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). Within that process, there are a lot of other things happening. There is a staff committee, along with this committee. There will be working groups this summer, focused on a specific topic. There will be public events. We are going to do a presentation circuit. We are also going to do one-on-one interviews. We have a couple of surveys. We are looking into getting guest speakers.

Kellee Van Bruggen stated that we wanted to create a big idea summary. We are talking about innovation, sustainability, climate change resilience and affordable housing, along with other ideas. We want to open this up for discussion and see if we are missing anything from our list. The four themes of PLANforward were touched on. Resilient, innovative, livable and thriving. The website is https://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/forward/. A survey is embedded, along with more information and contact information for staff. A few preliminary survey results – this was opened on January 15, 2020 and will closing in mid March. Nearly 500 surveys have been completed in two weeks. The people taking the survey were asked the top three things they liked the most and the top three things that need the most improvement. The top comment for what was most liked was a feeling of safety and low crime, followed by good sense of community and then schools. What needs improvement, the top response was transportation network, then cost of living and physical appearance. Another survey question was any prominent issues in 2050. Almost 300 said they anticipated increased traffic congestion. Then higher cost of living and lack of housing choices and affordability. The fourth is increase in natural and human caused disaster. That is not something we have typically seen in past planning. Looking ahead, what milestones or expectations, the top three were complete the East Beltway, cost of living below national average and equitable access to preventative health care.

David Drozd is with the Center for Public Affairs Research. He is a resource. He works a lot on affordable housing. He gave a slide presentation and stated that he will make all the information available. The census is right around the corner. Having a complete and accurate count is very important. Census data is how we get a lot of our information. Lancaster County has always had pretty consistent growth. Hickman is the fastest growing in the state. Waverly is in the top ten. Births and deaths are relatively steady. Birth rates are down a little. Migration rates go up and down. He explained migration rates over the years. Last time we looked at total population. This time we want to look at all population rates. We had about 12,000 more people move in than move away in the 2000’s. We have a lot of in-migration at age 18 and a lot of people move away at age 22. We use some ratios to make sure we keep the population structure the same. We kept these migration rates the same over time. Fertility rates have gone down. Population projections are 440,000 by 2050 for Lancaster County. Growth is about 40,000 per decade. Models for total population were put together as well as models for non-Hispanic whites. The migration rates can be unpredictable. In 1990, Lancaster County wasn’t very diverse. Non-Hispanic was about six percent. There has been a rise in diversity. It was predicted that more than 10 percent would be non-Hispanic by 2000 and 2010 was up to 16 percent. The thing to note is that the baby boomer population is mostly white. The growth rate will slow. We also projected households. The number of people in a household has been coming down over time. That will continue to come down. Colleges, nursing homes, prisons, those will go up. Almost all other growth rates will go down over time. One person households have grown over time. 75 percent of those 85 or older, live alone. For the age group of 75 to 84, over half live alone. The bottom line is that Lancaster County has a linear nature of growth that will continue.
Thierolf stated that we are going to try and have these meetings on the last Thursday of the month. There will be a public event next Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. An event flyer was sent out. There will be a presentation by David Cary and David Drozd. Then there will be an open house with seven different stations. There will be a live dashboard presented on the wall with results.

Everyone broke into smaller groups for a visioning exercise to address four questions:

1. What do you like about Lincoln-Lancaster County?
2. What needs improvement in Lincoln-Lancaster County?
3. What do you want to see for the community in 2050?

Group answers

1. Sense of community; Safety; “Greenness”, parks, trails, nature, quality of life; Cost of living; Strong non-profit organizations; Cultural centers throughout community; General sense of community and collaboration; Low crime; Livable; Trails and parks; Strong schools throughout County; Bike/trail infrastructure; Low crime; Big town opportunities, small town feel; Small big town; Safety; Natural beauty; Downtown aesthetics (condition of property); Longstanding residents; Size and design (streets); Sense of community; Increasing diversity; Good education.

2. Conservation focus, local food, urban gardens; Space for innovation, employment, technology; Affordable housing throughout community; Natural disaster, flood preparedness; Traffic challenges, beltways, street infrastructure; Roads into the city; Public art, visible culture; Alternative modes of transportation; Suburban neighborhood centers; Design standards; Economic incentive to provide other housing options; Usable/available transportation; S.I.D.S.; Funding for infrastructure; Outside the box progressive approach to downtown, walkable and bikeable; Opportunities to find a network; Keeping the city connected with growth; Trans-modal options, less reliance on cars; Walkability and biking; Human centered development; Food deserts; Expansion of bus services and other; Transparency, systems, schools, business, navigate systems; Connections to smaller communities via trail system, bikeable connections; Policy updates; Transportation.

3. East Beltway; Multiple family housing in smaller communities; Mixed use development; Policies that attract people to city/county; Affordable housing needs met; International airport between Omaha and Lincoln; Keep our community feel; Keep the things we ‘like’ now; Major hospital on north side; Growing and welcoming community; Less vehicles, other transportation options; Affordable housing; Effort towards including way to participate with city, county and state; Evening out of household income, health disparities; More diversity in housing types; Transportation, multi, not owning a car, electric and rent; Local food production.

Cary thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
### Comments from Community Committee members:

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<td>Dennis Scheer</td>
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<td>Bryan Seck</td>
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<td>Meghan Sittler</td>
<td>Environment/natural resources – greenspace – open space – ag–urban interface – water, climate impacts on development &amp; infrastructure; neighborhood redevelopment/enhancement; multi-modal transportation; long range growth; innovation to keep community &amp; economy &amp; environment strong</td>
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<td>Sheila Dorsey Vinton</td>
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<td>Transportation = (to encourage fewer cars); housing – (quality &amp; affordable, encourage density); technology – (impact on jobs, infrastructure); diversity – (plan that includes welcoming new citizens, rural/urban balance, show concern for those vulnerable – income, disability, LGBTQ, status, aging)</td>
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Meeting Notes

Comprehensive Plan Staff Committee
February 13, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 303

Attendees: Paul Barnes, Andrew Thierolf, Allan Zafft, Brian Will, Stacey Hageman, Kellee Van Bruggen, Ed Zimmer, Collin Christopher and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept.; Wynn Hjermstad, Dallas McGee and Hallie Salem from Urban Development; Wayne Mixdorf from Parking; Larry Legg from Lancaster County Engineering; Mike Davis and Brian Praeuner from StarTran; Asst. Fire Chief Pat Borer with Lincoln Fire Dept.; Jon Carlson from the Mayor’s office; Shannon Sprackling and Joel Dagerman with Lincoln Electric System; David Humm and Chris Schroeder from Health Dept.; Cpt. Jason Stille with Lincoln Police Dept.; Ben Higgins from Watershed Management; Chris Schroeder and Scott Holmes from the Health Dept.; Pat Leach from Lincoln City Libraries; Dr. John Schwartz from Norris School District; Dave Beyersdorf from Water Dept.; Brian Kramer from Wastewater; Terry Kathe from Building and Safety; Donna Garden, Thomas Shafer and Mark Lutjeharms with Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; Scott Wieskamp from Lincoln Public Schools; Tim Sieh and Francisca Beltran from City Attorney; and Sara Hoyle with Human Services.

Paul Barnes opened the meeting. He stated that the open house was last week. About 150 people attended. We will be using a virtual meeting tool. It is a GIS story map. It has been populated with all the material used from the public event. There were different stations with different questions. The virtual open house is available online:

The update of the Comprehensive Plan is being paralleled with the update of the Long Range Transportation Program (LRTP), so there was a visioning station for that as well. There was a live update available of the survey results. We focused on a few of the top questions we thought people would be most interested in. More prominent issues such as traffic congestion was the top vote getter. The top three items liked most were safety, community and schools. These are starting to become common themes. The online survey will be available through mid-March. There are several social media accounts that you can follow or like. Next week, we will have some promotional videos involving elected officials.

Andrew Thierolf stated that we need to figure out how we are going to grow. Today we are going to look at development trends, 2050 projections and existing growth policy and how it relates to gravity sewer. This will be more of an information session. He believes it is important to set a baseline going forward. Residential development trends starting with the most recent year 2019; we had 1,956 building permits last year. That was the second highest total in the last ten years. Over ten years, we have had 14,827 units. Housing for the last five years has been more of a push towards multi-family. The last three years, the building permit hot spots are south Lincoln, east Lincoln and north and west.
On the edge, we are growing more densely than we expected ten years ago. There are a lot of developments that have incorporated multi-family. David Drozd did a presentation at the open house. He is a great resource to have. Looking at population growth, there is natural change and migration. The birth rate went down during the recession and has not come back up. We have an aging population. Our migration is dominated by college students. By 2050, the population will be 440,000 in Lancaster County. 90 percent of that will be in Lincoln. By 2020, the projected estimate is about 320,000 for Lancaster County, 400,000 by 2040 and 440,000 by 2050. He went over some other demographic details.

Donna Garden stated that where we grow, is where there are utilities and we don’t do utilities until it is annexed. We don’t have the problems other communities do. Wastewater collection is general gravity, but we have to make some provisions. We have a temporary pump station policy. There are conditions for the temporary station. We sometimes use lift stations to cross creeks. Lincoln Water System serves almost 300,000 customers. Solid Waste has a landfill owned by the City of Lincoln. Only County waste goes there. We have site approval for the eastern side of the site to expand. If we don’t have the money in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), we can’t grow there. This makes infill projects much more economic to do. Any new growth can’t be in floodways or floodplains.

Thierolf showed the different growth tiers. He would like the Committee members to do some homework:

How is your department/agency impacted by infill vs. edge growth?
How will your department/agenda meet the needs of 120,000 additional people in Lancaster County?
How will Lincoln/Lancaster County meet our 30 years growth needs?

Barnes stated that he will be sending out a copy of the Power Point presented today, along with some questions. He urges Committee members to start thinking of items that are relative to you and your area.

Thierolf stated that the goal is to identify the vision statement and build off that for goals and policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Comprehensive Plan Community Committee
February 27, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 303

Attendees: Paul Barnes, Andrew Thierolf, Allan Zafft, Stacey Hageman, Kellee Van Bruggen and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept.; Donna Garden from Lincoln Transportation & Utilities; Meghan Ourada; Marilyn McNabb; DaNay Kalkowski; Dennis Scheer; Burdette Piening; Tracy Edgerton; Silas Clarke; Vish Reddi; Anna Eickholt; Grant Daily; Marco Barker; Jose Lemus; Crissy Joy; Deane Finnegan; Dick Campbell; Meghan Sittler; Stephanie Fisher; Tom Beckius, Brian Seck; and Pam Wakeman.

Paul Barnes opened the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance. The public event was held at Pinnacle Bank Arena. There were about 150 people who attended. There is a virtual meeting on the website: https://lincolnne.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=5d053c7155ce4c52b4c6f61d19dcd9

There were many responses at the public event. All this will be complied into a public input document around late March 2020. One question was ‘What do you like?’ The responses varied from diversity, trails and parks, amongst others. Another question was ‘What needs improvement?’ Responses included housing, transit, bike, library and neighborhoods, amongst others. The third question was ‘What do want to see in 2050?’ Housing is a hot topic these days. Energy and affordable were other responses. The last question was ‘What do you envision for transportation in 2050?’ Bike, rail, transit, convenient and efficient traffic system were some responses.

Andrew Thierolf stated that today’s exercise is to work on developing growth scenarios. Citywide permits are up. A lot was driven by a pretty big year for multi-family. Ten year totals are about 15,000 units built. That is about 1,500 per year. The housing mix is 39% single family 15% townhouse and duplex and 45% multi-family. LPlan 2040 assumes 40% multi-family. What might be contributing to the increase in multi-family? Housing costs, influx of young single tech people coming to Lincoln, boomers downsizing, the rise in private student housing, people not wanting to deal with yard work and other details, were some of the answers.

There are new growth areas around the edge. In these areas, we have had over 6,400 units over the last five years. Infill has been over 1,900 units over five years. Looking at established areas over the last five years, we expect this trend to continue. Greater Downtown area has had 670 units built over the last five years. We have been exceeding our assumptions from LPlan 2040. Traditional housing and student housing for the greater downtown area has been around 50/50. Looking at distribution of where the growth has been, about 75 percent has been in new growth areas. New growth area density has been about 3.5 – 4.0 units per acre. Another discussion question is looking at infill versus edge growth. We are about 22 percent infill growth. What are the existing impacts? Roads, greater access to public transit and services were some answers.
There was a request to define infill. Thierolf responded that almost all of the infill is on commercial sites. Looking at assumptions going into the future, including the changing nature of retail, we can expect more commercial sites to be available for redevelopment. Overall, the City growth has exceeded assumptions. There was a larger percentage of multi-family, infill and edge density.

Donna Garden is going to talk about guiding principles and Lincoln’s utilities. Where we grow is limited to where the utilities exist. She needs to know where we are going to spend ratepayer money to put pipes in the ground. A brand new trunk sewer was just installed on the east side of town. Wastewater rules. Where we grow is defined by where we can put in gravity sewer. Wastewater collection is generally gravity. Temporary pump stations are allowed, if they meet certain conditions. We also have to check that the receiving sewer has the capacity. Everything has to meet the City standards for construction and once done, the City operates it. Lincoln Water System serves almost 300,000 customers. Lincoln Water System is currently updating their master plan. Solid Waste operations are another aspect. We do not allow any out of county waste. Water, wastewater and solid waste are all solely supported by user rates. Watershed Management is very important, along with green spaces. Watershed Management does some of this floodplain protection. Two of the basic premises of that watershed management are ‘no adverse impacts to neighbors’ and ‘new growth will be outside of the floodplain and floodway’.

Garden was asked about the differences between Omaha and Lincoln. Omaha does not own its water or wastewater system. They allow sanitary improvement districts. They have no control over the standards of the infrastructure. This causes a lot of problems. The Nebraska Department of Environment Quality (NDEQ) dealt with a lot of treatment systems that failed. Omaha also has a combined system for water and wastewater. Lincoln has separate pipes. Barnes added that we do not provide services to anyone outside City limits.

Thierolf talked about growth principles. Annexation is tied to city services, compact and multi-directional growth. Lincoln Public School boundaries are tied to annexation, gravity flow sewer and efficient and orderly growth. We use drainage basins to create our urban growth tiers. That map is tied to public infrastructure investments. That provides predictability. Tier IA already has approvals. Tier IB is the next step which takes us to the year 2026. Tier IC are areas that will develop after 2026. Beyond that is Tier II, 2040-2060 and Tier III is beyond 2060. The new growth areas consist of 16,141 approved un-built units. There is almost a twelve year supply. Looking at single family, we have 2,365 final platted single family lots. LPlan 2040 assumed a population of 412,000 by 2040. The newest projections show 400,000 by 2040 and 440,000 by 2050.

There was a five minute break.

Thierolf explained the game, Plan It Yourself, along with all of the assumptions. Envelopes were provided with game pieces. There is a calculation sheet to be used when all the pieces have been placed on the map. The second part of the game involves adding roads. The room broke into groups and played the game.
Barnes wanted each group to talk about their design and share numbers. One group looked at the locations of the new high schools. They would like to see Airpark expand and more infill following the current bus lines. Another group looked at growing into Tier II areas. They also looked at new schools and the Steven’s Creek area. A third group followed the guidelines stated by the previous groups. They looked at Interstate areas, growth to the southeast and around the new high schools. Infill was around old shopping centers. A fourth group map is not dramatically different from previous groups. The new high schools were taken into account as well. A fifth group had a lot of the same ideas. They clustered on the east side with increased density. They had some planning around the South Beltway. One of the things they focused on was redevelopment of the shopping centers as well.

Thierolf believes group two was the lowest in terms of cost. Clustering of development creates the most efficiencies and infill saves money on costs.

He continued that we should add about ten square miles of residential over the next 30 years, using comprehensive plan assumptions from LPlan 2040. Recent trends reduced that amount to about 8.5 square miles of residential. This doesn’t include commercial or floodplain.

Kellee Van Bruggen stated that the overall 30-year budget from the last Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was $1.9 billion, allocated for urban roads program funds. $450 million are projected transit funds to 2040. The trails program projects $36 million to 2040. These are based on past funding trends. What we did in the LRTP update was look at actual cost of projects. The inflation rate on roadway projects is 5% annually. Right now, we are seeing about a 7% inflation rate. There is also flooding that happened which had an impact on costs. If we are talking about the standard 5% inflation, we are talking about $30 million for a roadway widening in 2040. A new transit route is about $60,000 per mile. Trails are about $300,000 per mile. Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) also had recently undergone an ‘On The Move’ project. Through that process, they realized we are operating at a $33 million a year deficit. As part of that, there was a sales tax initiative. The gap has been reduced to $21 million a year with approval of the ¼ cent sales tax. Transit has an exponentially higher cost. There is the possible addition of Sunday bus service. StarTran is currently in the process of looking at a multi-modal center in the downtown area.

Thierolf stated there are a lot of actual costs that aren’t represented in the game such as sewer, water parks and emergency services. You get a sense of transportation costs in the game, but there are a lot of other costs.

Barnes pointed out that hopefully, the game got everyone thinking about the costs involved with development

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.
Paul Barnes welcomed everyone. He stated that the topic today will be related to infill and edge fill.

Andrew Thierolf stated that today will be the “Plan It Yourself” exercise. It has been updated since the last time it was played. This looks at geographic considerations. The goal is to develop different scenarios and then look at costs. The planning horizon for the game is 2050. Lancaster County population will be about 440,000. 90 percent of the population will live in Lincoln. Future household size will be 2.35 persons per household. The current household size is 2.4 persons per household. For the purposes of the game, 45,000 dwelling units will be required to serve Lincoln’s 2050 population. There will be a redevelopment component to the game. The assumption will be that roads along the City fringe do not meet City standards. The room broke into groups to play the game.

When time was up, everyone looked at the different group maps and explained how they arrived at their conclusions.

Barnes stated that part of the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) work going on is looking at edge developments.

Pat Borer wondered if development pays for the infrastructure. Barnes replied that a lot is paid up front, but not all. Borer questioned why not? Brian Kramer believes the cap on impact fees affects everything. Barnes added that costs are increasing as well. Borer wondered why impact fees haven’t risen to cover this. Ed Zimmer pointed out that as property taxes increase, the base will go up. There are many factors in play. Borer believes if we end up paying for these things with tax increases, the people pay for it anyway. Zimmer noted that is part of the discussion. Brian Will pointed out that impact fees help pay for infrastructure. Sara Hartzell added that impact fees are used to pay for parks, and have gone from 80 percent in the past to 40 percent currently. Bob Simmering stated this is not unique to Lincoln. Infrastructure lags development nationwide. Will stated that the point of this exercise is that infill isn’t necessarily as expensive as development on the edge. Barnes stated that for
the purposes of this exercise, the infill infrastructure is already in place. Edge growth is all new. There are costs associated with both.

Barnes continued that the game speaks to the cost of roads. The last LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan) 2016 Update accounted for developer committed projects and other commitments with $274 million for growth projects to 2040. The estimate for 2050 is $350 million. There is also the inflation rate to consider, and construction costs are increasing. The revenues aren’t growing as fast as the inflation rate.

Barnes wanted to review the survey responses. First, he wanted to look at edge growth versus infill growth. One response was degraded LFR (Lincoln Fire and Rescue) service and response times are slower when the area grows. Infill impacts personnel more. There are more people, therefore more calls. There was a discussion of fire suppression systems.

Barnes continued that impact fees are used for new edge trails, but with infill, there are no trail impact fees. The City may need to widen existing trails due to increasing infill. Edge growth has ongoing pressure on floodplains, but for infill, existing floodplain creates issues. For wastewater and water, we need to continue expanding the system. We heard about the need to preserve parks. Downtown infill will impact a new central library. Pat Leach stated that right now the downtown library has the most populated two mile radius. Barnes continued that new LES (Lincoln Electric System) facilities would need to be added.

Chris Schroeder believes that growth will drive demand all over the board for all services. Increasing density is good for air quality, but it can increase disease transmission. Right now, we have over 600 water wells in the well program. We need to look at staffing levels relative to that program. Any water well within City limits must get an annual well permit. It must be inspected every year and tested. Animal control regulations apply just to the City, including acreages that are annexed into the City.

Barnes continued that we also asked how this will impact population growth. We need more transportation and more affordable housing options. We heard that providing access to fresh food will be important. 120,000 more people means a need for more programs and facilities.

Hartzell stated that her department had some good conversations about the cultural shift and what that would mean for different sports and parks. We try to keep an eye on what is attractive and doing outreach on what people want in their parks. There is also an aging population to keep in mind. Boomers are more active.

Barnes stated that the next session will look at growth options. Thierolf noted that we will be working on narrowing it down to three growth scenarios.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Comprehensive Plan Community Committee
March 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Zoom Video Conference

Participants: David Cary, Paul Barnes, Andrew Thierolf, Kellee Van Bruggen, Allan Zafft, Stacey Hageman and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept.; Cristy Joy; Dave Johnson; Tom Beckius; Cindy Ryman Yost; DaNay Kalkowski; Deane Finnegan; Susan Rodenburg; Steve Ingracia; Dick Campbell; Stephanie Fisher; Dennis Scheer; Sheila Dorsey Vinton; Tracy Edgerton; Marco Barker; Tracy Corr; Meghan Sittler; Silas Clarke, Sam Manzitto; Megan Ourada; Susan Larson Rodenburg; and Karalyn Hoefer.

David Cary welcomed everyone and thanked them for being flexible with an online meeting. He encouraged everyone to submit any comments or questions they may have in the online chat function.

Andrew Thierolf stated that we will be looking at reviewing assumptions, existing land availability, how much we need to add and where we could grow. He showed a copy of the growth tiers map and reviewed the different tiers. The idea is to have a public event, online video or activity in May where the final growth scenarios can be commented on. The Comprehensive Plan assumed Lincoln would add around 1,500 units per year. In actuality it has been 1,700 units. 40 percent multi-family was assumed. It has been 45%. Tier 1A is where many areas are now fully developed. Tier 1B is new approvals, currently developing. Stevens Creek is an example. This was due to a trunk line expansion. There are currently 13.41 square miles of developable land available within Tier 1. Of that, 8.1 square miles is shown as Urban Residential. We are looking to answer how much land must be added to serve our 2050 growth needs. We need to add 47,816 units to Lincoln by 2050. All options include 16,000 units that are already approved and not built yet. We aren’t counting that land. This also includes a ten year cushion to provide flexibility. This only includes residential area. A next step is looking at if more commercial and industrial needs to be added. These numbers should all be considered estimates at this point.

He presented and reviewed the different growth scenarios. LPPlan assumptions are 22% infill, 3.0 dwelling units per acre and 9.5 square miles required expansion to future service limit. Recent trends continue to show 4.0 dwelling units per acre and 5.1 square miles required expansion to future service limit. High infill and high density is 5.0 dwelling units per acre. If we look at trend infill with a low density, it is 2.5 units an acre. For illustrative purposes, we shared a scenario of all infill. We won’t have 100% infill no matter what. We already have 16,000 edge units. If we assume it will all be infill, we could reduce our edge by 6 square miles.

Paul Barnes stated that the Chat box had a question on what drives the need for household numbers. Thierolf responded that is what is expected and is based on population projections from the State Data Center. Barnes stated there was another question on what ratio or assumptions became active in the
last 10 years. Thierolf responded that in terms of assumptions that became active, averaged out it has been 22%. The multi-family assumption was the most different. The last five years have seen a big shift. We underestimated how much multi-family we could have. Barnes added that edge density was another factor that changed. It was higher than expected.

Barnes wanted to talk about where growth could go. He showed a map that highlights different areas that we have talked with our utilities about extending services to fairly easily. There is a cost to extend those utilities. The areas shown could be added on to or are shown in existing master plans. The ‘Plan It Yourself’ exercise was done with the Community Committee and the Staff Committee. We found a lot of similarities. The differences among the results was mostly density and infill. One of the common things we heard was the construction of two new high schools. The survey that will be sent out will ask what the benefit and challenges are of infill and edge growth. He showed the different impacts of edge growth and infill. He showed a map and wanted everyone to consider if there are specific locations that should be prioritized for expanding the future service limit. Our goal is to reduce the 7 scenarios down to 3 or 4 that staff will take to the public in May. He asked everyone to think about what additional information is needed to make informed decisions.

Allan Zafft stated that one of the primary responsibilities of the Lincoln MPO is to develop a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) every 5 years. This is the blueprint for the area transportation over the next 30 years. We have enlisted the help of a consultant for the update. It is about a six month process to hire a consultant. We are getting close. With regards to the major work tasks, we will do a Travel Demand Model update. There will be a current future needs assessment. We want to make sure we accomplish the goals and objectives of the plans, along with Performance Measures. There is the Implementation Plan, the documentation and public engagement. Public engagement will include a website, press releases, social media, public meetings, committees and focus groups. We look to have the plan completed by the end of 2021.

Thierolf stated that the next meeting will include more details on costs and implications of different growth scenarios, a summary of our public input so far and additional discussion about the LRTP. There will be a public event of some kind in May. It could be virtual. The plan is to have two smaller events if they are in person. If that doesn’t work out, we will look at virtual options. There will be a second online survey in May. We need to start looking at specific strategies and goals. We will be looking at new trends. We are looking to have the final plan done by the end of 2021.

There was a question and answer session.

Cary thanked everyone for participating during a difficult time. He encouraged everyone to contact staff if they needed anything.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.
Appendix B: Public Comments

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<td>There are no single level over 55 “active” communities in Lincoln that are affordable. (150 to 175K) Many seniors renting apartments are isolated and lonely. I sent a note to city planners 9 months ago asking if any plans, got no response. We need this in Lincoln.</td>
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<td>Website Comment</td>
<td>When will there be a bond issue for a new central library?</td>
<td>The city must use taxes wisely. Don’t build castles when schools are built as one example. Place penalties on construction projects so they get done on time and below budget.</td>
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<td>Website Comment</td>
<td>I really am mostly interested in the development of youth/community ball field development and think it should be done on what is now Holmes Golf Course.</td>
<td>Lincoln has a lot of great things about it but we need to ensure we utilize our funds efficiently and protect our constitutional freedoms. We need to ensure our 1st and second amendment are not infringed on. Also, this town doesn’t need another library down town. We need to bring a business in or an opportunity to generate tax revenue to remove the burden from lincoln natives.</td>
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<td>Need better medical care for mental illness, lower income housing, and better public transportation for people with disability issues with service animals. Accept emotional support animal service animals everywhere, like buses, with no questions.</td>
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<td>I feel that acreages should only be on 20 acres each. Farmland is disappearing rapidly and water usage is high on all this housing and so is waste lagoons.</td>
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<td>I’m a senior citizen-Retired from Law Enforcement and have been living in Lincoln since 1996. For the last 10 years I’ve been involved in Senior fitness programs with Ageing partners I/e Ti Chi, Qigong and using their fitness center for work out. The City has there has been some improvement over the past few years but has not kept up to the growth of the cities senior population.</td>
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<td>Fix roads so you can drive on them and make the lights so it doesn’t take 30 min from Cornhusker Hwy to Hwy 2 and lights on antelope valley road are a joke</td>
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<td>Not hard to figure the city will pour money into the haymarket area and south</td>
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<td>Leave a large venue empty once it fails and can’t decide what to do with it? #Toosoon</td>
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<td>How about you stop building arenas, fancy apartments downtown and restaurants. Just fix the giant pot holes and cracks all throughout Lincoln first, so they can at least last another 30 years!</td>
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<td>Please keep the parks budget funded enough for upkeep and improvements</td>
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<td>How about making the rent reasonable so more restaurants stay in the Haymarket instead of leaving. 10k a month is a lot of beer to be sold to cover.</td>
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<td>Change the silver veneer on the area to Gold</td>
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<td>Kirk Bahm 4 lanes on 27th street? That’s silly. Lol</td>
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| Website Comment   | Nine Mile Prairie has a remarkable heritage as a study site for botanists and ecologists. It also represents a natural treasure for future generations. | As Lincoln expands, the question arises ...
Should Nine Mile Prairie be protected? And how?

Flora and fauna will be affected if the land adjacent to Nine Mile Prairie is developed. So, should a buffer zone exist? What might that look like? Who does it affect?

A Nine Mile Prairie Advisory Council created in the past year is grappling with these issues (membership includes representatives from the University, LPSNRD, USDA, Airport Authority, and area landowners).

Through a grant, it has sponsored a study of the Nine Mile Prairie environs by The Flatwater Group. That study will be completed in the next couple of months – and provided to interested parties including the Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Department – for consideration of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan.
Website Comment
I’d like to look backward a bit, at previous Comprehensive Plans, and get some sense of how successfully have we been reaching the goals from, say 1994, or 2002, or even 2011? As a citizen, this information would go a long way to giving me some confidence in this process. Are you serious about citizen input and are we actually reaching goals set in the past? Or is the process primarily to give developers a predictable roadmap?

Website Comment
I attended planforward’s open house 2-6, listened to the presentation about demographics. I understand the need for projections and stats, but there seems to be quite the focus on future “minority” populations, which strikes me as odd, since minority and non-minority citizens have much the same needs/require the same things in terms of services and communities, don’t we? The aging of our population and the growth in “minority” population seemed the only trends in your focus. What’s up with that? And a follow-up question: what efforts are being made to bring Lincoln’s ‘minority’ populations to the table for city planning?

Facebook Comment
Keep driving to 48th Street. Head north of Adams or South of O Street to experience the insanity of Lincoln’s beloved ‘two-plus-one’ bottlenecks. When will arterial streets ever be widened?

Website Comment
I would like to know if there are any plans for improving the Air Park area, connecting it with a recreational trail and improving the truck parking situation by Kawasaki?

Website Comment
Have a CARE for the environment.

Facebook Comment
Oh, I’ve walked, jogged, ridden my bike on this trail . . . And I remember when it was a railroad track.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Lincoln has a low cost of living, good public schools, a good trail system, good public libraries, good police and fire protection, good healthcare options and good shopping and entertainment options.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
lack quality restaurants

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
I feel safe and excited to live in this city.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
It’s not perfect, but it’s good. Many positives especially for raising a family.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Extreme taxes for services provided.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Good quality. Taxes for LPS are too high and the poor road conditions.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Only negative is traffic flow in Lincoln. North-South access is terrible.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
It’s pretty good. I’ve lived many other places that are worse. It’s not bad but I plan to leave as soon as I retire and move to a warmer, less expensive location.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Low crime, decent job availability. Big downside is taxes keep going up and up and up between the city, county, state, & LPS. We’re being taxed to death.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Terrible taxes, roads, infrastructure, family activities.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Low crime, easy access to services

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
I chose “average” because it’s impossible to find affordable housing for emerging professionals outside student housing or blighted areas with high crime. I can’t afford to buy a “fixer upper” nor any apartments outside student housing.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Living here for most of my life I think the overall quality of life has declined due to crime, urban sprawl and how the city is moving to a place for those who have money.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Street condition is pathetic. Traffic light (left turn lights) are very inconsistent. Mostly education is good, except for too many illegals getting free stuff.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Public transportation is poor. Too far from grocery stores. Too many railroad crossings.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Too high of taxes. It effects how much money I can spend on enjoyment. There is also not enough things to do for fun besides bars. More focus is applied to South Lincoln for growth and not enough efforts to keep North Lincoln thriving.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Crime has increased overall, especially violent crimes. Roads conditions are fair at best in much of the city, needing repairs. Gas prices run higher than surrounding, including Omaha. Still, overall, I love calling Lincoln my home.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
The quality could be better and the quality could be worse.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Our taxes are way too high and wages are subpar. However, we have beautiful trails and parks. Education is wonderful. Police and Fire are above average. City services are more than average.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
We have some good entertainment options but poor infrastructure

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
Reasons I didn’t choose "Excellent":
- Lack of inclusive legislation being passed in Nebraska
- Public transportation and traffic are poorly designed/managed and would be worse with population growth
- Lack of affordable housing options
- It is a good place to live but the street infrastructure has not kept up with the growth.
- Not tax friendly to senior citizens To much money spent on “nice to have” rather than basic needs.
- Roads are horrible to drive on
- Roads ate horrible to drive on
- Clean, safe, cheap rent, jobs available, great parks, entertainment options.
- Great outdoor activities, fun downtown area, great schools and churches, friendly people, great university
- Good for most folks, but not much safety net and limited job opportunities.
- Clean, safe, good income, good neighborhood, nice trail network.
- Taxes are to high, this county wants to keep raising taxes on people to pay for roads that they never fix and other things. You can not make a good living. Lincoln thinks the county needs to pay for their quality of life. Rural communities get punished

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on quality of life.
of the 5 choices, good best fit
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Love the bike paths, parks, cleanliness, activities, family events, etc. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Sometimes it’s too big and crowded. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Common goods/services don’t seem to be publicly and equitably available. A person seems to have to belong to (religious) communities to learn about and use resources—an unprofessional city. Property taxes are extremely high for disabled citizens. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Good jobs, taxes too high, and our mayor is clueless |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Good school system. Nice parks. Diverse population |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Affordable housing is an issue. We seem to be under staffed in the police department. The art and entertainment area seems to be doing well. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Great people and amenities in the community. Road networks aren’t great. Love all the trails and parks. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Friendly people, low crime |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Safe, clean |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Paint curbs |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Medians are made planted and forgotten cement them in would look better than weeds more recycling centers or empty more often |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Fix pothole streets |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Affordable housing |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Jobs with benefits |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Infrastructure of roads |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Lincoln is a good size, large enough to support nice restaurants and entertainment but small enough that you know your neighbors. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Lincoln is safe, with good education/cultural ops, good services, not TOO big but not too small either. Slow, well-planned growth will help keep it a great place to live |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Safe community and feel LFD and LFR are probably the finest but we need to keep up with staffing for a fast growing community. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Access to shops is becoming increasingly a concern. Having to travel to Omaha or Gretna to purchase retail. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Excellent public schools and services. Lots of activities, several colleges, educated population. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | I have lived on both south and north side of town. I currently live about 84th and Leighton. There is a huge bias on where the money in this city gets spent as it’s always on the south side. New restaurants, shopping, medical, all on south side. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Lincoln is a good place to live and keeps getting better. Loved growing up here, and after a 17 year absence to pursue my career, came back to live hopefully the rest of my life. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | safe, productive, reasonable cost of living |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | For a city that is pushing almost 300,000 people, it is easy to get around the city streets and traffic congestion is not bad at all. Crime rate is very low and the public school system is excellent. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | There needs to be more neighborhood small businesses with lower rent options. For instance west of the airport communities. Like a splash pad park by the swimming pool, laundromat, beauty shop, cafe, coffee house etc. Rents are too high! |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | The majority of Lincolns are good people, willing to help each other. Crime is still relatively low compared to large cities, although crime is increasing. Like they say, a small town feeling with many of the conveniences of a larger city. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Great schools, fairly affordable housing, decent job opportunities and entertainment. Need to fix update roads, esp in neighborhoods. Forget the $38M Warlick project. New mayor is more transparent than previous. Don’t try to legislate everything |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Lincoln is a safe, affordable, and clean city. It is a great place to grow up and then raise a family of your own. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Lincoln is good and not excellent for these reasons: (1) the playground equipment is boring and too similar across city playgrounds; (2) Lincoln does not have a super fun public pool - I’d rather go to Mahoney, Papillion, Columbus. (3) Need better biking |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Great things to do, places to live, job opportunities |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Of better since I was born here. Heart disease still #1 here. Need to continue to be more environmentally friendly. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | People are still friendly, and the city is clean. There are great libraries and schools, and a wonderful variety of performing arts. However, violent crime seems to be increasing, and the police often don’t respond when called about problems. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Excellent schools, responsive city government, great businesses that are easy to frequent, and neighborhood safety. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Planning favors the wealthy and healthy. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Lincoln is safe but the taxes are way too high for retired people. Too many non-profit and government exemptions |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Taxes are high, infrastructure is poor, crime is increasing. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Great place to live, would love to see more development and attention to North Lincoln. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Lincoln has many good qualities, but lacks in people’s abilities to tolerate opposing opinions. |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Safe, clean, low unemployment, good environment, parks, trails, streams. Good cheap utilities, low taxes compared to others. Friendly |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Good people, good work opportunities, not “excellent” because getting around town is a joke |
| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Affordable housing, great job opportunities, moved out of city for lower taxes and better public school opportunities. |
Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.


Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Low noise, low pollution, low waste, great education. Somewhat lacking in public transportation however.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a great community, however, there is always room for improvement. Key areas of focus should be building more schools/healthier lunches, improved highway system, new businesses/technology-focused, reduce crime, increase entertainment options.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a safe, affordable, and exciting place to live and raise a family. If only it had mountains or a great place for outdoor activities it would have gotten excellent.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Would say excellent if roads were not so bad as the excessively high property taxes! Just the right size. Excellent Police force and library system. Citizens who take pride in city and citizens. Great volunteer community. Good supports for impoverished and homeless population. (no transients on streets) But need more affordable housing.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a clean city with good, accessible services.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

plenty of great things to do, both outdoor and indoor in a safe environment where people are generally in a mood to treat each other with respect. Opportunities to earn a good salary are there if you work for it and are diligent in your search.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Roads suck, taxes suck, new gun laws make me a criminal, and mandated cardboard ban that takes money out of my pocket and puts trash in my neighborhood, new traffic timing has increased my commute instead of reducing it.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Crime is low, cost of living is ok, property values are high, wages and job opportunities are ok.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Road maintenance is poor especially during winter weather, property values are high, and general transportation routing needs significant improvement.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

A lot of words like to be thrown around to make it look like they really care and all the do is spend money on things that we could do without and are way behind on the things that are really needed like new utilities in the old areas of town.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Not enough road maintenance and no good north-south route through town. Driving downtown is stressful due to the "bike"lanes and the bike traffic that doesn’t always use the bike lanes. I really like Lincoln and its restaurants and entertainment options.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Trails, accessible government, neighborliness, library, university, reasonable cost of living—very good.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Improve: school system, equitable access to health care, affordable housing, quality jobs, diversity/inclusiveness, homelessness, food insecurity.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I have no major complaints, other than too many people run yellow/red lights.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Great for raising a family - safe, nice amenities, has all of the community engagement, shopping, and entertainment that we need at this stage. Would be better if housing was more affordable!

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

While I have an excellent quality of life, those who I help in my work do not. Affordable housing complicates quality of life for so many in our community.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Low crime, good trails, good school system, neighborhood strength and sense of community.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I don't think there is a better community to raise a family. But, we need to continue to strive to get even better.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

We are taxed highly for road improvement but roads are terrible great parks, recreation, bike paths and open spaces.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.


Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

It's excellent for me but I know others struggle to find affordable housing, good paying jobs, etc.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I'd like everyone to have the opportunity to have an excellent quality of life.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Great schools, water, public safety, community spirit, businesses, work ethic, recreation options.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Need more retail shopping options, local food restaurants, a new central library, enhanced parks, warmer winters and cooler summers.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

It seems like the majority of improvements and upgrades are accomplished in SE Lincoln. The South part of town enjoys many opportunities and repairs more often than the North part.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln has a lot of great features which most cities do not have, however, more can be done.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a great city to work and raise your family! I have lived here all my life and my parents, also.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.

The city is a great place to live, works, and raise a family. I would say the only thing that does not take it over the top is a lack of really distinctive sense of place and distinct culture. The city needs to define itself, outside of the presence of the capital and UNL.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on quality of life.


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Lots of things could be fairer and better, but just speaking about my little life, I had a good job, have been able to participate on public issues I care about at the city and county level, could afford to buy a little house (couldn't have done that on either coast), have friends who I care about. and enjoy interesting things that are always going on at UNL, city government, the Legislature, and the arts. I spend a lot of time in the parks and enjoy the use of native plants in landscaping around the city.
Please explain your rating on quality of life.

There are lots of things to do for families. I feel safe in most parts of town. I love that downtown is pedestrian-friendly. And there are many options to choose from for restaurants. But, it seems like so many stores and restaurants have gone out of business lately. Also, it seems like there are more one-way streets downtown than are strictly necessary, making it challenging to get from where you are to where you need to go sometimes. Also, transit is impractical as a transportation option because the buses don’t come nearly often enough to be convenient.

We have safe city streets thanks to our police, we have wonderful schools, clean air, and able to see open sky from horizon to horizon. Big city but with a small home town feel.

Safe city and neighborhoods. Many public and social services available. Quality of life is enhance by the balance of government and nonprofit (church) services.

Excellent schools, lots of parks, pools and recreation, good libraries, three universities/colleges, wonderful arts and entertainment scene.

Crime has increased. Traffic has increased and there is roadwork that needs to be done to ease the flow of traffic. More homeless people hanging out more than ever before

Very good for many but need more town homes, duplexes, and can always improve low income housing. Glad we are addressing road repair. With population increases, widening may be needed in the interior, encourage mass transit, etc. Love Prosper Lincoln initiatives.

We chose to live here after my husband completed his graduate studies at UNL because of the quality of life, arts available in the community and because it was a good safe place to raise our children.

Safe, peaceful, fun, engaging

Safe community, good businesses and people, diverse, good public amenities, entertainment and dining.

We have traveled the quality of life is good

Housing options have gone downhill. Many apartments have sprung up but are way too expensive for the average family to afford.

Housing and jobs readily available which caused me to give a good rating. Cost of living is reasonable.

Not excellent because we don’t have flying cars yet.

This is the first year I can ever recall having 3 property break-ins within less then a mile from where we live in one year. That is just the ones we know of. You can talk all the numbers you want but do not feel safe. People dealing drugs in my neighborhood. In the past we could get a call from the police if we leave the garage door open. Now the only time you see the police is when we have a brake in.

Great place. Poor road planning

Low crime, nice trail system, good schools, things to do.

Affordability, low crime, clean air, thriving downtown, only disadvantage is lack of fast transit from north to south

Was very good, however today it costs to much to live in Lincoln. Wife and kids are looking to move out of Lancaster county.

Healthy strong caring community - We still have work to do for those struggling financially with housing and health care

I’ve been in Lincoln for five months, and so far it is a good place to be. I don’t have an accurate depiction yet since I have not been in Lincoln that long.

Progressive government, inclusive, good variety of services, stores, eating places.

I feel it is excellent from the standpoint of a great place to raise a family and for family activities. Employment opportunities are good. If would be good to see more activities for young adults and affordable housing options to more areas of the City/County.

Safe, prosperous, fun, caring community

Lincoln is a very nice place to live. My only complaint is the streets and the fact other than 84 street, there is not other 4-5 lane streets between Superior and Highway 2. This should have been fixed 40 years ago.

Not enough outdoor recreational options with easy access. Physical appearance of buildings are very outdated. Restaurant options not that great.


Good schools, easy traffic, peaceful, safe, great parks, low unemployment, great city council, refugee resettlement community, relatively progressive for the midwest; we have Open Harvest, the Ross film theatre, good restaurants, Nia, yoga

Lincoln is a city inbetween being a small town, and a big city. It wants development, and gives away millions in tax incentives to attract business, but taxes it citizens too much. Lincoln Public school budget is out of control. Presently I have to work 2 months out of the year just to pay for my property tax. The city streets haven’t seen much improvement since the tax was approved for that purpose. The city wheel tax isn’t being used for street, and road repair, but is used for other projects.

I have lived here all my life. I do not have another city to compare my quality of life to, but I do feel like I have a good quality of like here

Lincoln offers a safe and affordable community where people of differing demographics can connect with each other.

I enjoy the city parks, bike trails, small town feel and the many amenities and opportunities that we have here.

Quality of life in Lincoln is good, but is at risk as the city grows and faces growing pains associated with growth; such as crime. Additionally, Lincoln should be aware and steer clear of the “flavor-of-the-day” type initiatives seen across the country.
Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln is an expensive city to live in. We pay a wheel tax and I assume that it is the streets and roads in Lincoln. That hasn’t happened. Another sales tax was passed to pay for street repair. I am not seeing any changes in the condition of our streets. I don’t live here so I have no real basis of quality of life, other than friends who live here. Great place to live and work. These are family oriented things to do and the people are genuinely friendly.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. It is a happy go lucky city without a lot of pollution and is a clean city. Lincoln is a great place to raise a family. Unfortunately it caters to the college crowd and the downtown atmosphere. The infrastructure of this town is centralized to the downtown area and that is where you see most of the improvements. Most local people rarely go downtown to spend their money and would prefer to spend their money at local establishments in more convenient areas of town. Free parking and ample parking areas that are not so congested. Our roads are absolutely horrible. Residential streets are lacking maintenance and necessary repairs. New developments are a huge focus in town and the older areas are highly neglected. Private sector utilities are doing a great job of increasing their infrastructure for their customers needs.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. As a retiree, Lincoln has everything. Sports, performing arts, activity, parks, etc. Lincoln is an affordable, accessible place to live. There are fun things to do, great parks and bike paths... I love it here!

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Affordability of living, availability of services, and job opportunities. Lincoln is a growing city that does not know how to properly handle being a city. Lincoln is a great place to live! Housing is affordable, schools are good. Low crime rates and traffic. Lincoln’s home and rent prices are ridiculously high for what you get. This is why I did not rate it “excellent.” I cannot wait for the housing market to eventually crash from this ridiculous and unsustainable high that is it riding. The terrible condition of the poorly maintained homes that are currently on the overpriced market combined with absolute ripoff prices for a half decent apartment will be the reason that we eventually move somewhere else. It simply isn’t worth putting up with the insane property taxes and cold weather to enjoy the low crime rates and light traffic this city offers.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. low cost of living, centrally located, new shows and performances, many husker sports events, good outdoor trails, General pay rate could be better.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. We have quality schools. We have immigrants and refugees enriching our community. We have lots of parks and trails.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. I’ve seen much worse crime. Schools at all levels continue to be excellent. Jobs plentiful. Many activities available.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. I do not live in Lincoln currently but am moving back soon. Open spaces, bicycle infrastructure are great.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln is a safe community with good schools, a variety of neighborhoods and increasing diversity of options for quality entertainment and recreation. Relatively short commutes to work are a big plus. There is always room for improvement. Contiguous and steady growth continue to provide a strong foundation for the future of Lincoln.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Clean, safe, pro business and good work ethic. Cool developments with a variety of places to shop, nice downtown and Haymarket.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. As a landowner who is being asked to sell land to the city, state, and federal government for a roundabout, I can no longer say I love living where I live and that it’s excellent here. The negotiation process is stressful, pressured, and unfair. Our land isn’t for sale, but the city, state, and federal government are going to push us to the eminent domain process because they can. I’m heartbroken and I guess my husband and I are going to try to afford a lawyer to fight the $1 a square foot they want to purchase my land for when there is a property down the road that they are asking $4.50 a square foot. The city, state, and federal government refuse to use that land that is in Lancaster county and less than a mile away from us, but rather use rural Hickman and Roca for their comps at $0.86 a square foot. We’re honest and hardworking citizens who through they purchased their dream home and this project is going to remove all of our trees, wind break, and land. We have no choice in the matter.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Adequate schools, infrastructure, medical, law enforcement, water, sewer, waste, fire response, entertainment, food, veteran services, etc.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. The quality of life is good because the cost of living is lower than other areas. I like living here more than Omaha. Its smaller and more compact with less traffic and noise.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Safe, clean, family-friendly, wholesome environment, optimal city-nature balance, all commodities available.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Taxes are too high. The streets are not well taken care of! Residential streets are icy and no money in budget to put sand and gravel on them? You have got to be kidding me! Poor budgeting of City budget. Have had a surplus for years not used to fix streets and hire more police.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Overall a great quality of life. The price to live here is getting out of hand for average income.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Fantastic town to raise a family. That is why my wife and I moved back from Florida when we decided to start our family. Lots for people of all ages to do. Only thing I worry about is being able to stay here as Nebraska is rated as one of the worst states to retire.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Good schools, low crime rate, fairly low cost of living. Property taxes are way too high and infrastructure needs attention.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. There are plenty of jobs, opportunities for education and changing the path that you want to take in life. People are always looking for help and willing to provide help. The City doesn’t overstep too often, but it does innovate in a lot of ways. It’s a great place to live and I hope we are able to keep it that way.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. It seems average , but on a good trajectory if it can embrace and invigorate its diverse core and opportunity to be innovative.
Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Low crime, great schools and some amenities of a large town but small enough to keep it personal.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Still have much to do with addressing the needs of underserved, uninsured populations, including addressing affordable health and dental needs and improvements in mental health resources, and affordable housing Need to attract and keep college graduates with higher paid employment opportunities.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln has a great school system that is broadly supported by the community. It has a vibrant downtown with lots of things to do. The trail system is a highly valuable infrastructure for exercise & commuting. Overall the community feels safe. Our leadership understand the need to balance taxes with community needs.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Low crime rate, public and parochial schools with high graduation rates, partnerships established between private and public entities

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Clean water, air. Low crime. Many parks. Friendly people

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. We have clean air, we are well served by fire/police/medical. People are fairly friendly and there is a fair amount of cultural opportunities and experiences offered.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Good nightlife. Low crime. Fairly easy commute across town

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. No city can ever be perfect. There is always room for improvement.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. The QoL is closer to excellent than good because of our schools, housing quality, parks and recreation infrastructure, overall public safety, health, quality of people, government/public relationships, non-profits, etc. We could achieve excellence if we all worked together to address some critical issues: funding for maintenance of our facilities and infrastructure. As infrastructure and parks age, it is becoming more critical to address these problems.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. We have become a tax and spend city. I think that the representation we have now is not going to do anything to make this better. Huge valuation increases last year and they found a way to spend it all, raise the mill levy and add another wheel tax. Even though they don’t keep up the streets with the outrageous wheel tax already in place. The direction of Lincoln sucks, just like the failed Railyard. All for the greed of those in charge.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Great schools, good neighborhoods. Challenges ensuring high quality of life is extended to all income brackets.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln has good neighborhoods, but less affordable housing, Lincoln and Lincoln Public Schools take too much through taxes lowering the quality of life making it less affordable. Neighborhood streets are not cared for enough during winter months. e. iced streets left untreated.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Green Space, great air quality, short commute, no freeways and great water and amenities / activities.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. The good - Crime is relatively low, can get anywhere in Lincoln in 20 mins, bike trails everywhere, most people are friendly.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. The bad - property tax and vehicle taxes, LPS and SCC pretty much can spend whatever they want and it shows on all my taxes. Potholes. No more large round a bouts, single lane round a bouts are great, more than one lane are horrible.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. In past 30 years I have lived in 14 different cities, and yes Lincoln taxes (as a whole) are the worst I have ever experienced. It is very likely I will move in next 5 years to another state, I am lucky because my job allows it easily. If I do not, I will definitely move in 12 years when I retire. I don’t say that lightly, I love Lincoln, but I have sat down and done the math and I will save a considerable amount monthly by not living here. And unfortunately I will encourage my kids to move away.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln is a great place to live. The problems we face are the same structural ones that face our nation – and they impact Lincoln a little slower and a little less deeply than most cities – but I can’t rate us "excellent" when I know that we have growing poverty and inequality in the city.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. We have have low unemployment, great schools, good infrastructure, a city that is open to the people and their opinions.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln is a good city with few problems and a low cost of living still a small town attitude but big city cool

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. It’s good but we do have a lot of traffic backed up which means we are going to have more air pollution in the future. Also not a lot of affordable housing for college students that have student debt that they are paying on. Some can’t find housing for less than $3,000 a month and if you are working in a child care facility (for example) and have student loans, you don’t have a lot of wiggle room to afford to live. Houses in the $180-$250k are also hard to find.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Don’t feel there are any pockets of unsafe or dangerous homes like many other cities. Great first responder capabilities. Good public transportation. Beautiful trails and parks. Good availability of resources, non-profits, etc.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln is a thriving and very safe, livable community.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. We have good schools, libraries, arts, parks, bike trails and people!
Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Affordable with decent jobs. Roads and traffic control/light timing are crap. the air quality is pretty good, number of parks & paths are excellent, arts and music and theater are very good, streets - not so good (check out how Minnesota does it), taxes are much too high all around - schools need to find another avenue for money. Utilities higher than cities our size. Airport needs more services at reasonable price to get traffic flowing from Lincoln. LPS grades are still too low. Bus system in Lincoln is really not good. They should run as long as people are working (2am?) and not have to transfer. (Check out how big cities do it)

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Low crime. Excellent parks and libraries. Friendly people. Excellent educational opportunities provided by public and parochial schools at all levels from preschool through college/university.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Property taxes are too high. It's a good place to live. But getting from north to south and east to west is horrible. The south beltway is a good start, but why we're not doing an east west beltway too is baffling.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Extremely bad city government. Bad decisions being made on a daily basis. High taxes are a real problem.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Good population density, cost of living, access to fun things to do. Could be better road design and maintenance. New arena was a great improvement. County event center is growing.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

It is very high, but there are definitely things that could be better. Lincoln is a beautiful city with beautiful people. I'd love to see less homelessness, fewer people of poverty. I'd also love to see more public transportation and/or a better way to get around town. I realize all of these things are extremely difficult to change or fix... they're just my dreams/hopes.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Not enough government services. Need more Police Officers, Firefighters, Healthcare programs. Need better maintained parks and city streets. Need more libraries and swimming pools, schools.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Cost of living is good but there is not much to do in terms of activities/entertainment/dining. Relatively low cost of living with relatively friendly people.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Excellent would be if infrastructure in the older parts of Lincoln received more attention. Seems city wants to attract young people and this is fine but the youth do not care to see older areas of the city deteriorating. More affordable, clean, well kept apartments are needed. Bus routes no longer go into residential areas so commutes are more difficult, and there is no longer a cleaned street in bad weather close enough to get to if driving. But, taxes are fair & could be a bit higher for those of us who can pay which would continue to keep our green spaces nice and possibly help to create plans to deal with the changing climate stressors that will more often present themselves at ever increasing frequency. I have never regretted living here. Arts wise I feel Lincoln deserves an excellent rating.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

City is clean, attractive, relatively safe, has very nice parks, rec and entertainment opportunities, but taxes are very high (especially property taxes), roads are in poor shape and very often inadequate for traffic flow, water has agricultural contaminants and radionuclides that cannot be removed, and we have had water shortages.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a big town that wants to act like a small town. We have a great quality of life with parks, schools, infrastructure, community policing and more. I think we could do better on north/south commuting, business attraction/retention, workforce development, affordable housing, and early childhood education.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I can find what I need but I have to drive several miles to get there.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

There is a great sense of community; people are kind; the public schools are very good; traffic is easy to navigate and commutes times are low; the cost of living is low; health care is accessible; the university provides a cultural pulse which contributes to the community. Streets are ok, crime is low, schools are good, entertainment is good, most people are friendly, flights are poor.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Friendly people, Good air. Good Medical. Lincoln (and Nebraska as a whole) has provided an environment to help my family grow and thrive, and move up in income_quality of life. My kids attend excellent schools (Lincoln High, Schoo, Arnold - and previously Kooser and Dawes). We have all the services and amenities we desire (well, except public transportation). We see a future here.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Relaxed, but loonies are boring and short-sighted.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lots of parks and trails, vibrant downtown, good schools. The community feels safe and secure. I feel like we have also done a good job of trying to go green as a city and use our resources wisely. We have great biking trails and many outdoor opportunities. I also love the diversity of our city, but wish it was incorporated more into the community. good schools and colleges, good government that accepts input, realable police and firemen.

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

great place to live but bad place to retire on a fixed income. Safety (low crime rate, good police and public relationship, good emergency response)

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Convenient infrastructure (stores with quality product and wide range of choices, public libraries with adequate inventories and selections, reliable health care facilities, good public schools, well maintained roads, fair amount of entertainment)

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Employment (fair to high quality job opportunities, low unemployment rate)

Reasonable tax rate
Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I live in a great neighborhood with great neighbors. Our city is clean and for the most part safe. People are friendly. Great job. Lots of opportunities for one to grow academically with several colleges/universities in Lincoln. Good job opportunities and the city seems to be growing and thriving.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Rent is very high compared to Omaha. Streets are awful in the winter. Not very bike friendly. Not a big selection on healthy food available. It takes forever to just drive down the street or to get across town, when Lincoln isn’t even that large of a city.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

There is nothing special about Lincoln. I do love it, but it provides an average lifestyle.

easy to get around except for trying to get to south Lincoln from North Lincoln using one road like I can on 84th st.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Quality medical facilities

I would have rated it excellent except many of the entertainment/dining opportunities are located downtown and I hate trying to find parking.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln has everything I need to have an exciting, satisfying and easy lifestyle. As a whole, I think our community is generally tolerant of differences. I think we are increasingly trying to embrace diversity. It is a tall order, but I believe we have a growing cohort of people working on this. I think Lincoln offers opportunity to younger generations.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is great and where I plan to retire. It does have issues getting around town however... Bigger issue for me is lack of affordable air travel... Really do need to find a way to get a discount carrier in Lincoln... If Grand Island can do it surely Lincoln can.... Get on that Airport Authority.... Do whatever is necessary including subsidies to get it going... We need high volume direct cheap flights to Vegas, AZ, Orlando, Dalla. Chicago and even KC.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a safe city to live in, i.e. not a lot of crime. Fire & Police protection is very good. There are lots to do in Lincoln, i.e. sporting events, Museums, Restaurants, bike/walking/running trails, etc. Schools are very good. K-12 plus the University & SCC. We moved here in 1988 from Denver, CO to live in a better environment to raise our children. It was a good move. I would have rated this item ‘excellent’ if the city navigation and street condition were better.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I enjoy raising my family in Lincoln. I do not enjoy the weather, but that can’t be changed.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Would be excellent except for the high property tax.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a clean city, great public schools and a low level of crime.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

So many things to do in Lincoln with a lot of them being free. Health of citizen is a priority. Great collaborations with Community members. Officials listen to citizen concerns.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

There are fun things to do However I feel that we are behind the times compared to many cities of our size.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I believe that Lincoln has grown to fast to quickly. We are losing our small town community feeling and atmosphere.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

The University and State government keep the wages in Lincoln kind of high, so I think our poverty level is not as bad as a typical large city. I feel that opportunities for people are limited and people are required to move to larger cities to advance their careers.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

It’s a little big city with lots to do and it’s relatively safe.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Clean environment, not far from needed services, conveniences. I love my rural area and neighbors.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Schools are excellent. The University of Nebraska is superb. Police and fire are great. In Lincoln you can feel safe and secure. The cost of living is better than in most other parts of the country and the people for the most part are friendly.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

The University was initially the drawing factor for me. I remained a college student for five years at UNL, meanwhile gaining work experience in the local community. I moved back almost six years after graduation (from Omaha) to start my career with the State of Nebraska. The trail system is wonderful throughout the city. I lived downtown for some time (in the Haymarket) and easily biked to work on the bike lanes. I’ll speak for the recent revival of the Haymarket, actively engaged businesses downtown, the low unemployment rate, college activity/involvement in the community, and growth in outdoor recreation. Wilderness Park is an anomaly, I wish every city had an urban forest.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Having grown up in a small town in central Nebraska, Lincoln provides the lifestyle opportunities of a mid-size metropolitan area, while having a "small town" feel.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Strong businesses and business leaders. The education system is strong. There is compassion for neighbors and people. People are given the opportunity to speak, participate and have their opinion. Crime is moderate. Lives matter. Pets are valued. There is a strong park system and children activity opportunities. The health support system is diverse with professionals that are top in their field.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

It is excellent in my neighborhood, but fair in other areas of Lincoln.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Moved here from east coast. Easy affordable living. Wonderful caring neighbors.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Some services which are provided by municipalities in other cities or states (such as refuse service) are privately owned (and thus must be paid for) here. Streets require significant repairs.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

We like where we live and the neighborhood. Great neighbors. Services such as schools, medical, shopping, etc... are all top quality and easily accessible. Lincoln stays affordable. Yes, taxes are high, but when you only have 1.9 million people in the State, and people keep asking for "more", somebody has to pay for it. We love Lincoln's location and its proximity/access to other locales whether it be here in the State or out of State e.g. Kansas City, Denver.

By the way, I'm retired. You didn't have that answer as an option.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Traffic is terrible. Cars ruining air quality.
Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Over the past 27 years the quality of life has declined. Crime keeps creeping closer and closer to my neighborhood. The city spends too much money on frivolous things, taxes continue to increase even though road conditions and things the taxes are supposed to pay for deteriorate.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. There is not enough quality stores and restaurants on the north side of Lincoln. Everything decent is growing on the south side of Lincoln. The north side deserves more quality shopping, etc.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Clean air, good public schools and university, upkept infrastructure and public parks and libraries. Need more support for public transportation.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Seems every year Lancaster County raises property taxes. This is detrimental to those older home owners that are on fixed incomes. And those increases do not result in better services or quality of life.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Costs of living are low, reasonable amount of traffic, friendliness of others, Purchasing power, education

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. For the most part, our living expenses are lower than where we moved from. No tax on food is awesome. Most people are friendly, crime rate seems relatively lower and most things, including work are nearby.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln offers vast entertainment opportunities, more than ample medical services, easy maneuverability around town, etc. Lancaster County is so very special in terms of its beauty, wildlife, abundant cropland. Scarcity of groundwater is a concern in development.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Most things I participate in and use for our lifestyle, plus my working career has been good , and on occasion it has been excellent.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Excellent schools, clean air/water, safe neighborhoods, welcoming & progressive spirit, significant positive growth over the last decade in terms of facilities & economy, wonderful trails system, a sense of trying to bring forward everyone in the growth of the city

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Just good - Need more things to do to add to the quality of living in Lincoln - one example would be the ability to go to a casino or gamble on sporting events - The City should give incentives to get horse racing established again

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. The quality of life is good because of the slow environment but the amount of criminal activity is getting out of hand. The cost rentals for a couple is outrageous.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Generally nice people and they generally try to do the right things. In general enough to do. Faith communities available and active. Some public art. Seems like enough services to help those in need.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Plenty of green space, parks, entrepreneurial energy.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Air is pretty clean. Crime is pretty low. Pretty good local entertainment (concerts, shows). Pretty good restaurants. Shopping could be better. Many roads are in bad shape. Property taxes are sky-high. Local leadership is not progressive. Schools are pretty good.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. We have good health care and stores both retail and groceries. We have good restauraents and good posibilities for education.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Great place to raise a family.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. We have fantastic schools (and teachers), a safe community, great parks and bike trails, amazing educational and entertainment opportunities: a great zoo, museums, the Lied Center, PBA, the university and county and state government.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. I'm very happy in Lincoln. I'm fortunate to have a job I enjoy that pays enough to afford a decent home. Lincoln also has a variety of activities/entertainment that is reasonably affordable. The city is fairly clean and crime rate isn't too bad withhough there are soe places I would avoid.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Affordable housing for prospective buyers is scarce (I was looking for over a year before purchasing). Other than that, I am proud to call Lincoln my new home!

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. The community of people is good. There are a lot of opportunities to get out of the house and enjoy the city and surrounding areas. We are however stilled in the city of Lincoln by the City Council. Their constant attack on landlords and now short-term rentals are hurting industry, but will diminish the visitors to the community.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Education needs a stronger look to start focusing on the high achievers and stop looking at the lowest common denominator.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Our police officers are great. But there needs to be other protection for teenagers who need help. Parents can't step in to protect them if they are being abuses and you have knowledge of it. The state has also tied the hands of medical professionals to intervene.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Good schools, great trail system, many parks and dog parks. Visionary mayors for many years.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Clean air and water

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Good schools

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Low crime, but that is getting worse

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Opportunity to attend cultural/entertainment events

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Nice neighborhoods, for the most part

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Parks (especially Pioneers Park), Zoo, trails, Holmes Lake

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Low crime, nice people, limited gang activity
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|                | Lincoln gets a average score as.  
1.Property taxes are high  
2.Too much attention and taxes goes to Haymarket and South Lincoln while little goes to North East Lincoln.  
3.Road conditions are average to fair.  
4.More expensive to fly out of LNK compared to OMA.  
5.Road congestion on 27th and any North to south roads are bad.  
6.Does have good bike path system but could be better connected.  
7.Need more police and fire service.  
8. Need Less food chains and more small family run shops.  
9.Fairly safe city for violent crime but speeding and red light running is terrible.  
10. Pioneer parks and all parks under financed, maintained and utilized.  
11.Lincoln is enough to get by but that’s about it. Some good things and some bad things. Building a better music scene would help. |
|                | Lincoln is a UCNICORN! |
|                | As a whole, the quality of life in Lincoln is very good, but it could be made better by making neighborhoods outside of Downtown/Haymarket more walkable with an increase in mixed-use development. If the currently segregated residential and commercial neighborhoods (in Indian Village, for example: most commercial lots are located on Nebraska Highway, the neighborhood could be made more enjoyable by mixing some of that development with the primarily residential streets). |
|                | I left Nebraska in 1981 and subsequently lived in the Phoenix, Austin, and Denver areas. When we returned to Lincoln I was surprised at the growth during the last 30+ years, while at the same time appreciating that the quality of life was better than when I left - the cultural diversity was a pleasant surprise, the focus on the natural areas and trail system and creation of the NROs was positive, renovation of downtown made alot of sense, and arts and culture options are all positives. The continued presence of the colleges and their partnerships with the community is a plus. |
|                | In comparing to my time living in Austin and KC, life is about the same. Even cost of living. Nothing extraordinary stands out about Lincoln besides football which I could care less about. |
|                | There are some areas that are less than excellent ... street maintenance, property taxes, and stop light control |
Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I was born and raised in Lincoln, and now that I live in Omaha - I can tell you Lincoln is by far a great community; a true community. Lincoln is innovative, supportive of each other and citizens take care of their neighborhoods. When a gap is seen, a solution is found - not ignored.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Seemingly low crime rate. Great amenities for a two of Lincoln's size. Great trail network. City is doing a ton for bike/pedestrian inclusion. Would be nice to have street car system in place.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

It's a good place to live, other than in the winter. There's a decent amount of greenspace, good music groups, etc. that come fairly regularly, a few museums. More connected bike paths (esp. where you don't have to ride on the road with cars very much) would help a lot.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

We feel safe and secure, the schools and activities are quality and it has enough to give it a big city and small town feel.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a great city to live in! There are great restaurants, entertainment, shopping, walking/bike paths, etc. I wish there were more a convenient way to get around town, such as a bypass system.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Overall, needed services are available but community feeling is poor.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Taxes are extremely high. Designated money floats to areas of wants rather than needs. Areas of High home values are taxed higher but receive LESS services as the city administration puts that money in areas like downtown. The city planners are NOT receptive to suggestions made by their constituents during renovations of the areas. It doesn't take much to see money wasted on street projects that are VERY overbuilt.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Honest, friendly midwest community. Good school systems.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a nice community with good people. There are a lot of opportunities here for education, jobs, entertainment, community/cultural activities, etc.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

It is a fine place to live I believe that our quality of life is similar to other great plains communities. Lincoln is not extraordinary.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is a great town

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Most is great. Lincoln an the county have new greenspaces and trails, vital downtown and tourism, great education system. But for excellent - I would like to see the old downtown be revitalized as the haymarket/railyard have really taken over. Also - impossible to be Excellent with NE still having discrimination on the books towards LGBTQ citizens in the workplace. A few other improvements: more native plants in city/county plantings, clearer climate/clean energy goals.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is an easy city to live in with low traffic congestion and a lot of amenities. The public school system is excellent, and the services received from local government are very much worth what we pay for them. There also is a lot of economic growth and jobs available that makes Lincoln a place to come to and stay.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

good schools, great trails.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I love Lincoln. The parks and trails are plentiful. There are a good variety of cultural activities, sporting events and quality, affordable entertainment opportunities.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I feel safe in the Lincoln-Lancaster County community. The air quality seems good, as does the water quality. Lincoln is home. It has good things going for it, like the Haymarket, Pinnacle Bank Arena, and the University.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

City of Lincoln has excellent quality of life because of the walkable streets, safe environment and great friendly people. I love that the city has many trees and all the amazing parks and places of interest that doesn't make me bored throughout the years. I don't like places with lots of cars and pollution, Lincoln is just about the right one for me.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Overall good but wish the north half of Lincoln wasn't so neglected as compared to the south side in terms of growth, retail opportunities, etc.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

The local economy seems good, love the many parks and Lincoln's many trees. COL is reasonable.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Safe, lots of activities and opportunities. Good place for young family.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Infrastructure (roads) is disrepair, but good variety of eating/shopping options, entertainment options, and outdoor activities.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Its good there, but we still have our issues.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

I wouldn't want to live in any other state.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Great commuting via cycling, low cost of living, low crime rates, friendly city, great job opportunities, open to new ideas, progressive. Technology and efficiency oriented

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln is overcrowded and too liberal.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Good infrastructure, quality parks, a transportation infrastructure that encourages all modes of transportation including bicycling and pedestrians, high quality public schools and an open culture that welcomes all.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Lincoln has a big disadvantage in that it is not near any type of scenery - no river, mountains, hills, etc. Nothing that makes it stand out except for the quality of life. I love Lincoln - but in order to make it attractive to outsiders we need to be exceptional in every way possible.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

One area that I would like to see improved is the public transportation. It would be great to see something that gives people a way to get around easier than our current bus system.

Survey Response

Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Job growth and affordable housing has decreased dramatically within the past 10 years. No major manufacturing or employers have moved into the area, while many of the previous companies left town. Such as Goodyear, Cushman, Verizon, Sears, Etc.

Way to many student housing projects are eating up the downtown area, and the University expansion southward has destroyed the retail opportunities downtown.
Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Thankfully I am able to afford to live here and do fun things. There are so many things I love. Some areas are improving such as LGBTQ inclusion - others still need work. Appreciate the new mayor’s focus on environment and reducing Lincoln’s carbon footprint. There seems to be a tendency towards Lincoln sprawl as expansion runs rampant towards outskirts of town - many core business areas remain unoccupied near center of town. Lots of low-cost or no-cost activities for families and citizens. Good “new” emphasis on expanding police force as Lincoln grows. Good libraries and schools. Most city services such as animal control and others seem to work hard to help the community and its residents.

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I live this city. The sprawl is getting ridiculous though. Roads need some drastic improvement especially if we plan on adding another 100k people.

Quality, overall, is good. However, I feel the streets are in need of resurfacing. The potholes are filled then 2 months later all the “stuff” has come out and the holes are back. The streets need to be resurfaced. Always a campaign promise that is never fulfilled. Also there needs to be consistency in taxing property. I have a garage that was taxed as a business and there has never been a business and will never be a business. It just stores all my husband’s car. Also when building my house I wanted to extend my patio and was told no. My neighbor just extended their patio bigger than my original plan.

Good public schools, low crime, committed community members

I’m a stay-at-home suburban woman so my quality of life has been fine in Lincoln. But it is not fine for everyone. So many people living paycheck to paycheck, some many can’t get ahead, so many can’t afford or save for a home. So many homeless, so many people on the fringes. If we were a really great city we would pay more attention, devote more energy & money towards helping all share in a good quality of life.

Taxes are high. Some crime. Good access to goods and services.

Thankfully I am able to afford to live here and do fun things. There are so many things I love doing in Lincoln. I want life to be good for low income and our homeless population. I want options for them to have a good life.

Employment and entertainment thru UNL. Family lives here. Own a house.

I live in North Lincoln, other than highway 2 and highway 77, there are no quick ways to get across town, or to the middle of town. The city planning in the past did not adequately design for the growth, and unfortunately, there is not a good way to fix this.

I lived in Lincoln for 16 years and then when my kids moved out I moved out of the county. I work in downtown Lincoln. I ranked the quality of life as good because there is always room for improvement. For the poor and working poor they struggle with affordable housing, childcare and finding good paying jobs. The quality of life needs to be Excellent for everyone.

Taxed to death over “Fun” initiatives like arenas. Low incomes due to the university effect (kids coming out of school willing to work for peanuts)…which is why I work in Omaha. I would rather burn 2 hours of my day working for more money in Omaha than work for peanuts in Lincoln.

Overall a good place to raise a family. Housing has remained accessible for the most part. The city has also had some success bringing in new entertainment (venues, restaurants, etc.). Improvement is needed in a number of the public schools and additional entertainment/recreational opportunities would be great. Perhaps most importantly, driving in Lincoln (particularly north Lincoln) is brutal. All the stop and go traffic, one lane each way traffic, and low speed limits make it take forever to get across town. It feels like driving around a big little town.

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High price for housing

The One City, One School District policy keeps Lincoln strong and united. The trail system needs significant investment. Public transportation needs to improve. Streets need to be built with sidewalks off the curb with enough room for street trees.

Reasonable cost of living, easy to get around town, services readily available, low crime, good schools, access to healthcare.

Mostly good (trails, sense of community, progressive, etc.) with room for improvement (environmental issues, public transportation, etc.). A big negative for me is lack of nearby true wilderness recreation, but that’s not something we can really “fix”.

Good schools, good trail system, diverse dining and art/culture options, low cost of living.
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| Survey Response | Please explain your rating on quality of life. | Overall I think the economic opportunity in Lincoln has been very good for the last 30 years and I think that has been profound for Lincoln and the county. 
I feel that taxes are high and effect life syle for people. 
Love the people and culture, but taxes are way high with stagnating wages. 
Decently quiet & clean. Enough to do to keep from getting bored. 
Tax rate is way too high. I am a single mother and almost to the point of being forced to move out of Lancaster County because of property assessments. Last year’s initial valuation increase of more than $50,000 to my home caused horrific anxiety and severely affected my emotional well being. My income cannot keep up. You say we won’t increase taxes and instead increase home values under the lame excuse of what “state law” says must be done for home values. That’s what I was told. I do plan on moving out of Lancaster County as I am disgusted with the taxes. 
For the area, good rating. Relative to other communities in other geographic areas, average. 
Good sense of community but could be better if there were more opportunities to develop deeper relationships with others in the community. 
Lincoln schools are excellent and one of our best resources. I’d like to see our leaders think about ways to make them even better, especially as our business environment is changing (more tech driven) and our workforce needs to adapt. That said, I worry that arts and humanities are being ignored and pushed to the back burner. 
Lincoln’s trail system is the gem of our city. As a business owner, it is one of the most often mentioned positive attributes that our employees mention about Lincoln. Our family regularly uses the trails for exercise, transportation, enjoying the outdoors and a place to socially engage with our neighbors. 
The University is a great asset to our city. 
Cost of living is low, relative amount of space, enough cool things to do, could be more to do, decent parks, but parks could still be better. 
Low crime, good churches 
I can’t speak for anywhere outside Lincoln, but life is comfortable here. The flipside is it’s a bit boring. Lincoln requires some digging to get to the good stuff, but it’s there. I wish we didn’t have to dig so hard to find it and I wish there was more of it. Being gay and from out of state, it’s harder to connect to coworkers and people in general here. If you don’t have kids, go to church, or root for the Huskers, the small talk dries up pretty fast. Like I said, there’s good stuff and great people here, but it’s a bit hidden. That’s probably true most places, though. 
Good neighborhoods and food options. Some streets need repairs. 
Small town feel without all the small town poor me mentality. I can do all kinds of activities and enjoy a variety of restaurants and events 
Friendliness, cleanliness, safety. 
There is a strong sense of community, the city is able to provide the majority of the amenities that I desire, traffic is rarely unbearably bad, overall I run into few problems with the city. 
Clean air/water. Low traffic volumes, plenty of outdoor activities. Low crime. 
Many things to do. Low crime. Great trails system. Friendly people. 
I love how peaceful it is. I also love the safety aspect of the place. I do not like that in Nebraska and the United States in general work is priority. Every individual’s life revolves around a job that is not only a priority but takes up most of their day. This way of life is the leading factor to neglecting self care, family, and physical health which attributes to mental illness and disease and dysfunctional families. 
Not everyone has the same opportunities or security in their lives. Most everywhere is safe, access to quality schools is great, many jobs do not pay enough to put a roof over an individual’s or a family’s head, lots of free or moderately priced things to do. Great libraries. Night scene downtown and arts at galleries, Sheldon and Lied add to quality of life. 
No reasonable complaints considering contemporary conditions is comparable communities. 
I would have rated it much higher. After working for over 35 years in Lincoln and making improvements around my acreage in Lancaster County for 47 years. I was devastated when I planned to retire and you okayed a Factory Chicken CAFO in my back yard. Not only mine but @ 70 homes. We pay a large amount of taxes to Lancaster County and feel we were ingored and treated as non important Lancaster County citizens. Of the residents of the 70 homes, most are employed in Lincoln. They are College Professors, Lawyers, Nurses, Doctors, Computer Technology and Business Men and Women, farmers, City employees and selfemployed. Many of whom chose to work in Lincoln so they could build that dream home in the country. 
Excellent schools, parks, trails, libraries and a City that requires new neighborhoods to include trial access and park land. 
I appreciate the low cost of living, the arts and culture. I love having the bike trails, a robust craft beer industry. I would appreciate more attention to public transportation and maintaining focus on Lincoln’s own unique community, rather than mega-developments that look like everywhere else in the US 
City is a very manageable size. The cost of living is very reasonable. The public schools are amazing. 
Clean, affordable, safe. Thriving, growing community. Generally friendly people and plenty of opportunity to make a difference. |
Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. I enjoy rural living that is close to Lincoln shopping, restaurants, entertainment, medical and financial services. I have the best of both worlds.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Quality of life for people like me is high, and the low cost of living is beneficial to many. However, health care access is a problem, the lack of LGBTQ protections is ridiculous, the racial disparities are just as bad as in many larger cities, food deserts exists in areas with a high residential population, I don’t understand why we keep building these mixed retail/living with high rents when there is a low-cost housing shortage AND so many empty retail spaces, and our Governor doesn’t seem to care about the people he represents that need the most help. So yeah, “good” might be overstating it.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Jobs seems plentiful, City has a good sense of community

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Could be more friendly toward LGBTQ people and those with more liberal mindsets to attract new talent.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. I love being in Nebraska. I grew up in Omaha. I rated good because I do feel like Lincoln in a safe and kid friendly place to live. I wish that more people in the community were positive about all that Lincoln has to offer. I wish more people were informed about how government works and knew how to communicate with the government. I appreciate all of the people to make a positive impact on our community.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Great schools, safe neighborhoods, clean downtown, diverse population, food and music. Great parks and trails for running/riding.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. I live comfortably. But I know that is not the case for all people here. Please support the Fairness Ordinance.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln has good job opportunities, great schools and a fairly low cost of living. It’s been a great place to live and raise our family for the past 22 years.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln is a good place to raise a family, but salaries are not great. Great trails system, good access to community resources, diverse population, proactive leadership, and good schools at all levels all make the quality of life good.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Good schools, shopping, restaurant choices, entertainment is good

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Housing costs are reasonable/low. Childcare and parking are difficult/pricy.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln is a friendly, clean town.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln is a great place for children and families. The school system is phenomenal and a wonderful place to enjoy the finer things in life!

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln/Lancaster County is an amazing place to live! Nebraska as a whole is such an incredible state. We are very blessed to live here. The people are nice, and we still have many freedoms in this state. Lincoln is (for the most part) a safe place to live. Thankfully, leftist policies are not rampant here, and there is a strong network of not-for-profit private organizations who help the people here. I love volunteering for these places!

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. We love the trails and parks! Family friendly things to do.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Low cost of living, small enough city to be able to get anywhere in a short amount of time via car, refugees and other diverse cultures are here, love the University, good restaurants, KZUM/community radio to promote the community, decent schools and CLCs, close to farms and local produce and other foods, bike paths, low crime

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Quality of life encompasses all aspects of life. Income/expense is only part of formula. The ability to have the things around that make your life enjoyable and the ability to enjoy them is the measuring stick. It needs to stop giving tax breaks to companies - that helps employment, not quality of life. Lincoln is good, but could improve. The real estate/business industry drives for growth in market and population. I think that’s part of the problem, not the solution. Development needs to be well thought out, considering infrastructure, community, health, aesthetics, accessibility, attention to all aspect of life. Developments often diminish those qualities. Lincoln is geographically challenge, so it needs places to walk/bike and commute with nature. It lacks in places to have solitude with nature. More trees. It could improve resources for low income and educational opportunities outside of the school norm. Read ”The Blue Zones Solution” by Dan Buettner (the community part-not food)

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. NOTHING SPECTACULAR ABOUT CITY/COUNTY.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. Lincoln is relatively safe and pretty strong economically as a capital, university town, etc. We do a good job of investing in public education which I think is a major reason for the quality of life. I avoided rating excellent because I think Lincoln should be more progressive in some areas.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. It is a relatively clean city with a lot of sustainability-focused people and initiatives. In comparison to other cities I have lived in, Lincoln has a wonderful atmosphere of people and programs.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on quality of life. We love it here! But if that chicken CAFO the County permitted on W. Wittstruck Rd does get built as planned, my husband and I will have to sell our home of 27 years and leave—doctor’s orders due to preexisting lung issues. We are distraught and angry about this, and can’t understand how the County could do something so awful to us and all our many neighbors. If that permit is rescinded or the operation fails, then I would rate the area “excellent.”
Please explain your rating on quality of life.

Infrastructure is lacking, taxes are terrible & city government has an ongoing refusal to
approve or appropriate funds to northeast Lincoln at all.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life

Traffic - road construction and quality of roads keep me from saying excellent. Road construction
closing all main roads (eg all north/southbound) at once, construction ALWAYS taking longer than
projected. Hopefully South Beltway will take care of the traffic congestion issue.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life

Big small town, great opportunities professionally & socially. Wonderful & safe place to raise a
family.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life

It was excellent until the county decided to provide a special permit for a chicken CAFO on W.
Wittstruck Rd., in south west Lancaster Co.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life

I know that Lancaster county has my back. Making family and the future of our children wanting
to live in the community they are raised in.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life

I'm worried about a proposed chicken factory/feedlot going in 1/2 mile from my house. I'm
surrounded by livestock, which I expect in a rural community. I, myself, have livestock, but I
didn't expect to have a factory production of chickens being allowed so close to so many homes. I
don't understand how a zoning process wouldn't apply to this situation. The area is zoned for
agriculture, not business/factory.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life

It is very good but there are always opportunities for improvement. The needs to be continue
investment in public resources (parks, trails, libraries, open space, complete streets, etc).

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, I started my adult life in Lancaster County, city of Lincoln, raising my family. Enjoyed schools and parks and working environment.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, the housing issue is getting worse. There is no affordable housing.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, seeing great changes. But improvements take time and money. Understand the steadiness seems like it is gang related.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, not a small town anymore.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, incremental changes to quality of life become normal expectations as the population increases.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, the Arena has introduced an entertainment factor that affects the entire community.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, the completion of Antelope Valley/roadwork and the deployment of a competing internet service are two improvements. Schools seem good.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, rural Lancaster county. Young people can't afford to stay.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, taxes go up. Wages do not go up the same percentage as taxes. Lincoln is growing and ruining the quality of life.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, our mayor is still clueless.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, I've worked in Lincoln all my adult life from age 18 to 67. I'm retired.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, this survey is biased for the working person. Therefore, I had to select the working in "Lincoln" option even though I'm retired.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, right in the middle of downtown Lincoln, bike paths and UNL.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, the influx of immigrants from all over the world has made Lincoln and more exciting place to live.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, the growth has taken a toll on the roads and general upkeep of the city. It appears that most of the attention is paid to downtown Lincoln, bike paths and UNL.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, I have to drive 20 minutes across town to find most restaurants, shopping, etc since the city doesn't seem to want to help incent growth in those areas out north along 84th street.

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, much better options for dining out, excellent bike paths, overall a feeling of being safe, good schools (some of the best public schools in nation).

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Since arriving in Lancaster County, growth has generated variety and diversity.

Survey Response
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Since arriving in Lancaster County, With more restaurants, amenities, and employment opportunities growing as the community has grown, the quality of life has improved significantly over the past several years. Pinnacle Bank Arena and the West Haymarket development are a great example.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, more cultural events; opening of Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, rents are way too high for small business and all people in general. Seniors included. We need MUCH more lower rent spaces in this town. It meets MY needs, but I see way too many people that it doesn't.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, the crime rate is increasing, and the number of murders and more severe crimes. I rarely see a traffic stop and people are driving right through red lights, speeding excessively and cutting each other off.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, Progressive business leadership & job creation in last 15 years & esp the Haymarket/Railyard project & development. Exc fire, medical & police & low crime most important is it is a great place to raise a family or retire but you could ruin it w/taxes.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, LPS seems better now that my kids go there than it was in the 1990's when I went there.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, city has continued to add entertainment options, quality of schools has increased.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, increased traffic issues. Increased crime. Price inflation.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, have done some environmental things, not enough. You can see smog over Lincoln occ from where I live in the country.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, areas such as performing arts have grown significantly. However, once again, the city is not as safe, noise regulations are not enforced, and police are not responsive.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Since arriving in Lancaster County, Incremental changes to quality of life become normal expectations as the population increases.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

The Arena has introduced an entertainment factor that affects the entire community.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Put in place arena that we all paid for but many cannot afford to attend. Arena and libraries not designed for mobility disabled. Lack of affordable housing.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

This survey is biased for the working person. Therefore, I had to select the working in "Lincoln" option even though I'm retired... I've worked in Lincoln all my adult life from age 18 to retirement.
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Taxes are high, infrastructure is poor, crime is increasing. A lot of effort spent on beautifying city without really looking at improving what is here and what we need for everyday living.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Worried a bit about increased crime and ever increasing school sizes.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. See above

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. The infrastructure, specifically roads and traffic signal timing are a joke. I am an engineer with experience in both. The city could cut its carbon footprint SIGNIFICANTLY with some simple signal changes, adding more roads and improving traffic flow.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. The arena/Haymarket has made things better.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Access to new technology and new services in town as time goes on.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Some changes have been made based on the expansion of Lincoln such as PBA, more housing and job opportunities, more transportation options (trolley, bikeLNK, etc.)

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Significant decay

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Arterials not developed for population and new construction.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Loss of manufacturing job base

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Increase in property crime

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. 4. Increases in wheel tax and property tax with degradation of services

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. My feelings are that 20 years ago this was not my opinion: Roads suck, taxes suck, new gun laws make me a criminal and mandated cardboard ban that takes money out of my pocket and puts trash in my neighborhood, new traffic timing has increased my commute instead of reducing it.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. To much is given to people that could work for there food and living expenses like we did. No one gave us anything we had to figure out how to live and THAT WAS BY WORKING maybe it wasn't the job you dreamed of but it paid the bills

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. More refugees, other people of color

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Improved openness of LGBTQ+ community

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Efforts to address problems

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. The arena/Haymarket has made things better.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Way less commuting that in Atlanta. Also better air quality and more sidewalks. More relaxed people / culture.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. I feel like there are more of a sense of community than when I first arrived.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. I believe the development of the West Hay Market and our investment in PBA have dramatically increased the quality of life for many people in Lincoln.

However, we have our share of people struggling to fill their basic needs. I serve with Habitat for Humanity - Lincoln. We have a hundred deserving applicants for decent houses every year and can only serve 6 or 8 families. We need to provide opportunities for these people!

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. The parks and recreation department has expanded it’s facilities. Projects are in the works to improve the streets, a major traffic bypass is moving forward to ease traffic congestion and there is a general growth going on in the city.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. As a growing city there are more options, but our retail and restaurant scene has slipped.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Although there has been important projects which have improved the community, they have not been as important as other projects I would like to see.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. There are more things to do, concerts to go to, places to visit, free things to do!

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. I have not lived here for long and generally have not seen any appreciable change.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. We moved here in 1961. It was very male dominated at that time. I had to get my dad's permission to get a library card! There were red line districts in real estate. Later, my father in law worked to get the cathedral on Sheridan Blvd.
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Lincoln is a very, very much more interesting and diverse city now than it was when I got here in 1973. We have greatly benefitted from the influx of people from around the world making Lincoln home. We need to keep working on making sure that diversity is represented in policy making and planning.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

I've been here 6 years. It hasn't changed much in that short time.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Increase in crime. Traffic, especially across the city. General decline in moral values.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Available public and nonprofit services has grown over last 40+ year.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Revitalizing downtown with Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lied Center plus many senior communities.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Same as above.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Prosper Lincoln efforts, cultural offerings due to PBA and Lied and other venues, schools offering innovative special programs, including Arts and partnership with SVC, Zoo expansion, and more!

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Growth means increased traffic, crime and environmental issues, among other things. We notice those issues as they have evolved, but still love living here.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Great living as a kid, growing up, and now raising my own family.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Lots more to do, businesses thriving, great amenities.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Better policing.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

The primary reason for the increase is due to location I have lived. The quality of life in south central lincoln seems higher than other areas I have lived, like west A neighborhood and Belmont.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Progressive people in office.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Lincoln is not a home town city. It looks out for the people that jun the city. Rental properties have deteriorated the city. Police no longer patrol here and when they do they look the other way. They only enforcement is when some one complains.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Married. Paid off house.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

More to do, built the trail system, zoo has expanded.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

I think Lincoln has done a great job with new residential development in all areas of the city. I live South and have everything I need in the area. I also enjoy the improvements made to downtown, haymarket, and arena.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Cost of living. Has out paced inflation.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

I love the new additions to our community of housing at UNL - Downtown growth and revisioning - strong economy and new tech business growth

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

I have been in Lincoln for five months. My opinion will be different once I see more of the city.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Loss of several grocery outlets in the 68506 area.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Over the 37 + years that I have lived in Lincoln, there have been improvements in the things Lincoln has to offer. I do think that Lincoln still needs to continue to make improvements to retain or bring back young adults. This would include activities and employment opportunities.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

More people with more opportunities.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

More immigrants and refugees make for better restaurants and a more interesting and diverse city. We are more friendly to LGBTI identities.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

The city wheel tax implemented by Major Johans, hasn't been used only for street repair, as it was told to the citizens. It needs to be used for road repair, and nothing else. Taxes are too high, and I haven't seen an improvement in services.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

By expand the different opportunities that are available to residents.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Increase in population has brought additional diversity and services but makes establishing a common sense of community more difficult.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

See answer above.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Again, I don't live here. I only work here.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

More things to do!

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

I feel it has always been a good city.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

This town has basically been a mom and pop town for a while. This town needs more family friendly places. We need attractions based on families. We should not have to drive to Omaha or Kansas City to have fun.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

There are more and more opportunities for cultural engagement.
Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. I can see a lot of changes that have happened in Lincoln in the last ten years. Increased investment in fun things to do downtown, more bike paths, changes to public transportation, etc.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. More opportunities for entertainment.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Lincoln has always acted like a small town and refuses to recognize that it is a city with city problems.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. I've been able to buy a better house, in a diverse neighborhood

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Living in Lincoln all my life, I know what it used to be like compared to what it is now. The declining affordability of housing over the last 3 years has forced us into an overpriced and poorly located apartment far from work and school. The absence of buy-able condos is this cities biggest downfall by far. Our options are incredibly limited to 1. Buy a poorly made town home in one of the numerous cookie cutter neighborhoods popping up everywhere. 2. Buy a run down, falling apart money pit of a house in a declining neighborhood. 3. Fork over a ridiculous amount of cash to live in a decent neighborhood. 4. Throw your money away on overpriced rental apartments made from the lowest quality material that the bargain basement construction company could get away with specifying.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Our public transit is not improving and parking downtown is becoming an expensive monopoly for "park and go."

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Lincoln has a lot of issues hidden under the manicured lawns and american dream homes.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Our community has been more attentive and proactive to addressing "quality of life" needs, such as maintaining/increasing green space and the importance of have safe and walkable neighborhoods.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Since I moved to Lincoln we have expanded infrastructure and entertainment to improve our lives.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. As a landowner who is being asked to sell land to the city, state, and federal government for a roundabout, I can no longer say I love living where I live and that it's excellent here. The negotiation process is stressful, pressured, and unfair. Our land isn't for sale, but the city, state, and federal government are going to push us to the eminent domain process because they can. I'm heartbroken and I guess my husband and I are going to try to afford a lawyer to fight the $1 a square foot they want to purchase my land for when there is a property down the road that they are asking $4.50 a sq ft. The city, state, and federal government refuse to use that land that is in Lancaster county and less than a mile away from us, but rather use rural Hickman and Roca for their comps at $0.86 a square foot. We're honest and hardworking citizens who through they purchased their dream home and this project is going to remove all of our trees, wind break, and land. We have no choice in the matter.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. No organized waste collection and recycling.

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Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Crime seems to be increasing and roads are bumpy. County seems to not want to work with city. Some in county are turning against ag.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. Crime rates have decreased. Educational, entertainment and recreation options have increased.

Survey Response Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County. It was small town, parochial, small-minded, and constricting up until about 10-20 years ago. More opportunities for entertainment.

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Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

improved income

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

A lot of changes for the better with opportunities of employment, entertainment has been increasingly progressive.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

There are a few more amenities offered now as opposed to 25 years ago.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

While some areas like activities and entertainment for both adults and children have improved, other things like the maintenance of infrastructure has declines. Also while the cost of living is still lower than many communities, the cost is rising faster than wages. This is less of a City problem and more of a federal problem.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

This is a great PR try though.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

The gains for good things, increased, are offset by the bad things, decreased coming up with the answer "same."

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

This is a beautiful city and has become more so over the last 20 years.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Only thing that has changed it taxes and not for the good. Overall Lincoln it pretty much the same.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Downtown has become more of a destination over the last 15 years. The only thing missing is fresh affordable housing in and near downtown - so much housing for students and rich people, so little for regular people.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Bike lane

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

roads are maintained and emphasis is put on keeping the City moving forward.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Additional trails as well as improved parks and golf courses.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Better restaurants in the last decade; later bus routes recently. Bike trails are good. Much room for improvement, though.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

I think City employees are more intentional today about planning for better quality of life in the City.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Some better job opportunities. Housing in my neighborhood has improved.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Lincoln has matured as a city over the years, and has more to offer than it did when I was growing up.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

The trail system is more connected than it used to be, downtown is better than it used to be, but Lincoln is largely the same.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Lincoln is slow growing

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

The improvements downtown with the entertainment district, PBA, beautifying the street scape, as well as great growth and focus on parks, libraries, and other attractions is very good and has obviously improved over the years.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

As the city has gotten bigger, the crime rate and natural poorer qualities of bigger cities have emerged.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

As the city has grown there hasn't been adequate updates in major arterials to get across town quickly and easily at peak traffic times.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Job pay hasn't increased for the middle class/poor class. There a lot too many apartments, but they get together on the rate and charge too much for what it is. In the 70 & 80's there was a middle class - not so much any more

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Has always been very good but now even better.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Less resistance to change, better entertainment venues, lower cost of living, but that is at risk because of property taxes and other rising expenses.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

In the last 27 years, I've moved to the south east side of town. I started at UNL campus and gradually moved to better parts of town.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

more bad decisions being made daily,

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Taxes, especially property taxes have been rising too fast over the years. Spending by Lincoln Public Schools is out of control.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

New arena was a great improvement. County event center is growing.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Lincoln has made some nice improvements, but also some drawbacks. The Arena has been a nice boost to downtown, but there is not a full entertainment or commerce central area that thrives downtown other than groups of bars/ restaurants.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

When I first moved here, I was a hungry college student. I eventually found a full time job, met and married my husband, had three awesome children, and after going back to college for a 2nd degree, was hired in my dream job! We have a stable home, we live in a safe neighborhood, there are many outlets for entertainment, and there's a real sense of community in Lincoln that I haven't always felt in other towns/cities.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Lincoln used to have better and more of the above.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

There are more/better restaurants and things to do

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

There is give and take here so it pretty much even out. My quality of life is good but I know that not everyone can say this. Seems poverty affects more people in Lincoln than it used to, or, I was not so aware of it the first couple decades I lived here.

Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

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Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Increased growth with poor street planning in the past leading to congested roads with constant stops and starts even on "through or arterial streets." Street quality has decreased. Increased property taxes that will become an extreme burden for many more seniors in the future along with the extremely high healthcare costs they will bear.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

I have lived here for eight years and seen growth in all directions, new investments in infrastructure, schools, and private investment. To increase significantly, I believe that we need more affordable housing and ease of commuting to allow people from all income levels to get to work and home either by car or public transportation. As our Baby Boomer population grows, we will need to think about their mobility and quality of life.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Except for downtown it's still fairly easy to commute throughout the city. No progress on greening up our infrastructure. Need more bicycle lanes on major streets so people can bike safely instead of driving. Rent keeps going up. City services are ok but becoming more exclusive. Like the paperless initiative. Don't like the use fees for government services so don't do things online. Don't like the focus on using smart phones for services. Not everyone wants or needs smart phones!!! Not pleased with trend towards voter ID laws and disenfranchisement. Opposed to building new schools when future population is not increasing. Build with other use in mind if there needs to be more schools.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

The city has expanded quite a bit, and there are more offerings for dining and entertainment. Health care has improved. I love all of the development that has happened in the last 10 years. Having a vibrant community for change and the potential strategies to strengthen our neighborhoods and build the capacity of desirable aspects of our city are still with us, but I think we are more conscious of the need insisting that trees be a part of the downtown experience, and that they trump signs! The less Lincoln as a city has gone through the same types of transformation. Bless Helen Boosalis for programs that enrich student life.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

When we moved to Lincoln, we were reliant on food stamps, housing assistance, and even TANF (temporarily - that was very difficult to utilize w/in Nebraska’s work requirement environment, especially since online classes through UND did not "count" for the requirements and actually worked against us). Through scholarships at UND, student loans (please let the PSLF program hold true... and forgive my loans...), Educare, ExCITE, our YMCA community, our faith community, and connections through relationships built in those arenas that have led to excellent jobs, we’re now thriving as a family.

Survey Response
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Things are slowly progressing, but with a typical slow, dip one toe in, resist big change attitude. As UNL has become bigger/better, so has the city. More choice on groceries, more convenient locations, better road conditions. The easiest way to explain my perception is to use the University of Nebraska Lincoln campus as an example. When I went to school there in the early 1970s the city campus was just plain ugly and the East Campus was just plain empty. Now both campuses are showcases for lovely landscaping, creating a welcoming atmosphere. There are new, innovative programs that challenge creativity. The student body is more diverse. There are extra-curricular activities and programs that enrich student life.

Survey Response
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It seems there is less to do in our fine city. Less outdoor activities, less shopping areas (stores closing like crazy (likely from the development of online shopping), more and more taxes. The addition of the arena was nice, but at times making the journey downtown and finding parking (which can be expensive) isn’t worth the hassle. The downtown areas have plenty to do, however the mid and fringe city areas are lacking with places. Pools, adventure parks, mountain biking courses. Most concerning, and the main reason for my rating is it seems that the city government has not kept pace with demands on safety. With a growing populous and ever expanding city limits, our public servants are stretched thinner than ever. The relocation of fire stations is nice and should help, but our police staffing is scary. Listening to radio scanner traffic, it sounds as if our police force would be completely overwhelmed if there are more that two major incidents that occur at the same time.

Survey Response
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There have been no improvements to Lincoln in the 15 years I’ve lived here. I’m hopeful that the South Beltway will soon lead to infrastructure that will allow travel north/south much easier.

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City is not afraid to allowed controlled growth.

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The easiest way to explain my perception is to use the University of Nebraska Lincoln campus as an example. When I went to school there in the early 1970s the city campus was just plain ugly and the East Campus was just plain empty. Now both campuses are showcases for lovely landscaping, creating a welcoming atmosphere. There are new, innovative programs that challenge creativity. The student body is more diverse. There are extra-curricular activities and programs that enrich student life.

Survey Response
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Lincoln as a city has gone through the same types of transformation. Bless Helen Boosalis for insisting that trees be a part of the downtown experience, and that they trump signs! The less desirable aspects of our city are still with us, but I think we are more conscious of the need for change and the potential strategies to strengthen our neighborhoods and build the capacity of folks who are struggling.

Survey Response
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Look no further than PBA and downtown....

Survey Response
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While life hasn’t improved for me personally, as a retiree, it certainly has improved for the younger generation, particularly with the advent of Pinnacle Bank Arena and the regeneration of the Haymarket area.

Survey Response
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I love all of the development that has happened in the last 10 years. Having a vibrant community with things to do is so important in keeping people here and attracting more people.

Survey Response
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Health care has improved.
Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

I came to Lincoln from central Nebraska for post-secondary education and made Lincoln my home. It has become my new "home town" and is a great place to raise a family. I have seen significant growth and change during the past almost 40 years -- the revitalization of both older neighborhoods and business districts--including the Haymarket/PBA and Downtown areas-- as well as the overall growth of the city in all four quadrants, which provides for both great housing and employment opportunities.

Our goals have been high as we improve with growth in the community. Businesses have been successful and continued to bring talented people to the area. Good planning has given thought to providing entertainment districts, housing density with opportunities for multiple options and transportation. Sporting venues have added healthy opportunities for all ages.

The development of the Haymarket district is a major improvement, including PBA. However, it sometimes seems that too much emphasis is given to new housing developments rather than established areas (such as earmarking 25% of the new street funds to new developments).

The Haymarket area raised the bar on entertainment. The increased crime rate is disturbing. Handling growth well to, crime increasing, quality of roads, schools decrease. I don't see our family staying much longer.

Performing arts center, symphony, university offerings, restaurants, parks and trails. Easy access to airport and interstate. Excellent doctors, nurses and hospitals.

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No change since moving here.

The city has become extremely liberal, promises not kept, tax $ not going where it's supposed to, crime increasing, quality of roads, schools decrease. I don't see our family staying much longer.

Too many immigrants in the city

I think development of Haymarket area is a big draw. Visitors think the Haymarket and P, Q Streets are fantastic. We can be proud of our town.

I believe Lincoln and Lancaster County has steadily improved access to most parts of the country and city for me.
Survey Response: Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

Survey Response: Increase in support for startups

Survey Response: More traffic, more noise, busier roads, more beat-up roads.

Survey Response: Property taxes higher and not getting any more from those taxes. This is allowing for the cost of living increase. City streets are worse and traffic is higher. City does not plan ahead for its growth. It is always trying to catch up.

Survey Response: The revitalization of the Haymarket district with the addition of the Railyard, and Pinnacle Bank Arena, expansion of the zoo, more and more local restaurants,

Survey Response: I think the cost of living has went up, while wages and job opportunities have not kept pace.

Survey Response: Crime has gone up quite a bit since 1993. Traffic has increased dramatically. Growing in size is not necessarily such a good thing. Too much urban sprawl. Lincoln should not aspire to be the size of Omaha. Everyone likes that 'small town' feel to Lincoln.

Survey Response: How does one explain the same?

Survey Response: Haven’t noticed much in the way of change over the years.

Survey Response: I’ve always loved living in Lincoln! It grows and I adapt! That’s what you do in life.

Survey Response: When I first moved here, it was new, exciting. Now I see below the surface and am seeing the nitty gritty.

Survey Response: Population growth has increased the difficulty of getting around.

Survey Response: I love it when I moved to the country and I still love it. Have no desire to live in Lincoln.

Survey Response: We have many more cultural activities, quality jobs, and a diverse population.

Survey Response: More trails, more vitality in social/ cultural areas, but still not a big city feel.

Survey Response: Primarily because of getting married and having a family and greater disposable income to afford to do more things with my family.

Survey Response: Growth and development have brought more opportunities for families with children to engage in activities together.

Survey Response: I believe people are working together to keep up with the growing population, climate change, income disparity, and the other challenges to help everyone in our society to have a better lifestyle.

Survey Response: The street maintenance has diminished. Lower income families, couples have more trouble finding a decent place to live. This may have more to do with national economics than local decisions,

Survey Response: Bike paths have gotten better and the addition of Pinnacle bank arena/hay market area has helped Lincoln. The lack of funding for parks has hurt the city. The allowance of vagrants, street sleeper's, and panhandlers make the city look grungy and unappealing.

Survey Response: Life in Lincoln has significantly improved following the 2008 recession. The past 12 years, City officials have been very strategic about making strong investments in economic development projects that support jobs, enhance services, create interest and activity to attract young entrepreneurial talent, expand opportunities for our citizens and grow our city in a mindful way.

Life is good in Lincoln!
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I have not lived in the city long, but I have seen some increase in intentionality by the city to make Lincoln a better place to live, which I love to see.

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Up to recently, the slow rate of growth has allowed infrastructure to keep up. The recent issues about streets may be a harbinger of decreasing quality of life, though.

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Originally lived here in college and back as an adult. There’s some additional things to do now but coat of living isn’t any different than larger cities. Transportation here is horrible. Planning is bad. Why so many roundabouts? Where’s a bypass? Why not extending roads to 77 from south side or to 80 north on the east without having to go clear to Waverly. Spend more time in vehicle than anywhere else I have lived.

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I think the items I listed above have always been an issue with me. They were present then, they are present now.

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I choose the same, because I haven’t noticed significant changes other than the Haymarket. Yet, remains to be a wonderful community of caring people.

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Following the Haymarket and Pinnacle Bank Arena things aren’t spectacularly better than before, but progress is being made.

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I’ve lived in Lincoln all of my life so I believe we’ve always had a good quality of life here.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

New Arena, Costco, new shopping options

The arena turned Lincoln from a college town to a vibrant city.

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City has gotten too "sprawling", difficult to meet people/your larger community.

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The growth that has occurred and continues to occur provides for increasing opportunities in the community that have improved the quality of life. The best example is all the development in downtown including the new arena and West Haymarket. There also is an increasing amount of new bike lanes, Bicyclincin, economic development and new cultural centers, welcoming refugees, prairie corridor and like projects, our libraries!

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Haven’t lived here long, but I have really enjoyed the people I have met.

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The amount of taxes and fees have grown exponentially which takes money right out of the pockets of the citizens. The city keeps annexing areas while they can’t keep up with what they have. Retiring in Lincoln becomes almost impossible.

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County road maintenance has declined dramatically in the past three few years. Without 4 wheel drive winter and spring rains make driving challenging, at times very unsafe.

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Lincoln officials have not properly addressed the climate crisis and reducing our community’s greenhouse gas emissions.

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The best example is all the development in Downtown. The arena turned Lincoln from a college town to a vibrant city.

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Lincoln has become much more progressive and accepting.

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People are more open to new ideas, and more willing to support them.

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Forward looking leaders envisioned a vigorous downtown and have worked to make that happen. The trolley that encircles the downtown area is positive, as are the Spretail bikes, and the bike lane running along "N" Street.

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From a very poor student myself, through multiple part times and job experience, not only I earned incomes through hard works but also meeting many people from different places that some I could call them like my own sister. Living here is affordable as well and variety of restaurants and cuisine types here in the city make me want to try something new always. I’m looking forward for the good change the people and the city brings to its residents.

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I’ve not been in Lincoln long enough to see any change.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

I’ve lived in Lincoln all of my life so I believe we’ve always had a good quality of life here. However, I am impressed with the intentional efforts by our leaders and residents to continue to push forward, visualize and plan for improvements that will benefit all those who live and work here.

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Entertainment and culture options have increased with The Haymarket and Pinnacle Bank Arena.

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Lincoln has done a great job of keeping downtown a thriving area as well as building and maintaining a great trail system.
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Police don't patrol residential areas anymore as drugs and crime have risen. Poorly planned new residential neighborhoods require way to much roadway dollars to be used as developers are left off the hook for poor pavement and dirt grading issues. Parks no longer get maintained or mowed. Playground equipment is rarely replaced and if it is they put in items that are hardly used like skateboard parks.

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Again i say some areas are better and some need work. Generally one feels safe in Lincoln and it is usually a friendly place to live. There's lots of employment but much of it is underemployment and not desirable for much more than employment of students. Too much emphasis on downtown and south part of town while neglecting north side neighborhoods/areas. Much new construction - especially on north side is cheap or unattractive. Remember to not develop every square foot of land and leave some for green spaces.

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See the above statements in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

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Crime is going up, seems like at a fast pace, house taxes are going up too much and way too fast, income taxes are high for what it seems we get back in return, roads are incredibly bad for how much road construction goes on all of the time and roundabouts seem to be more of a priority than fixing the incredibly bad roads.

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PBA and Haymarket growth has been great. Look forward to more of that.

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The arena, more engaged community, increase in democratic leadership since arriving in Lancaster County.

The traffic sucks. The roads suck. Having to pay the wheel tax every year on my car when the roads suck is ridiculous. Where is that $$ going?

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The impact and cost of property taxes.

Please explain your rating on your change in quality of life since arriving in Lancaster County.

More waiting in traffic. More expensive to live. More cultural access since arriving in Lancaster County.

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Pinnacle Bank Arena was a nice addition since I've moved to Lincoln.

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There is not a fix for what I value for city planning, so it will never change.

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It seems that homes are looking increasingly in decay towards the center of the city. High taxes mean lowered ability to fix up homes. If we aren't going to lower taxes then we need incentives to homeowners to fix up their exteriors. Major thoroughfares look dumb, why would anyone choose to live here? And don't give me that "Well, every city has its bad areas." This town isn't that big, I've traveled the whole US...we can do better.

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Taxes on housing make buying or renting too high.

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The arena was a turning point that signaled that the City was ready to embrace the future. We still have a long way to go by providing new housing types, redevelopment opportunities, and better transit. The South Beltway is the greatest mistake of our generation that we are passing on to our children.

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While Lincoln and Lancaster County has grown, the previous items have remained the same as our family has grown, shrank, and jobs have changed over the years.

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I've seen Lincoln become more progressive and assertive in addressing some challenges, while other challenges are allowed to linger, or go relatively unnoticed.

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Improved trails and road.

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It depends. Some aspects are better, some are not. We have a good social service network to help those less fortunate. We have developed a flood emergency plan. Our education system gets better and better all the time. However, street maintenance is horrible and public transportation is as bad as it ever was. Lincoln seems to cater to young people but doesn't do much to support Generation X and those older. Lincoln promotes opportunities for the young techie kids, but what about those of us who are middle-aged and supporting the economy more than the Millennials and Generation Ys? Sometimes I feel like a stranger in my hometown because so much effort is put towards attracting and keeping young people. What are you going to do for the 40-60 year olds in our community. We also have a huge homeless population downtown that no one wants to address and we have a lot of crime in central Lincoln that needs to be addressed.

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Quality of life for most residents has increased significantly. However, a segment of our community (e.g. those in poverty, persons of color, LGBTQ, single parents) survive on the margins...not able to enjoy many of the amenities built in Lincoln (e.g., Pinnacle Bank Arena) and scraping by to ensure good educational opportunities for themselves, their families, and struggling to access good health care services.
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I grew up here, left for 7 years to live in Denver. Coming back to Lincoln has been an adjustment considering the communities values are some much more democratic in Denver than they are here. The use of hard core drugs here isn’t as evident (I’m not talking about weed) which is extremely important to me.

Well, health is pretty good but without a $6 figure income we would probably relocate for retirement.

I have seen a lot of changes in the time I have lived in Lancaster County, and I think the majority of them have been positive.

Still experiencing the same good qualities as when moved to Lincoln. Possibly a slight increase due to figuring out all those things that are assumed to be understood about how things work here (ex: school registration and processes, election cycles, notification to/from various municipal entities, local driving habits, etc.).

I don’t think Lincoln has changed much for better or worse. I came here for college and never left, so it’s obviously good enough to keep me here. It hasn’t done anything to make me want to leave, either.

In the last 20 years there are many demonstrable improvements to the city that have made a big difference to me: Antelope Valley, Haymarket/Arena, 12th St corridor. Development of Haymarket and Telegraph District show great promise.

(Since I was born here)

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Getting from the North side of town to the South side of town is a joke.

Same

Streets were much better back in 1995 when I first moved here. Since then they’ve gotten worse and worse. Parks and the city’s infrastructure like trees also have not been maintained as they have continually cut funding so that projects like the big ditch (antelope valley) could be fed.

When I got to town, I’d been told it was a great place to work & raise a family and that I could possibly even buy a house as a single parent. Now all the cheaper homes are bought by flippers who are more concerned with their profit than affordable housing, roads are AWFUL, businesses fail & buildings sit empty for years while new unnecessary buildings are put up with TIF financing & city govt is more concerned with the talking points of the national democratic party than with what Lincoln needs.

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I got a wonderful education at UNL that now allows me to live quite comfortably and gives me the means to contribute to my community.

New bike lanes!

Wheel tax too high, stop spending my tax dollars on stupid shit like bike lanes that nobody rides in and removing perfectly good traffic lights so entitled pedestrians wander out in traffic. Fix potholes or do something else useful. Crime has increased over time.

My quality of life has increased slightly, as I feel the community has more events. Further, I appreciate the trail network and bike lanes. It is important for me to reside in a community that takes responsibility for sustainable living. I also enjoy the niche interests in this community.

Downtown Lincoln has really grown and expanded in its appeal and entertainment and food options. Growth has been steady, making it easier to adapt as the county has grown.

More community events that are inclusive.

See previous statement. When you threaten someone’s basic need of housing by making it so costly they cannot afford it that person’s quality of life enters a free fall emotionally. Every day you live in fear you will lose your home because of what your Mayor, City Council, and County Commissioners decide about how to increase taxes to make it appear like they’re really not under the guise of home values needing be brought up to some bogus national standard.

The development of the Haymarket, especially PBA, has increased the entertainment options.

Not much to say, which really isn’t all that great, either. Just enough has been done to keep up with the times.
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Walking through the Haymarket and through the Near South neighborhood were the two things that sold me on Lincoln. Cultiva, Indigo Bridge, old homes with vegetable gardens. That’s the real character here. Since I moved here, I’ve seen a few more places like that pop up, which is encouraging, and I’d like to see more of it. Places with genuine character, not another chain restaurant or strip mall. I get that some people really want that, but every town in the country has the exact same places. They’re not interesting, and they have no sense of place. I love that the Children’s Zoo expanded, that the Haymarket keeps growing, that the Telegraph District is being built up, that there are so many little Middle Eastern and Asian grocery stores along 27th. Those things give me hope for Lincoln. Another Chik-Fil-A does not.

Survey Response

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Survey Response

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In my view, the way Lincoln can succeed in the future is by becoming the most sustainable city in the Midwest by focusing on increasing population density, non car public transit and other sustainable initiatives.

Survey Response

The roads seem better than in 2008, and the bus system has improved in availability since then, but little else has changed. We have new, fancy grocery stores, but mostly in areas food was already easily available. I appreciate our low unemployment, but I also know too many people working multiple jobs because of low pay.

Survey Response

Able to afford a nice home.

Survey Response

Roadways to and from Lincoln and bedroom communities have improved since I moved 30 years ago from Lincoln to a rural home in the county. Shopping centers have been built closer to my home as well as medical services and banking services.

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Survey Response

Property taxes are too high and would be a motivating factor to move since arriving in Lincoln County.

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See above. Costco stated in the Newspaper that they would not be building any CAFO’s in Lancaster County.

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Survey Response

We’re getting more to do, which is always good.

Survey Response

I think it was already a great city but we’ve added amenities which have made it more attractive since arriving in Lancaster County.

Survey Response

I do think things are going in the right direction, slowly but surely. We need to be a very loving, nonjudgmental, welcoming place for all no matter their skin color, religion, sexual identity, age, gender, etc.

Survey Response

I think quality of life is increasing as our population increases. Our community is more diverse than it was 20 - 30 years ago. With more people, the community has attracted more shopping, arts, entertainment and cultural activities.

Survey Response

Less than great traffic and development planning/foresight hold this back from a higher rating.

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The expansion of walk/bike trails continues to improve. Parks have improved. The Haymarket has improved - though I would like to see it expand to include more green space and more community activity. Art, small shops (not big retail), family activities, community events/concerts (free/low cost for family), activities for teenagers. Do that, then bring it all to a location on the east side. Integrate Universities into more city/community events. Expand function/roles/locations of Libraries. Downtown has improved - parking etc. I like First Friday Gallery walk. Maybe bring back drive-in movies without cars - more community. Use Lancaster Event Center for small outdoor concerts/cultural sharing events. Create more areas like Antelope Park development which integrate town/people and communities (and serve an intra-structure purpose). Create restrictions and codes on new housing construction. Those sterile eyesores diminish the concept of community. (That's what brought down my rating.)

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years?

- More green space near or in the downtown area.
- Improve arterial streets. Move forward on roads which move traffic around the periphery of the city.
- Revitalize all areas of downtown, not just the Haymarket (SoDo, Railyard, O Street) , lots of empty store fronts
- Nothing has changed
- Lincoln should ban single-use plastics provided by restaurants and retailers.
- Nothing changes in city/county unless you have either disposable income
- The new arena, more diverse and locally owned dining and breweries, new biking lanes, etc have been great additions.
- The quality of life improved significantly until Lancaster county approved a special permit for a chicken CAFO on W. Wittstruck Rd., in south west Lancaster Co. As soon as that is built the quality of life will be terrible. This special permit should have never been approved and now should be rescinded.
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- Haymarket growth, schools, thriving local businesses
- Taxes have gone up disproportionately relative to the quality of our schools & infrastructure.
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Survey Response

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Any protection of marginalized communities. Paved roads.

Survey Response

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Better manage spending and let me keep more of my hard earned money why.

Survey Response

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I can’t think of any at this time

Survey Response

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More affordable housing

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years?

Reduce income inequality

Survey Response

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Vote out our clueless mayor

Survey Response

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Incorporate using Green by using solar, wind and recycles to enhance our environment.

Survey Response

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Housing issue.

Survey Response

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more urban atmosphere, but also more recreation opportunities.

Survey Response

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Better road network

Survey Response

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Gang task force to crack down on crime.

Survey Response

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Better public transportation system.

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flood control measures

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Public Transportation almost non existent other than downtown and a very few other destinations. EXTREMELY limited and nothing built into planning to extend into new or existing neighborhoods. Roads deteriorating pollution increasing. Tempers flaring

Survey Response

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Better transportation for people without reliable cars

Survey Response

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Equal rights amendment

Survey Response

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South beltway

Survey Response

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Build the road first then develop the area. Case in point currently, 40th St south of Yankeehill to Rokeby, development is rapidly moving forward and old 2 lane road is falling apart.

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Improved road infrastructure for ease of travel

Survey Response

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Roads, infrastructure

Survey Response

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Get rid of yellow blinking turn signals

Survey Response

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Why is there an arrow hole if it seldom if ever is green

Survey Response

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A constant yellow then blinking when the light is to change

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East Beltway

Survey Response

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Better commercial airline service.

Survey Response

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East bypass between I-80 and Highway 2 that isn’t 84th street.

Survey Response

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A more efficient way of getting across town North to South.

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Curtailment of suburban sprawl—concentrate on building up and improving the existing neighborhoods.
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More roundabouts, to continue to improve safety, aesthetics, etc.

Repair of the infrastructure and roadways without increasing taxes and less crime.

Lower property taxes.

Sanity in decisions regarding road maintenance, repair, and snow removal.

Lower taxes, have real teachers really teach our children. Building north towards the interstate like hotels, housing, apartments, parks, garden spaces.

Increased police force and more accountability from police.

While our climate significantly impacts the maintenance of streets and roads, it would be appealing to have major roadways constructed before the residential or commercial areas are congested and unsafe.

More roundabouts, to continue to improve safety, aesthetics, etc.

Better traffic enforcement

Better traffic flow along major streets like 27th, 48th or 84th street. To many traffic lights and they aren't in sync to keep the traffic flowing. Traffic get so backed up and that is what causes people to run red lights and road rage.

Police substation in the Airpark area

Street upkeep

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Staffing LFR and LPD to keep up with growth

I would like Lincoln/Lancaster county to combine police, roads and everything else that is possible. Would result in improved service and reduced costs.

Expansion of airport - more gates and carriers - doubtful could accomplish in next five years

More transportation options or extended bus service

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More bus routes, more hours

Constructing major roadways first would be more appealing.

Build improved intersection at 14th and Old Cheney

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Survey Response

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Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Build new water source.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Traffic signal timing and the road system. Add lanes, widen roads like 56th, etc.. Huge housing developments in south west Lincoln and no way to move the cars north. The delay on the roundabout at 14th and Old Cheney is ridiculous.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Provision for affordable housing. It's best achieved by just building it, not any incentives or other tax schemes. It saves money all around and will improve the bike trails.

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What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? A slight revamping of the city bus system (adding more routes and offering more direct routes to downtown from further out parts of town). Also keeping public transit cleaner and more efficient.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? A plan to have the east beltway done by 2035.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Better highway system connecting north to south Lincoln

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Road repair and construction

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? New Central Library!

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? I think a new facility or park is needed for activities in Northeast Lincoln. The YMCA is outdated and to small for the growing population. A city activities center or a large scale park like Pioneers Park offers outdoor activities would be fantastic.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Lower taxes and fix roads! I stop thinking more trails and libraries are important to majority of people!

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? BUs routes and schedules

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Affordable housing

Survey Response

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Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Need a new central (downtown) library!

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? More diversity of architecture, especially the outward appearance of new buildings in the downtown and Haymarket areas. Everything is looking like Euro-modern design of the 1990s.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? I'd like to see planned growth southwest - more use of Highway 77 as an easy access route to growing areas for retail, entertainment and housing options west of the highway

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? More city parks and lack of quality roads.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Increase in sources of drinking water to avert issues that were experienced last summer with the flooding. The other main item would be support for job growth and recruitment of new companies to the area.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Fix the dam roads instead of making pretty spaces

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? A better plan for snow removal and general road maintenance in addition to securing a plan for new roadways and transportation routes.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Get rid of dirt streets. A city the size of Lincoln and we still have dirt streets. Get rid of houses that are falling down with no utilities attached to them for more that one year.

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Better road maintenance (too many potholes, etc.)

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Road improvement or expansion to help with congestion and have every intersection get a green arrow if there are vehicles in the turn lane before the flashing yellow. (i.e. 56th & hwy 2 turning southbound)

Survey Response

What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years? Continue to develop and improve trail connectivity throughout the city as well as destinations outside the city / county.

Survey Response

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Survey Response: Reduce property taxes

Survey Response: More recreational, affordable activities during the winter months

Survey Response: Repair and maintain our roads. Plow snow in residential areas.

Survey Response: The one I wanted to see has already been started, that is the bypass on the south side of town to ease truck traffic congestion on HWY 2.

Survey Response: Better public transportation options.

Survey Response: Redevelopment of Pershing site to include a new library

Survey Response: Street repair

Survey Response: I believe the city is missing out on improving access to the streams. Consider a white water park. Improve recreational water quality. The algae is bad during the late summer.

Survey Response: Something done with Pershing to help the community. I don’t want to see it torn down and another building built there. I know it would cost a lot to renovate the building, however, there has to be SOMETHING that the building could be used for! I know it’s been used for a smaller venue of concerts--like using Pinewood Bowl in the summer. Could Pershing be used in the winter? Roller skating rink, library...

Survey Response: Affordable housing, regardless of citizen’s age.

Survey Response: Climate change is likely to disrupt a number of basic systems that are working well now. We need to be building community consensus and planning and moving toward a city that emits essentially zero greenhouse gas by 2050 and prepares for the stresses that increased local heat and intense rain will bring, as well as national level disruptions to, for example, food supply systems.

Survey Response: So in the next 5 years, we need to be planning for and moving toward neighborhood involvement and awareness of current and future changes.

Survey Response: Moving ahead on east beltway

Survey Response: Moving back to work on improving the Warlick/Old Cheney intersection.

Survey Response: Realistic options for the persistent traffic congestion at Warlick Blvd and Old Cheney Road interchange.

Survey Response: More affordable housing.

Survey Response: More housing options for very low income individuals and families. Something other than Lincoln Housing Authority since not everyone is eligible for their assistance.

Survey Response: Downtown park

Survey Response: More and better low income housing or inspection of rental properties. Everyone should have basic needs, basic healthcare and adequate shelter.

Survey Response: Repair roads

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Survey Response: Increase the frequency of bus service, at least for the business routes. Studies show most people won’t choose to ride transit voluntarily unless it comes frequently enough that they don’t have to check a schedule. 30-40 minutes between busses is far too long for people who have other transportation options to choose from.

Survey Response: There has to be a better solution to fixing the city/county streets and roads that doesn’t always fall to the citizens to pick up because of poor money management.

Survey Response: Improved street planning

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Major roadways to get from one side of the city to the other similar to Omaha.

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4 lane interstate bypass on East side of city to connect Highway 2 and I-80

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Roadway improvement, less potholes, etc

Survey Response: 

Redevelop Pershing Auditorium site and add downtown parking.

Survey Response: 

Further commitment to improving traffic flow in the city. Possibly by street widening,

Survey Response: 

Increase economic growth.

Survey Response: 

Street repair and infrastructure improvements.

Survey Response: 

Homelessness become non-existent.

Survey Response: 

Better housing options for low to middle class.

Survey Response: 

Better infrastructure.

Survey Response: 

Recreation

Survey Response: 

Better roads and snow removal. Our residential streets should not be covered in ice

Survey Response: 

Larger outdoor skate park. Such as the Frisco Skate park in Frisco TX.

Survey Response: 

Build out streets and roads before development in order to have less disruption and safer travel.

Survey Response: 

Invest more in transportation including maintenance of existing streets, the transit system,

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Survey Response: 

Update the physical appearance of the built environment on future structures. What we have

Survey Response: 

now all seems so behind the times, 1960s look. Look at Johnson County, Kansas for inspiration.

Survey Response: 

Less emphasis on pursuing drug crimes, and more emphasis on pursuing personal property
damage/violent crimes.

Survey Response: 

The prevention of any new factory farms like the Costco poultry farm—I hope the County

Survey Response: 

Commission stands firm in protecting the environment.

Survey Response: 

There needs to be more affordable living options for residents. There needs to be a stronger

Survey Response: 

focus on the benefits of natural gas and the opportunities it provides.
A major overhaul and expansion of our bus system. I am talking more routes more often with
more buses. Make it so I have no reason to own a car for getting around this city. Lincoln has only
3 "highways" running through it. Currently, there is no way to travel quickly throughout the city
as you can in Omaha for example. This has made our congestion problem worse and worse every
year. We only have one/two lane slow speed limit roads to go anywhere in this city. 5 years isn’t
enough time for a light rail and it isn’t enough time to build highways, but with better public
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Removal of all round-a-bouts. We need a way for trucks to easily get around our city which would eliminate some of the in-town congestion and the replacement of streets due to heavy usage.

I realize a north south beltway probably isn’t doable in 5 years. But something. Make 27th 4 lane while they are walking, biking, running, etc.

Plant more trees and plants that can be eaten around the city. Then citizens can have a snack while they are walking, biking, running, etc.

A new main public library

Widen S. 27th street from Hwy 2 toward South street.

Street surface improvements -- should be feasible due to 1/2 cent sales tax over the next few years.

Better Roads

Continue with round a bout’s. They work!

More and later bus routes

More downtown parking spaces

A conservatory for plants

Access for all. A strong focus on accessibility. Include parks, sidewalks, businesses, city areas, websites, transportation. As parks are upgraded make them accessible (no they are not now), close caption videos as they are posted, push for accessibility in the city buildings and incentives businesses to make renovations to achieve accessibility.

I would like to see Lancaster County offer more affordable housing to fit my needs. I am a college student who is looking for a house to live in but also have a dog and two roommates. Lack of housing developments that allow animals that is affordable for a college student.

More priority on the effects of climate change for all members of our community.

Lower Property Taxes

The bypass. We need a way for trucks to easily get around our city which would eliminate some of the in-town congestion and the replacement of streets due to heavy usage.

Road repairs and improves traffic engineering

Property tax - especially if you are retired, it’s way to high. Put a cap on the schools (we pay almost 70% to them. That’s ridiculous. They need to find another avenue.) Give the seniors a discount on property tax. That goes for the wheel tax also - way out of hand. Too high

The building of a new library to replace Bennet Martin.

Finish full bypass, start right away on east when the south is finally almost done.

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<td>Better access in and around town - faster arterial network of streets</td>
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<td>Probably fixing streets and roads in city and county would have the most public support and possibly be doable?</td>
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<td>Significantly increase City support of new urban housing because roads and infrastructure already exist for urban housing, making new urban housing much less costly to taxpayers vs. more costly new suburban housing requiring new City roads and infrastructure.</td>
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<td>Free school lunch for all students.</td>
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<p>| Survey Response | Improved investment in near south and other central neighborhoods, especially in QUALITY affordable housing. |
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| Survey Response | Pave Adams street from 148th to Cass county line!                                                       |
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| Survey Response | Rebuild the downtown gateway. Too many fallen/failing structures remain in these critical city blocks connecting Downtown to the entertainment district in Haymarket. IE: Pershing, Golds, Knickerbockers, and many others. |
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| Survey Response | Complete the South Bypass! This has been under discussion since before we moved to Lincoln in 1979!     |
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| Survey Response | Fix the streets. Yes we are doing that, but it needs to be even more aggressive. We're willing to pay another 1/4 cent tax to get it. The City has &quot;borrowed&quot; money from the street fund for way too many years going back to before we moved back. The South and East Beltables got short shrift. &quot;People&quot; getting their way to obstruct improvements has gone on too long. 48th Street is an example. People didn't want the poor Oak trees taken down. Now we have one of the city's busiest streets way behind in getting widened. You get the idea. |
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| Survey Response | Grow north Lincoln                                                                                       |
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| Survey Response | The north side of Lincoln needs major renovation. More quality stores, shopping, restaurants, etc. And increased effort to control the crime in that area. |
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<td>furniture out in people's front yards, delivery trucks stopping wherever they happen to feel like it to</td>
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<td>Department and Police department being updated with personnel and new facilities. I believe I get my</td>
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<td>And, not just sending it off to &quot;somewhere&quot; to be someone else's problem.</td>
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<td>perspective of relative wealth and abundance. I would like for myself, and Lincoln to find better ways to</td>
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<td>support and provide for those in our community who are struggling.</td>
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1. Reduced traffic congestion, better maintenance of our roads and more parks/green space
2. Increased road systems, and quality of current roads.
3. Road improvements and snow removal improvement
4. Splash pads for kids in all quadrants of the city, finish the east beltway to prevent traffic congestion, better maintenance of our roads and more parks/green space
5. Fairness in parking. In neighborhoods close to schools and UNL, such as East Campus, we should have resident parking permits, so residents can park on the street. It's not fair that we can't park on our own street in East Campus, just because we need to keep the students and staff from parking there. Also, parking downtown is often a struggle, especially when there is a big event at the arena. I want to go to Crescent Moon and hear a local band, but every place is full and they charge for "event parking" even if I am not going to the event.
6. We need more adherence to zoning regulations. It seems that if some economic engine wants to locate in a AG area the request is approved with little regards to its effect. The planning commission simply approves and the City has a staff that will aid in writing the request for a zoning permit.
7. Cap property taxes - or base them on income and not merely on location and market value. a $550-$1000 dollar annual swing in taxes is not absorbable for many.
8. Lower taxes and reasonable spending and projection of taxes.
9. We could achieve a more efficient bus system in the city of Lincoln.
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* Repair the streets, and better snow removal
* 100% Committed to Renewable Electricity by 2030
* Get rid of the cardboard ban.
* Get rid of the dandelions on public lands! Plant more trees to replace the Ash trees lost to ash disease.
* In Lincoln the focus on improving North/South transportation from Hwy2 to Cornhusker.
* Establish a progressive funding plan to better address infrastructure needs and to fund a proactive sustainability/resiliency strategy that gets implemented over time.
* Affordability housing and availability of housing for variety of people such as students, tourists, business visitors, sports enthusiasts, people from out of state, young professionals, family with kids and pets and older generation.
* BETTER ROADS! Please, please, someone grow a pair and actually IMPROVE things. Widen 27th to 4 lanes, add right turn lanes anywhere you possibly can, make 48th Street 4 lanes, etc. etc.
* Roads....from quality of roads (pot holes) to timing of traffic lights....to easier way to navigate from one end of town to another
* Resurface some of the roads and keep up with their maintenance
* Better housing for low income individuals
* Continued expansion and safety of highly-traveled roads.
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* More steps toward affordable low income housing. Helping low-income people own their own homes and not be trapped in apartments/renting.
* More affordable housing for very low income households.
* Get a new mayor. Ger rid of the cardboard ban.
* I want all areas of Lincoln to be more accessible to more people and that means providing the infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists, buses and vehicles. Larger, progressive cities recognize this and I want Lincoln to continue to emphasize these efforts.
* Revitalization of core neighborhoods
* Much greater infrastructure for pedestrians and bicycles and less focus on cars. Design that slows cars and makes it safer for all.
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I think the city should switch to citywide residential curbside garbage and recyclable pickup similar to what Omaha does paid for through our property taxes or a city sales tax increase. It seems very inefficient and polluting to have 2-4 individual trash haulers and recycling companies traveling through each neighborhood as we do now. And then there are the disgusting messes left at the recycling stations by people discarding their trash or not recycling properly. The current system also seems to have low rates of recycling by our residents.

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Better public transportation - maybe an express route of certain buses.

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Clean up the neighborhoods and downtown.

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Don’t overdevelop the city! Leave green spaces so people and animals can breathe!

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Street improvement and less roundabout structure instead.

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Leverage Nebraska Innovation Campus to start growing and diversifying the local economy.

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Street resurface. Don’t just patch. Fix and resurface

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The cost of living is too much. Houses have gone way up and people aren't able to afford that, esp the property taxes. And as above, the public transportation sucks and roads suck too. Where is my $ going w/ the wheel tax I pay every year? Why do I have to pay that every year? In Texas they pay it once and its done and they keep the same license plate until they purchase a new car. And their roads are amazing.

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More protected bike lanes that connect people to where they need to go! The trails system is great but we need on street infrastructure for active transportation.

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Better roads and balancing the projects over the entire city. It seems like no improvements occur in West Lincoln.

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Outside lights

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A short range tram network that at least connects Lincoln residents to the downtown area

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More affordable housing in new developments and for our aging population

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Connect trails between Air Park and Downtown Lincoln without having to ride on a BUSY West O St. Also, economically improve the West O St. area.

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House the homeless

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A greater sense of safety when walking in Lincoln. My children take a busy intersection crosswalk to school and constantly have to watch for cars that are not giving them the right of way.

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Improve infrastructure

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Develop residential yard waste recycling program. Set goal of zero yard waste to landfill.

Stop trying to grow. Our city is way too big as it is. Focus on maintenance, cleanliness, safety, and preserving a quiet, stable, high quality of living for those of us who are from here.

South Beltway (then don't stop-East Beltway)

Reduce waste, especially from restaurants and industries.

Begin construction of the south and/or east portion of the beltway going around Lincoln. This transportation improvement is greatly needed.

Incentivize local small businesses. At the very least, make it easier to do business.

An indoor/outdoor water recreation facility with some rides that aims to keep families having fun in Lincoln - not Omaha, Des Moines or KC

Figure out a way to go North-South in town, especially east.

Stop trying to grow and become a big city. Unlimited growth is a bad thing. Our city is already way bigger than what is sustainable as it is. Focus on maintenance, cleanliness, safety, and preserving a quiet, stable, high quality of living for those of us who are from here. And stop trying to attract new people to move here.

More connected bike trails.

Lincoln should ban single-use plastics provided by restaurants and retailers.

A plan to have the east beltway done by 2035.

Increased bicycle infrastructure such as bike lanes on J street.

Change building codes to decrease energy consumption, eliminate fossil fuel use.

A better artery street through town. O street and Normal blvd get really clogged up.

Recreational activities available in Lancaster county

I don’t want to Lincoln be sliced up by freeways, but a ring road might be nice.

I also don’t believe that my recycling actually gets recycled.

Less wheel tax, no front license plates, fix potholes, higher speed limits.

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Better marking on streets on designated bike routes, with perhaps lower speed limits. J street is incredibly dangerous, as there is parking on one side and a tendency of vehicles to speed. This is also a heavily traveled bike route, as it is a main connector to the trails and downtown. I fear there will be a disaster on this road in the near future if something is not done.

Job creation that keeps more college graduates in Lincoln.

Address red light runners.

Affordable housing

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Real affordable housing for the home poor. $800 per month is not really affordable housing. Also access to healthcare for everyone.
What is one major improvement or change that you would like to see in Lincoln or Lancaster County that could be realistically achieved in the next five years?

I would like housing to be addressed

A way to travel North/South in the middle of town (between 27th and 56th) that doesn't take 20-30 minutes to go 7 miles during high commuting times.

Better and more usable public transportation.

Affordable downtown housing for unmarried young professionals. NOT luxury condos that can only be sold to people who swan into town for football game weekends. Rents in the $1200+ range downtown aren't feasible for a single young professional's income.

More truly affordable home for low-income individuals as well as being handicap accessible.

Ease of movement/transportation to and from downtown.

Construction of an indoor 50-meter competition pool. Lincoln has proven that it has significant swim talent, sending young adults to major college swim programs and the Olympic swim trials. Yet Lincoln does not have an indoor 50-meter pool that can host state and regional swim meets. A competition pool provides an opportunity to provide meaningful support youth swimming, foster community health programs, and create economic opportunities through local, state and regional swim meets.

Infrastructure repairs and upgrades using greener technology.

fix the pot holes

Better streets. Also planning commission needs to work at filling vacant commercial properties rather than allowing new buildings to be constructed increasing the urban sprawl!

A new central library! I don't care whether it's the Pershing site or where the downtown library is now, but what a wonderful way to invest back into the community. Our libraries do so much good work, and they deserve some love back.

Better streets.

Friendlier to business

Streets need fixed from potholes and repaint medians and lanes. Recycling program that is included in trash fee.

Senior affordable housing with no pets. I'm afraid of dogs.

I would really like to see Lincoln try start addressing sprawl and focus more heavily on mixed use and higher density development. I think these are critical steps for developing a city where alternative means of transportation such as public transit, walking and bicycling which will be important for helping the city limit traffic congestion issues and help combat climate change.

Better roads, black top not cement.

Fix streets. Decrease govt waste and lower property taxes

A comprehensive trails system that allows access to all parts of the city by foot and by bicycle.

Road conditions.

100% renewable energy in vehicles and city & county owned properties.


Balancing the needs for geographic areas of the city. The west side of Lincoln gets little to no attention or resources.

Rezoning
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I can't believe transportation was put on this. It's horrible. Cost of living would be great if it wasn't for our ridiculous property taxes. Over all it's still low, but those tax bills hurt. We only have kids at Kloefkorn, but so far LPS as been great. Specifically Kloefkorn.

None of the above options are good.

Lincoln is a very safe and welcoming place overall. It is not terribly expensive cost of living wise. We also have many parks and public green spaces.

Like smaller population

I think the bike trails are great and that Lincoln connects with trails entering and leaving Lincoln also. Buses and rental bike systems, not so much, so I did not choose that. In Omaha rental bikes and scooters are left lying about and it sure doesn't look very nice.

These are all important. However, great schools, low crime/quality policing, and housing form the bedrock of any community.

I'd like to see more recreational activities. Like a mountain biking park. Or water park. Many people end up traveling for some experiences that can certainly be had here if we just allowed the building of it.

The north/south movement of traveling is painful. East and west isn't so bad with Hwy 2 and I-80, but when having to travel across Lincoln from north to south or visa-versa. It's cumbersome.

While taxes on property is high, the availability of housing throughout the city is good. There may be too many apartment complexes, but a single person, young family, or large family can find adequate housing.

My children are adults, or I probably would have listed schools among my top three "likes." Being on the cusp of retirement and financially stable changes your personal preferences. I am sure "cost of living" is important to my to children.

Low crime and good schools is every parents dream for their children. Nebraska & Lincoln are not cheap States/Cities to live in so it is important to offset the expense with other tangibles. We are terribly over-taxed but good schools and low crime are the other side of the equation.

I feel the city is pretty average on everything. I seem to want to go to Omaha to shop and eat at upscale restaurants for special purchases and special events.

I think the answers I picked are best described in my previous comments... here's what I didn't pick, and why:

Cost of living is similar to nearby cities such as OMA and KCMO (not competitive though). The City knows they need to grow transportation in and around town. Are leaders doing as much as they can be doing to encourage heterogeneous culture throughout the city? To me it's a tale of two cities... north and south. For that reason, "sense of community" is not in my top three.

The redevelopment of the Haymarket and Downtown/building of PBA provides for expanded career opportunities and local entertainment/dining opportunities and less need to visit Omaha or KC.

Lincoln is a relatively low crime rate city with some pockets of increased crime. I feel LPD has done a great job at keeping "gang violence" to a minimum. As our city grows, I appreciate the continued focus and support toward providing adequate schools and educational opportunities for both current population levels as well as future generations.

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Kids able to attend UNL with ease and low costs.

I would have checked more boxes even 10 years ago.

Properties separate from high density new neighborhoods.

We were able to have a new home built that we wanted. The area and state seem to be safe. There is a neighborhood fox that appears every once in a while, farmland, greenery and trees nearby. Lincoln has the small town feel in a city.

None of the above

All three of my choices revolve around our lifestyle needs as retirees. I'm hoping that the property tax situation improves to keep it r we may have to move out of the area we live in. We are cost conscious and believe everyone should pay there fair share of property taxes. Surprisingly our value of our home , etc has increased 7 fold. For retirees it has become a heavy load on the same cost as house payments.
Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

I like the slowness of the life here and the low cost of living but at the same time trying to get ahead and make a better life is hard for me. We are blessed to be a State Capitol and University city. There are lots of opportunities for those who want to be active in the community. There are organizations to be involved with and faith communities. We have lots of selection in national restaurants. I do like having the diverse options as well.

Tough to choose only 3. Good jobs, bike trails, Natural beauty, recreational opportunities, physical appearance all qualify.

I was in Denver recently for a work trip, and walking around downtown. I wondered why it seemed so dirty. It didn’t seem any different than most cities. Finally it hit me that I’ve grown used to Lincoln!

My whole family is employed in jobs they like (for the most part!). Housing is affordable for me (long time home owner, not renter) I have never encountered crime in all my years here.

Safety, a great education for my children and challenging and fulfilling work for myself and my husband are my top priorities. But so many of the other options are what make Lincoln a great place to live: housing that fits my needs, culture and events and recreation opportunities are high on my list as well, and are things that Lincoln really excels at providing.

Good place to raise a family.

We do have good schools, when teachers are allowed to teach. I live in relatively low crime area of town, but crime does seems to be growing overall. Lincolnites do tend to stick together and there is a sense of community

I think it’s the ability to be happy here, living life without significant worries about the schools, our finances or any of the basics. So we’re able to enjoy Lincoln and its offerings.

I enjoy learning about cultures; a great way to begin the conversation is by sharing a meal with them.

I wish I could check all the options!

I like the e

People still meet and greet each other with pleasure and not judgment. Most natural areas are large enough to allow for both recreation and nature-related activities without participants tripping over each other. The variety of culture and arts events is amazing for a city the size of Lincoln.

Would definitely never select transportation.

Lincoln’s key qualities are safety, schools and sense of caring people in the community. Cost of living is pretty high (rent) and houses below the $100k range for first time home buyers are scarce.

Not really much here, but what there is is pretty good.

Lincolnites value a sustainable community. There is a strong sense of “doing the right thing” among residents. Residents have historically supported initiatives to strengthen our schools, our environment and improvements in streets through bond and other financing strategies to get the job done.

Lincoln is a strong town with many great qualities, included in these options they represent an unique place to live with many opportunities.

Like a lot choices in activities, cultural diversity. Feel safe in most neighborhoods but sense violent crime - murders on uptick. Schools compete with best schools in the country! Love the parks and trails!

Transportation sucks...esp public transportation. Whomever cut the bus routes is ridiculous and must not ride the bus. The buses should be open longer, esp late into the evenings. Would help with DUI’s. Also the roads suck and I have to pay for my vehicle every year...where is that $ going?

All of those things are important. The question led me to answer the way I did. For example, “mix of transportation options” is extremely important to me, but I do not think Lincoln does that well, so it did not make my top 3. Same with “physical appearance of the built environment” – very important to me and we do a bad job at it outside of downtown – adopt some commercial design standards!

As older empty nesters, we don’t want to live downtown as some planners think. We want our house and yard in the suburbs.
Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
The cost of living is great, probably unbeatable.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
I think the schools are good, too. But the job market is better in Lincoln than other places, even in America.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
I work at UNL and live near downtown. I love the new antelope parkway and the ease with which I can use my bike to get around and the trail system for running

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
I have found a variety of events to attend in Lincoln from fine arts to sporting events to cultural events. It is nice to have such variety, and public events seem to consistently be well attended. The alternative means of transportation and related infrastructure is great! We have many miles of trails, and they are kept up nicely. The bike lane downtown is heavily utilized and a phenomenal way to promote sustainable living. Also, a lower cost of living helps with expendable money and less individuals experiencing financial hardship.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
Ease of access to shopping located near my home - this is even going downhill because I live in old middle Lincoln. I refuse to shop in SE Lincoln where everything appears to be moving. I enjoy what is left of landscaping in our park and trail system. I also enjoy the arts in plays, musicals, and other performances when they are affordable.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
My housing fits my needs very well and the cost of living is fine to me, but I say that as a white, fully employed cis male professional with a college degree who can pass for straight. I have lots of friends who don't meet these criteria, and life here is a very different story for them. Honestly, Lincoln is a really hard place to love if you're an ethnic minority, LGBT, not Christian, or working low-paying or part-time jobs.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
I picked "sense of community" because despite all that, Lincoln surprises me in good ways. The public schools here are amazing. I've met a lot of people who are so proud of Lincoln, and are working really hard to make it even better. I'm proud of Lincoln too, and I think things will get better here, but it's going to be a slow thaw. I hope it changes fast enough to hold on to my friends - they eye the state line, and I've seen too many of them leave, to Lincoln's loss. Our town is good, but it's not good for everyone. Please make it good for everyone.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
Lincoln has great schools, great bike trails and awesome local music, theater and breweries!

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
I like so many things about Lincoln. I like being close to the excitement of the University. I love the variety of events for families. I love that my husband has a great job and I am learning to love the schools (just have 1 in school at this point and Fredstrom is great). I would also add that I really appreciate our libraries.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
I think we could add more activities that are low in cost. I think there are some great teachers in our schools. Our three oldest have really enjoyed the public high school they attend. I also homeschool our elementary and middle school aged children, and I enjoy the freedom to do that without a lot of red tape. I do think we need to be more inclusive as a whole. Please support the Fairness Ordinance.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
We have been raising a family here the past 20 years and schools and costs of living have been our primary concerns. Lincoln has been a great place related to these issue areas.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
Keep seeing car break ins on the news, but at least there's not as much violent crime. Wish there were more cultural events. More independent businesses (not chain restaurants, shops). Wish there was Spanish immersion programs starting in kindergarten. Also has been hard to find a job.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
Having a safe city is foundational. Second is a sense of community. Lincoln still has that. As we grow, it's getting harder, but it's still a major factor in our quality of life. Lastly is having choices in how to travel from one place to another. I think Lincoln is doing well in supporting multi-model transportation, but could do better.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
We have made some advances in multi-modal transportation - we need to do more, and I hope we continue in that direction. Love getting out to parks for an escape into Nature.

Survey Response
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choices speak for themselves

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
The rural parts of Lancaster County are really lovely and form one of the greatest assets we have—bike trails, parks, wildlife areas, opportunities for small farmers and acreage owners. This aspect will certainly be a draw for anyone wanting to move here for work. Putting CAFOs here will destroy that asset. I strongly recommend rescinding that permit! (W. Wittstruck Rd)

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
The restaurant scene is poor, there are few cultural events outside of UNL, the housing tends to be of poor quality (cheaply built), transportation is available only at limited times and is nonexistent outside the city, the sheriff is too understaffed to serve rural Lancaster Co. The architecture is generally ghastly. I did not have any sense that Lancaster Co. respects the residents. It is clear that the county planning staff does not respect the wishes or needs of the residents. The County commission has shown much more respect of late, since January 2019, as is evident in the County adopting more restrictions on CAFOs. All that is then left are good schools and ambiance.

Survey Response
What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)
I love where I live. I get to enjoy nature, raise livestock on a small scale and protect Nebraska’s land and water for future generations.
Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that you like most about living and/or working in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Main thing is clean with low crime

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

We’ve got to figure out ways to help low income families; I know we have many programs to help them get into places to live and help with necessities, however I’d like to see more help with families on that borderline of them working, but still having a hard time making ends meet. Roads! I think you are starting out well with the meetings to prioritize streets. We absolutely need more police. I’ve always felt safe to live here (my father was a detective on the LPD) but recently there’s been more crime, especially by people who are not from Lincoln, but either coming here or passing through. We need to spend more money and hire more police officers.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Restaurants are here fairly poor. Shopping options are moderate. The city has no real distinct sense of place. The architecture is fair

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

At this age, I need a house on one floor with a walk in shower and laundry access. Hard to find in my budget range.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Roads are in need of repair still. Snow removal. Wish I lived on a bus route.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

We need to make natural beauty a presence in every neighborhood, not just downtown or around public buildings.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Home prices are becoming ridiculous along with taxes

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Road maintenance and traffic

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Lower property taxes

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Schools are overcrowded, too many overpriced apartments and not enough affordable housing

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Put the taxes into the infrastructure of the city instead of building the city by creating events to draw people and business in with out the infrastructure. When you have a great infrastructure it will bring the business and events in automatically. Now we have to pay for 12 years of catch up.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

The new bike lanes are great, but more transit options would be beneficial.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

1. I think it’s important to slow down on the storage units/metal buildings on main arterial streets the apperance is poor.
2. As many and as much landscaping as we can afford is essential to the beauty of our city. North Columbus needs these types of spaces desperately.
3. We cannot forget public transportation within growing the city.
4. Continued awareness of the need/value of distributed low income housing across Lincoln is essential.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

1. continue to advocate all levels of housing.
2. need to be continually vigilant about divisive forces in society.
3. Schools are not the enemy. Do not squeeze their funding.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

We need to keep LGBTI young people here with nondiscrimination policies.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

We need to be careful not to overdevelop because some areas where I hike have gotten noisy and less beautiful because of Walmarts and roads.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

I looked for a house in Lincoln but all the homes in my price range ($130K or less) were not maintained well and some even looked like they should be condemned. We found a very nice house in our price range in Wahoo so that is where we chose to purchase a home.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

I would also add Physical appearance of the built environment to this list. We are too obsessed with brick. Lincoln wants to attract all these new tech start-ups and corporations, but is slow to modernize it’s architecture and way of life.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

I’m a Millennial who would love to own a townhome, but I’m stuck in a spot where I can’t afford the fancy $200k+ housing and I’m not poor enough to qualify for low-income housing. I get around for transportation primarily by bicycle and I wish more of the ideas in the new Bike Plan were in place (bike boulevards, etc.). I wish buses were a better option for me and for families I meet in my job as a school registrar.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Housing is expensive, wages are low and cost of living is high compared to wages.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

They should not be neglected, and we need to plan for future ones.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

There is a need for more housing that is affordable for lower income groups located throughout the city.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

t here are some things shopping wise that I sometimes need to drive to Omaha or the Gretna outlets for.
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What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Survey Response

All of them plus a lot more.

Need better roads and road maintenance. More sustainable parks.

As someone that went through the entire LPS system I think the quality of education of received was high, but I worry that overcrowding could reduce that. The bond issue is hopefully going to pass and help alleviate this issues. Southeast Lincoln desperately needs a high school. Downtown Lincoln lacks a wide variety of recreational opportunities for college kids and visitors alike. Connecting the west haymarket to the existing highways or byways like 180 or 8 street would greatly increase flow and access to haymarket area. This last one should be a high priority. Too often I see the haymarket area crowded with cars and I can walk faster in most cases.

Survey Response

My housing needs are actually met -- I worry about those who aren't able to find affordable housing in this community. Same goes with employment. I know there are lots of jobs out there, but with our current transportation options, not everyone in need of a job can find their way to and from work... it's all a vicious circle, in my opinion.

I am lucky to be able to afford comfortable housing. However, many younger persons living & working here are renting where landlords have them over a barrel with poor upkeep because they know there isn't enough rental housing to choose from that renters can afford. The documentation, time, and expense required in order to file formal complaint could be reviewed and possibly tweaked to help worthy renters have recourse when they are unfortunate to have a landlord or management company that does not respond to their concerns, especially if it may impact their health.

Survey Response

Although the unemployment rate is great, there are too many low-paying, low quality, part-time jobs with no benefits, and not enough quality, full-time jobs with benefits. Lincoln's road system is a joke. For a community of this size, there is no reason there are not larger streets to get across town. The east beltway should have been built a decade ago. City government has failed miserably at keeping up with infrastructure along with the population growth. Because that might be by design is even more pathetic.

The appearance of the built environment in some areas of Lincoln is really unfortunate. There is a bric-a-brac feeling of mismatched commercial buildings and is very unsightly and depressing. We need more workforce and economic development to make Lincoln a more thriving city. And we need a more diverse transportation infrastructure to make sure that we can move to a fossil-free future and accommodate growth at the same time.

Survey Response

Affordable housing isn't an issue for me but it's a pressing issue for the community. It's INSANE that renting costs more than buying (once you get past that downpayment that many families can't afford). I would love a bus system with a central transportation hub with security. I don't feel safe or comfortable on our bus system (which I used regularly in Houston and in Sioux City), so there's no way I can encourage my kids to take the bus, even though it would improve my schedule. I would love the community to see the costs to the environment and opportunity costs with time spent picking kids up is more than the increase in taxes it would take to increase the busing offered at LPS. I know it's hard to find bus drivers (maybe that's because it's a part-time job that prevents other work because of scheduling, and as such doesn't pay enough...), but how much is it costing the community and environment as a whole to have the majority of LPS students picked up individually?

Survey Response

Why hasn't the darn downtown been built like fifty years ago when it would have been cheap and prevented our current problems? W is 27th st still two lanes? Why does 27th and hwy 2 leave green lights for 30 seconds, resulting in backups literally to 14th St? Why is the belayway only being built to four lanes, when anybody with an ounce of sense knows that will need to be expanded in twenty years for $4,000,000,000 (yes billion) when we could simply build it at six lanes now? Why are people here so friggin resistant and short-sighted, it makes me crazy!

Also, Lincoln and Omaha need to work together. Get this high speed rail up and running. Have car share available at each end. Build an international airport somewhere between the two cities.

Survey Response

Continued emphasis on infrastructure to support our growing community.

Survey Response

property taxes are becoming unaffordable and will drive retirees out of Lincoln to other places

Survey Response

Again, public safety needs to be addressed. Currently, Lincoln enjoys a fairly low violent crime rate, but with an ever growing population and expanded city, that can change rather abruptly. From the sounds of it, the only thing that has kept our city "safe" has been shear luck. I'm truly concerned about it.

Further, one major fire seems to drag down the entire Fire Department.
What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

- Obviously the street infrastructure is poor. N. 70th and S. 84th are in need of repaving and the network is not good. The stoplights are not coordinated properly during peak times causing backup of those trying to turn left. Lights should first allow left turning cars to proceed before the lanes proceeding forward. Schools lack buses. Events have seemed to drop off. Bring back parades and Ribfest.
- Need entertainment spread around town. The North side is being short changed except for the Lancaster Event Center. Everything is either downtown or way South.
- I don't know what you mean by sense of community. If you mean welcoming, it isn't for single, retired people.
- Prioritization of building and maintaining roads.
- Fortunately, I can do most of my activities on the south side of Lincoln, and do not need to travel north. Everyone understands the issues we have with transportation barriers. Although it doesn't affect me personally, every time I drive by someone waiting at a bus stop I wish I could offer them a ride. Taking the bus to anywhere except downtown must be a real challenge!
- Taxes are too high in Lincoln/Nebraska. Property taxes, income taxes and sales taxes are too high. Transportation is terrible in Lincoln. Getting from far south to far north in Lincoln is choosing the best of the worst routes. To top it off, the street surfaces are horrible. 84th, 70th, 56th, 48th streets are full of potholes. Same is true of east/west travel.
- The old Pershing Auditorium building is an eyesore and a waste of city resources. A new downtown library would be a crown jewel in the city's library portfolio. Also, city parks need to be enhanced, so that citizens would utilize them more. A simple way to do this would be to build high school grade soccer/football or baseball fields at several city parks around the city.
- Currently citizens have to turn to private organization's to meet these recreational needs, like the YMCA parks and the Optimist Youth Sports Complex. It's embarrassing to Lincoln citizens when we travel to small towns and play on sport fields that are nicer then most public fields in Lincoln. Several new baseball fields at different parks in Lincoln could be adopted by private baseball clubs which could become their 'Home' field.
- People are stretching to the ends of their means, saving for what? Housing costs are higher than most people can afford on Nebraska salaries/wages. The price for a new homeowner in LNK is more costly than nearby cities and structural value continues to decrease as more and more sellers turn a quick profit.
- Invest more in older neighborhoods - enforce building codes and stop gentrification which forces out lower income families.
- Main arterials have to many stoplights. Roads are bumpy.
- Bike paths good, 9th street area south of a bad design, bike path in mid street poor design. Connectors at wilderness better. Glad to see connection in west Lancaster to prairie good. Gold building area needs improvement.
- Elevated roundabout plans at 14 warlick seem trendy not thought out.
- Keep existing acreage properties separate from high density new neighborhoods.
- Roads need to be repaired. Pot holes are many and sewer in many areas. Many moderately traveled roads need to be paved to help give traveling options. Additional choices for shopping and eating out should be made available without having to travel the bad roads and sitting in traffic. Bring some of the same options that Omaha has to Lincoln i.e. NFM, Baker's, etc. There needs to be a light rail or similar option to the airports. Especially to Omaha. Omaha airport offers lower airfare and more airline options than Lincoln does. Lower the property taxes to less than 1% or at least use the high rate to have it be more impactful for the residents paying it.
- Need options for the 14th St./Old Cheney commute problem. Yankee Hill go through to 77? Pave Roxley? Give more options.
- Need more investment in maintenance of parks and open space.
- We need to lower taxes instead of spending so much money on art, and things that only benefit select groups, like cyclists, concert goes, etc., and are funded mostly by people who do not want them.
- I live in the county and urge AG preservation be maintained beyond Tier 3. Taking acres out of production for development is not a wise investment. Housing developments outside the city limits must only be permitted if adequate water quantity and quality is proven.
- Any improvements in these areas are a good idea because it enhances our life and safety.
- Population growth is negatively impacting local qualities; sprawl is negatively impacting local qualities; flexible, speedy, and low carbon transportation options are needed.
What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Commutes cut into quality of life and will more and more as we continue to grow. Lots of people drive from the south to downtown and large company jobs. There seems to be a larger divide in wealth and upkeep of neighborhoods. A car-centric town is not friendly for visitors flying in. Most of our hotels are downtown for conferences and we have no good way for visitors to see Lincoln except by car. Lincoln's airport is trying but Omaha often wins out for fares. We should be thinking other transit options. Trains, subways, light rail... for long term. Buses are not a great option for anyone other than those working downtown. Housing has skyrocketed and it is hard to upgrade for some and hard to get into for others. Would like to see more locally owned shopping encouraged.

What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Keep working to attract and support SMB, and so increase the job market.

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Our streets need attention. Pot holes, bumps, old repairs that need new repairs; much of our street grid is busy. Traffic needs to be routed around Lincoln on the south and east ASAP - not "someday". Trucks need to go around, and not through Lincoln. We need thebeltway to go all the way around. Lots of cars and trucks run red lights in Lincoln. Cameras at trouble intersections would be good. Property taxes are too high. Less money should go to would be corporatons and moneied interests.

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Public transportation is bad in Lincoln. The city needs a better bus system One that services more than just the downtown offices. It can be done.

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We are always looking for more family friendly affordable options.

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although Lincoln has improved in the variety and quantity of local restaurants, I’d love to see even more. Lincoln has also improved in locally owned stores and shops, but I know that for national retailers, we are a challenging sized market.

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I put "built environment" because quality and maintenance of roads seems to be one of the greatest challenges in Lincoln. we also have 2-way streets through the center of town that are very congested. In general, there aren't efficient ways to get across town. And we also need the beltway to give trucks a bypass to coming straight through town on Highway 2.

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-Need to keep up with the growth of city and widen more streets to 4 lanes. Do as San Diego - build the road infrastructure first as the city expands as to not inconvenience people 5-10 years down the road when widening is deemed necessary. Case in point - Pine Lake between 70th and 56th!!

-Another example of that is Yankee Hill Rd. between 48th and 70th. I have seen that go from a deserted road to traffic jams in just the past 5 years! Now is the time to widen it to 4 lanes before more of that land is developed to the south of it.

-Property taxes are too high! LPS needs to learn to tighten their belt and live on a budget. LPS takes way too much slice of the pie.

-City needs more landscape beautification at all of its entrances to the city and to Holmes Lake area.

-Too many buildings are being built too close to streets. Zoning should be changed to a longer set back away from the street.

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Plan in advance for road needs not after. Property tax is way to high, need better stewardship of my tax dollars with accountability. Need more opportunities for performing arts and theater.

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I'm listing things that affect the older population in Lincoln. I'd like our well-being to be considered.

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Transportation - my blind friend (and the blind community) had no voice in the changes made to the bus routes a few years ago. He (they) plans everything around proximity to a bus drop off. As a result, his 1 mile commute took him almost 2 hours and included having to stand outside in a mall parking lot with no cover in inclement weather for long periods of time. When he tried to walk the mile he had to cross 48th and O street. When walking on 48th street, a person drove too close to the curb and clipped his knee. PTSD is a real thing for those who have to try to traverse without sight after that kind of an event, without mentioning PT after reconstructive knee surgery. He moved to Des Moines, and I lost a close friend. I think that's entirely unnecessary.

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One thing I notice about Lincoln is there are a lot of developments that appear to have no uniform aesthetic look. It'd be nice for developers to work together to create better aesthetics.

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I'm pro-growth. I think that starts with abundant, quality jobs, cultural, recreational and other activities, but also an improved transportation network that makes it easier to get around a growing city.

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The county seems to not have enough money to properly maintain the massive area under its care.

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We must continue to invest in our public educational system - Pre-K through community college to address our skilled workforce crisis.
Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary).

- Lincoln needs to pay attention to assuring there is housing that fits all needs and that the community continues to have a solid social service network. The city needs to make sure there are amenities, services, good schools for all income groups. Jobs with decent wages would be the best, but that may be beyond the control of local government.

- I like that there are small family operated shops in North Lincoln. I like that there are bike paths though out city. I like that Lincoln does to have an airport.

- several higher level education institutions seems to drive up housing and other costs like gasoline that is higher than Omaha.

- We need to double down on transportation infrastructure investments that provide Lincolntes with access to jobs, education and healthcare. More importantly, we need to secure a second source of water supply that will sustain our community for our children and grandchildren. Concurrently, we need to consider that climate change is significantly impacting how we approach traditional infrastructure investments - repair, replacement, and growth. Planning, engineering/design, and construction efforts should take into consideration the need for resiliency and the impact that severe weather events and natural disasters will have on infrastructure and quality of life.

- One of the most difficult things for metro regions to tackle is traffic. Maybe there is a way to tap into the younger generation’s reluctant approach to owning vehicles to build upon current mass transit options.

- Continued vigilance is needed to keep "infilling" as an important building strategy, rather than take the easy approach to allow developers to sprawl build.

- Common theme....Lincoln transportation sucks. As we grow, this must be addressed better and the solution isn’t roundabouts! Also with all recent store closings, need something to fill those commercial spaces or revitalize.

- Cost of rent is extremely high compared to wages and would love to see more delicious places to eat. I enjoy the variety in Omaha has and think Lincoln would support restaurant owners specifically in getting started so we can enjoy lots of tasty variety in food.

- I put mix of transportation as the best thing, and the thing which needs improvement - it is a good mix, but as I said before, the bike trails need to be more connected.

- Lincoln needs to be made MUCH less car-friendly - sprawl should be ended, and a new focus put on density driven by bus, bike, and pedestrian traffic.

- My schools, I mean the public school system. There are some disparities between schools in higher income neighborhoods and lower income neighborhoods.

- We are facing a climate emergency and the City needs to do more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. All developments and transportation infrastructure must be evaluated on their impact on greenhouse gas emissions and every effort must be taken to have Net-Zero buildings and land developments. Included in this is to have more affordable housing and that housing also be Net-Zero.

- Lincoln and the county is starting, but could be much more agressive with green space mitigation with development, and ensuring green space is always including and important for health and cultural reasons - AND with climate, to use native plants to save water and resources for the city and county. less mowing, etc. all our parks should be less for LOOKS and more to function as habitat for wildlife AND people.

- I think these will be the largest and best ways to combat the climate crisis, and can represent a new and bold vision to the future.

- I feel crime isn’t rampant, but it is not as safe. Streets aren’t maintained well, they often patch instead of resurface. And I would like to have an expressway to get around town quicker i.e Omaha.

- Property tax is quite high, and some city roads are very rough.

- None of the above fall into a need for improvement.

- Landlords tend to have the upper hand when it comes to the landlord - tenant relationship, their needs to be a better enforcement of building safety guidelines and amenities that work, taking into account happiness and health of the tenants, no one should have the upper hand, it should be a balanced relationship in which both parties are accountable.

- Parts of east downtown still need improvement and also areas near the airport.

- Have these special sales tax increases for streets, and NOTHING is happening. Also - ONLY fix things that need fixing. The intersection at 33rd and Cornhusker can wait. All the streets should be fixed before this project. And WHY all the roundabouts on Yankee Hill. Roundabouts to nowhere. No more putting $$ into projects that can be delayed without a problem.

- Transportation sucks...esp public transportation. Whomever cut the bus routes is ridiculous and must not ride the bus. The buses should be open longer, esp late into the evenings. Would help with DUI’s. Also the roads suck and I have to pay for my vehicle every year...where is that $ going?
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Regarding transportation: I appreciate the effort in the last couple of years to adjust the timing of traffic lights in some of the main traffic corridors to streamline traffic ... it has helped. But also regarding transportation/traffic: Lincoln city planning has a long-standing and bad habit of waiting much too long before changing/widening/building city streets. Examples in past years were Pioneers, then Old Cheney, both between 70th and 84th. How about being more aggressive and forward-thinking about other streets and change/widen/build them BEFORE city growth overwhelms that road and motorists have to endure years of frustration?

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Improving infrastructure

We need to work more on supplying multi-modal travel infrastructure, and prepare also for new means of getting around, as technology develops (mini-Segways, scooters, etc). Continue to connect bike trails for continuity (Please Connect the Boosalis and Bison trails and put a ped crossing at 9th and High!!).

Our most recent architecture looks awful - sort of like Lego blocks slapped together. Every new student housing or retail building looks the same - ugly.

Our public transportation could use some work. The availability of transportation 24/7 would be a big improvement. It would also be cool to have a commuter train that ran between Lincoln and Omaha.

Additionally, there are a number of schools (from elementary all the way up to high school) that are in the category of "needs improvement" according to the most recent rankings. We need to dive into this.

Finally, while we have managed to establish The Silicon Prairie, there is a need for more professional industry jobs. It feels like unless you are in clerical, service, higher education, IT, or a trade you have to commute to Omaha for work.

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Housing: We need a greater variety of housing types (missing middle). Not just in the stale new developments, but in redeveloping areas and commercial corridors.

Transportation Network: Road projects and resurfacing projects should always consider the full ROW: installation or repair of sidewalks/trails; bus stops; street trees; and bike lanes.

Transportation Options: We need a more robust transit system; at the same time, we need to slow (not stop) edge growth and focus on redeveloping our Downtown Core and key corridors with higher density and mixed use. We can’t afford to keep extending and maintaining infrastructure; we are bankrupting our future. Edge development does not pay for itself. Bike infrastructure needs major investment. The bike share is great. Allow electric scooters.

Survey Response

"Natural environment and scenic beauty" is a tough one for me because I love true wilderness, and there is very little in or near Lincoln. But I realize we can’t fix that, unless you find a way to relocate Lincoln to the front range :) The tax burden needs to be better spread across the population, the property owner is unfairly targeted.

Survey Response

The streets need repair and signal timing is off. Nothing to do for entertainment.

Survey Response

Streets and addressing the homeless population need to be addressed.

Survey Response

Need paved roads and streetlights in the Cheney community! I do not feel safe with my kids walking in the middle of the street to the bus stop because there are no sidewalks for him to walk on.
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1. Education: Our future is integrally tied to the educational attainment of our youth. Let’s make the necessary investment to ensure a 100 percent graduation rate from high school. Not only must we commit to not leaving them behind, we must promise to take and integrate every child into the future of this community.

   Serving the underserved — Various places in Lincoln are promoted as “community” resources when in fact they are not readily accessible to many residents. They are too far, too expensive, or too uninviting socially or culturally. Let’s stop to assess the availability, accessibility, affordability and quality of recreational, social and community resources throughout the community.

2. The amount of violent crime and abdication in this city is nuts. No one should be being shot over marijuana. Ever. Its hands down the silliest thing in the universe. I live in downtown Denver for 6 years and never ever were there mothers being murdered over weed once it was legalized. We need to follow suit. Environmental policy, and sustainability in this city is complete shit, therefore careers (not jobs) within these sectors are either non-existent.

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Although the city is working on a climate change plan I feel like not enough is being done to make that a priority, especially in terms of the stuff we can be doing now. For example, building more and more infrastructure for single-driver vehicles only encourages more cars increasing co2 emissions. I feel like we should be working hard to make Lincoln the kind of place where having a car isn’t necessary.

We continue to encourage the use of non-sustainable materials by allowing and encouraging restaurants and stores to use single-use plastics, with Open Harvest being the sole store to offer bulk sales where the customer can bring their own reusable container.

For example, I was at Panera’s this morning and my little bagel yielded the following waste: paper bag, single-use plastic knife, 3 napkins, single-use plastic peanut butter container. Ridiculous! How about a plate with a dollop on the side?

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Less wheel tax, no front license plates, fix potholes, higher speed limits.

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The reasons that made me select that my quality of life has improved also made me choose these three fields. As stated above, it is important for me to reside in a city with niche interests, which include guest lectures, concerts, social events, sporting events, cultural events, fine art events. I am a fan of consistently bringing these events in. Again, I think it is important for a community to do its diligence on promoting sustainable living and promoting locally grown/produced food/materials. A huge component of sustainable living is alternative means of transportation.

My comment about investing in higher population areas refers to road maintenance and general upkeep. Tax money to pave enormous new roads in the farthest outreaching suburbs is not taking care of where a majority of that net tax revenue is coming from.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

I live and work in downtown Lincoln/Haymarket, and it feels very unsafe sometimes to walk to work. The sidewalks are not maintained and drivers are aggressive at crosswalks. We need all-way crossings or more above/below street level options.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Affordable housing here is a joke. Even homes built through NeighborWorks are not truly affordable - just look at the cost of the townhomes in the 22-24/P-R and the price, especially of the new ones. Also, 1-story homes that are handicapped accessible do not exist. Anyone more than 70 years old can’t live in Lincoln unless they buy into assisted living or horribly expensive townhomes built just for them. NeighborWorks needs to build a mix with 1 and 2 story homes, but it’s ALWAYS 2-story homes.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Need more affordable housing for elderly rather than building all the apts for college age students. Also the bus system needs to be revamped. Taxes need to be lowered or else more funding needs to be spent on fixing our streets.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Lincoln is fine if you are middle-class, employed, and have a functioning vehicle and can afford to fix it if/when it breaks down. That’s not the case for a lot of people, though. Buses are necessary for a good chunk of the population. We need protected bus shelters from the weather. We need bus service at least every 30 minutes, and extending later into the evenings, 7 days a week. I don’t really care whether there’s a central bus station or not, but I think it’s more important to make what we already have work than to build something new. I think the awful public transportation is one of the most noticeable ways Lincoln lags behind a lot of the country.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Same for more affordable housing. I love what NeighborWorks does, and I think their efforts should be a model for more of the city’s projects. Infill, redevelopment. And it’s good to put more housing options in to central neighborhoods instead of living down in Suburbatopia.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Would like to see restaurants in Lincoln I drive to Omaha for - longhorn steakhouse.

The job market is tight for skilled and educated workers - especially if you are looking for a part time job

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Much of Lincoln is not walkable for everyday activities such as commuting or running errands. The public transportation system is also pretty limited, making cars one of the only viable methods of transportation.

Survey Response: What are the top 3 things that need improvement in Lincoln or Lancaster County? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Streets need to be built at proper size before neighborhoods and businesses are constructed.

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Road work takes too long. There is no reason why Pine Lake Road needed to be closed for most of two years.

Better coordination of road work is also required so that when a road closes nearby routes remain open and accessible.

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Do we really need a roundabout every quarter mile. Yankee Hill road between 84th and 70th is ridiculous.

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Public transportation does not work for everyone - do like the downtown trolley. Commuting by bus would add more time to my day and may not work at all to get to mid-day meetings.

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Moderate, family-sized housing is needed. Future independent senior living will be needed.
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Please don’t destroy the natural beauty of the western part of the county by letting this CAFO be built here. I may sound like a broken record here, but I am passionate about this because this will truly devastate our lives, and the lives of many of my neighbors. We were told the slogan “Nebraska, the Good Life” but it looks like that was a hollow promise.

You need to rescind the special permit for the chicken CAFO that the County permitted on W. Wittstruck Rd. This will ruin the ambiance of the county for miles around and will destroy my life if it hasn’t already).

Zoning needs to be addressed in Nebraska. We are amazing hard working people but sometimes are too trusting of others. We assume everyone will make decisions for the betterment of everyone but that is not always the case. We have seen greed over whats best in Nebraska. We need laws to protect what we have because as our slogan says “Nebraska, it’s not for everyone.” But those of use want our natural resources to be protected and used wisely so everyone can share in the wealth.

It’s easy to stay in a certain part of town and not get around, so it’s more like maybe a lot of small communities?

I’m using the trails more, but would really like to see a connection between the Boosalis and Bison trails - tired of weaving around the neighborhood and then risking my life by crossing Hwy 2 near Van Dorn Park. Crap! How about a ped crossing or something? I hear the highway is going to become a parkway once the beltway is done, so why not do something now before I or someone else gets killed?

Lower taxes should be on there

We need to keep moving towards using smart growth principles to guide development. There needs to be incentives in place for developers follow these principles and disincentives to discourage inappropriate development that is ultimately a burden on the community. We need to do more life cycle assessments to guide our investments and discourage development that causes externalities that society ends up paying for in the end.

An east beltway would be appreciated. Or at the very least...a city engineer that isn’t insubordinate when it comes to enacting what’s been voted on by the council

More affordable housing options. Better monitoring by City for substandard housing and housing that is not being maintained.

I feel like crime is increasing

I won’t be here in 2050!

Lincoln is growing and we need to watch areas of congestion and change/add before it becomes a bad problem. I see more apartment buildings built, more neighborhoods, more schools built.

The harsh effects of climate change are now happening much faster and with greater severity than climate scientists anticipated even 5 or certainly 10 years ago. We will be living with undertainty, but will need to invest in a more comprehensive system of disaster relief. We also need to figure out a long term strategy for adequate city water, tackling both supply but especially reduction of use. We need to re-think and redesign our yards, moving toward more gardening and native plants and a lot less turf.

Charter Schools

Forcing the growth of the city has created an environment for the loss of a community feeling. Lincoln is no longer my home town.

1. As our city grows we will need to be sensitive to keeping parks, and green spaces a healthy community is not covered in homes and concrete. Pathways and transportation are essential to access to community events and venues unique to central Lincoln/downtown

2. Single source recycling and required recycling needs to be put on the priority list

3. Access and use of alternate energy sources - solar and electric cars

I believe in traditional farming in Lancaster County - not "factories" which are trying to be put into place by companies like Lincoln Poultry-Costco.

Lancaster County (and the state of Nebraska as a whole) is known for our hard-working farmers - I fear we are moving away from those key values.

As cities tend to grow, the inner part of the city is often forgotten in lieu of cheap land on the outskirts. We can’t let the inner city decline. If the city doesn’t plan for increased traffic from the larger population, streets will be congested and eventually be damaged from the high amount of traffic.

This city sprawls too much. Stop the spread of the cancer that is cheap town homes that are destined to become the poorest and most run down parts of our city 30 years from now.
Looking ahead to 2050, do you expect any new issues – or existing issues that will become more prominent – for Lincoln or Lancaster County over the next 30 years? Explain your answer (if necessary).

Loss of farmland to rural development seems most likely are landowners try to sell for more money and working people seek rural living. The County and City need to work together to develop this successfully.

Fewer well paying jobs and high cost of living and cost of housing is increasing much faster than wages.

I won't be here in 30 years so don't care!

The traffic congestion can has been kicked down the road for years. I believe that is becoming a critical mass situation. Property taxes and real estate assessments have reached a tipping point. I now question if it would be wise for me to retire in Lincoln only to turn my savings over to the local government in the form of taxes. The job market is so good right now that it only seems to be reasonable that a correction is in our future. This is the best it has been in my lifetime.

With natural disasters like flooding this past year, our water supply and infrastructure was tested and as the population grows, the demand for water will become even greater.

Ever increasing property valuations will force people to sell especially those on a fixed income.

I won't be here in 50 years! However, we need to keep reducing garbage/waste by recycling

Lack of housing and traffic congestion go somewhat hand and hand. This city is growing so fast these will be significant issues in our future.

And as the city grows so will the need for more city services and taxes will continue to increase.

Elected officials have made public safety a priority and need to find a way to consistently fund new police officers and firefighters and their equipment to keep up with community growth. EMS calls steadily increase every year and unless the fire department can meet the demand of these calls the quality of life will deteriorate.

I don't feel, unless significant changes present themselves, that the traffic congestion will improve.

I also believe that based on events around the country and world, Lincoln is not immune from human caused disasters and our local first responders should be focused and prepared to deal with these imminent threats. Perhaps they already are.

More people moving into Lincoln. Thus these problems

As cities get bigger, crime typically rises. I worry Lincoln won't be prepared for that. And south and north Lincoln already feel like two different towns. If something isn't done to making getting back and forth between the two, it'll only get worse.

All of them

While I, myself, am a huge fan of electronics and technology, I fear that the advance of new and better gadgets and technological fixes will bring about a loss in sense of community, as well as an increase in vacant lots and underutilized properties. I worry that we will need human interaction less and rely on our gadgets and machines more. I have no suggestions for a solution to this issue....

All of the above

Lack of affordable housing for lower income elderly, handicapped individuals and families.

We must include climate change in our plan

Climate change will bring real changes to Lincoln and in order to thrive, we must ensure we are resilient to all the challenges.
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The concern about water supply is tied both to our existing infrastructure, and our future needs, as to how those will be funded.

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This town needs a public, self-funded mass-transit system that works for all residents. If the right system is in place, people will use it.

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It feels like the crime rate is going up, just a sense without solid stats.

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Too many apartment complexes and lack of nearby schools. Continued lack of school buses for younger students.

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People are going to have to get used to the idea of Lincoln and Omaha basically merging... And hopefully something like Tube Transportation (Hyperloop or HTT) will make it a 15 minute commute from Lincoln to Downtown Omaha/Airport...

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I suppose once that happens we won’t need a commercial airport here anymore...

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Urban sprawl could make Lincoln a less desirable place to live. City govt should try to contain it. One way to do that is to revitalize older, seedier communities closer to the center of Lincoln. A combination of govt and private investment in this process could work to the betterment of Lincoln. Create more 3-lane streets in Lincoln to move traffic more efficiently. Keep taxes down so folks can afford to live here. Omaha is much cheaper to live in, why?

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I’m worried that we don’t invest in our older areas of the city and that they are going to become blighted in the near future. I think Lincoln should invest in turning over older neighborhoods. I like that LPS has torn down some older schools and replaced them with newer buildings. I’m disappointed that LPS didn’t tear down Lincoln High and replaced it with a new building. I think it would help the older neighborhoods if the city invested in the parks next to the schools in these neighborhoods, too.

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Lincoln like much of Nebraska will need to expand/increase its non-agriculture related commerce. Farming is already loosing its human population. That population from Nebraska and elsewhere will need to find “city” work that pays well.

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While it isn’t as critical for Lincoln/Lancaster County, the state’s economy needs to diversify. While agriculture will certainly remain important, it is an economic field which doesn’t create numerous good paying jobs.

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Still enact Buffers needed, big feedlots, big farm not answer, smaller agile individual farms supported that maintain environmental well being not large corporate with unrealistic incentives

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The city taking over non city acreage developments in Lancaster County and making them into the city limits.

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I think the one thing that will help most of our residents is to have better, faster, main streets, especially those running north and south. Very few if any of those streets facilitate the volume of traffic that uses them everyday. Seventieth and eighty-fourth are good, but there is really nothing west of there running north and south that is efficient, at least not in the central part of town.

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AG preservation is a must. Please respect 4.016. Do not let developers control the direction of the county. We must restrict number of acres lost to development. Natural resources are very scarce in the county, and allowing build-out without knowing if water is sustainable is a mistake for all. Farmers are under pressure to produce more on less, and truly are called upon to feed the world.

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I believe these things deserve a high priority, water/sewer for our health, transportation needs will increase to move around the city as it grows and and maintaining a low cost of living if possible. The main thing I see a strong need for is more business in the manufacturing area to provide good paying jobs and the emphasis on opportunities for training and higher education for a better future for Lincoln and Lancaster Cty.

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Education on proper chemical use and lawn care techniques to protect our water. We pump our water a long ways away and if we’d have quality/supply problems with a growing community. How are we going to treat all that water. Educating on being water wise and uses. There seems to be a big divide between neighborhoods. Some areas are looking unkempt. Prices have increased substantially. It seems like our roads have been planned thinking behind and not ahead. We have too small of roads for a car centric town where so many people drive a distance from home for work and shopping.
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Survey Response: Mismanagement and lack of proper planning by city services department heads will continue to perpetuate many of the problems that I have indicated about unless there is accountability and a change from elected officials, to much "good ole boy network".

Survey Response: I think Lincoln always has done a great job of park maintenance and ensuring that there is green space. Property owners will continually exhibit NIMBY behavior, especially those further from the city.

Survey Response: The lack of efficient North/South connectors west of 84th Street will always hamper traffic--major roads reduced to 2 lanes (27th, 48th, 56th, 70th) and no thru streets west of 27th (14th, Coddington, nw48/sw40, nw112/sw84th). The lack of efficient North/South connectors west of 84th Street will always hamper traffic.

Survey Response: I am seeing the traffic becoming more congested, especially during rush hour. I also am sad to see trees being destroyed to make room for the beltedway. And I am seeing more division in Lincoln between different neighborhoods, especially the north and the south. It's not one town anymore.

Survey Response: We are on the verge of becoming a big city with our increase in population. It's important that we keep a smaller city feel--a sense of community, low crime, a decrease in poverty and homelessness and lack of home affordability. We're beginning to have a widening gap between the top earners and the lowest--that's the harbinger of many other problems.

Survey Response: The Proposed camp ground would never have been considered. By stringing the Queens along you caused the housing market is already extremely competitive, I'm afraid we won't be able to stay ahead of it. I also worry about the job market, ensuring that we continue to attract industry and foster entrepreneurship.

Survey Response: Having lived in 3 major metropolitan areas during explosive growth periods, I am concerned that as Lincoln is not reigning in uncontrolled urban sprawl - transportation and road construction will become even more of an issue. -Open green spaces, like the land along highway 2 are not being planned for. I hope the south beltway will have green space and not billboards lining its way. The county needs to finance more road and bridge construction and repair. Why isn't the county building shoulders on the dangerous Saltillo and south 54th Streets?

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Survey Response: We need to strengthen public transportation by making it free. Developmental shoul center on public transportation nodes. Need to preserve food farm ground for building a more resilient local food system. Need to achieve Net-Zero energy and developments to minimize adverse impacts on communities from Climate crisis.

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I expect all of these issues to be huge issues in the next 30 years.

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There are too many building vacancies in the city to even include downtown and Haymarket. Rents are too high for smaller businesses. As far as recreational activities, Lincoln needs a real 1st century amusement/water park for the kids and more high quality ball fields all around the city.

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I frustrates me to see Lincoln sprawl, building suburbs on rich agricultural land that could be used to grow food and cut transportation costs of food for the city.

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Taxes increase seemingly every year in an already heavily taxed state. I understand that budgets needs to increase to accomplish new goals, but there needs to be consideration for what that does to the population.

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Please see above about marked bike lanes. Also, bus routes could run later in the evenings.

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Water and energy efficiency will be paramount. Climate is warming, natural disasters increasing. Water becoming much more scarce.

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I'm sure as the population grows, housing will continue to be a priority issue, even more than it is now. Maybe we should look at zoning laws and allow more apartments and high-rises to be built inside the city (not student housing or yet another hotel).

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And as the climate continues to shift, I'm sure Nebraska will see more flooding. We already are. Prioritizing flood control measures and having emergency plans updated to reflect the impacts of climate changes are good starts, especially since such large chunks of the city are already in existing floodplains, let alone post-climate-change-floodplains, which I'd image are much larger.

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Are we researching that?

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As was demonstrated in the spring of 2019 with the wellfield flooding, Lincoln has the potential to be greatly impacted by natural disasters. It seems as though these types of situations have the potential to become more frequent moving forward as a result of climate change.

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Additionally, it is concerning to see the affordable housing crisis affecting many coastal cities and wonder whether Lincoln will face similar challenges moving forward.

Looking ahead to 2050, do you expect any new issues – or existing issues that will become more prominent – for Lincoln or Lancaster County over the next 30 years? Explain your answer (if necessary)

Climate.

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In 2020 some days Highway 33 is very congested. By 2050 it should be a 4 lane with all of the factories in Crete, The Mills, Smithfield, Friskies, Doane University, Crete Schools, the Hospital and in addition to other jobs.

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It looks like these trends are already occurring in Lincoln. To be effective, this plan should address increasing housing options, in particular affordable housing options, and increasing mobility options too.

Looking ahead to 2050, do you expect any new issues – or existing issues that will become more prominent – for Lincoln or Lancaster County over the next 30 years? Explain your answer (if necessary)

As the city grows, traffic is becoming a greater concern. We MUST change our land use policies to support more mixed-use development that encourages a decrease in the need for a vehicle to support daily needs. Additionally, as the city grows, the need for further recreational amenities is increasing. Our ability to maintain a high quality of life is contingent on this.

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Childcare is too expensive. As a family with 3 young children, it feels like we have been punished for having children because the cost of care is so high. We are lucky and have good, stable jobs that we’ve worked very hard at for many years, but it is STILL SO MUCH MONEY! It would mean a lot for the city to find ways to support families with this issue.

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Also, we need more/better buses, because the future is not in more cars. The future will be more buses and public transportation.

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- Average income higher than the national average
- With a growing population, remember to add homes and plenty of jobs to maintain the tax payer base.
- Maintain and improve infrastructure, streets, street trees & sidewalks
- Water restrictions
- I hope that, way before 2050, we have found ways to connect the resources of affluent citizens to those in our community who need help. I also hope that Lincoln can continue to be a welcoming and supportive home for refugees. Responded in a sustainable way to the wave of aging Baby Boomers, without creating an unsustainable infrastructure when they are no longer with us
- More recycling and reduction of single-use plastics.
- Design and build a north/south connector on the west side of the county that doesn’t involve
- My expectation is that we have a comprehensive vision and strategic plan for securing a second source of water supply that supports Lincoln.
- Increase the amount of VC funding from sources outside of Nelnet and Invest Nebraska
- Some sort of mass transit system throughout the city and between Lincoln and Omaha.
- Less car-unfriendly but very walkable and environmentally friendly city.
- Fix the damn roads with the money that you tax us for.
- Free public transportation with high participation rates
- 100% Renewable Electricity by 2030
- Elim life exp disparity, ms2050, complete the east beltway
- Elim life exp disparity
- Elim life exp disparity
- South Beltway, 14th & Old Cheney Intersection
- Elim life exp disparity
- Don’t care. Won’t be living here in 2050.
- Transportation options to be a more realistic choice in a change from our auto dependent society and planning
- Bring in some large employers!!!!!!
- Finally fixing the streets.
- Create a culture that provides a great place to live. Keep liberal policies that are unsustainable away from here. Do not become a “Sanctuary City”. Provide ample opportunity for everyone to have a job, and have the opportunity to feel like they
Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
A more local, more secure food system.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Maintain green spaces and shaded areas, and build in ways that don’t lead to a heat island.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Maintaining our water supply.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Please create efficient roads within the city, or a circular highway surrounding parts of the city, or an overpass akin to the dodge expressway in Omaha.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Stop trying to be a big city.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Vibrant downtown and Haymarket areas and expansion of UNL campus.

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Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Great strides towards zero waste. E.g. ban on single-use plastics, sorted recyclables so that more actually gets recycled, landfill limited to those things that can’t be recycled or composted.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Well-developed and supported local food system.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Affordable housing.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Increase in Ag related careers.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Green alternatives to reduce/eliminate fossil fuels.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Fix 14th and Old Cheney intersection.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
I don’t like the options presented in this other than access to preventative healthcare. I think that’s a big one, but not sure that’s necessarily the job of government to address?

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
Complete the South Beltway - lol.

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
More sustainable designs integrated into city planning!

Looking ahead to 2050, what milestones or expectations do you have for Lincoln and Lancaster County? Other:
I pray the county will rescind the permit for the CAFO on West Wittstruck Rd.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
Fields of solar.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
Connected Openspace Network.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
water? Where will it come from, quality.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
Food? How can we grow more HERE.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
Parole Bd.- how can we get these guys jobs to help our city?

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
Expanding Tourism?

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
County roads & bridges improvement.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
Preservation & restoration of natural areas.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
Grow industry workforce and population\on.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
quality/affordable/accessible early childhood care.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
The most sustainable & affordable housing by evidence has been gov’t funded - ala Scandinavian models.* ditto

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
more green space in neighborhoods with native plant species.

Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other:
neighborhood small business centers to lower driving.
Choose the five topic areas that are most important to you. Other: resilience, local food supply

What do you like?

- arts & entertainment (could be a little more diverse)
- nice land
- public schools, access to parks, relatively safe
- diversity
- great small local businesses
- equitable access to information & service. Tech gap + cost limits inclusion
- parks & trails
- the start of the recycling programs - cardboard - we need to add more
- parks
- good branch libraries
- trails, parks, bike share, ped access
- We, Wes & Norma, like the multiplicity of our residents
- the people
- everything is available downtown
- small town vibe with great varied services & schools
- Bike Share
- sense of community
- public schools, access to parks, relatively safe
- arts & entertainment [could be a little more diverse]
- the people - our elected officials are helpful
- cultural events - music, art, ethnic
- commute times
- bike trails
- diversity
- historic Haymarket
- the commute times to get across town
- bike trails
- cultural diversity
- amazing school district, safe community
- great small local businesses
- cultural diversity
- free parking
- importance of dynamic & unique place making initiatives
- trails network
- there's something for everyone
- the people - family - friends - the welcoming public
- I like our strong neighborhood organizations & the responsiveness of city government to neighborhood concerns
- Lincoln is welcoming
- I like the diversity of ethnic businesses on N. 27th St. a really unique & interesting district
- parks & trails
- Silicon Prairie
- small town feel
- vibrant downtown/Haymarket area
- accepting attitude of LPS teaches and staff
- school system
- bike trails
- commuter friendly
- so many opportunities for families
- relatively low cost of living
- diversity
- music scene
- nice land
- has fun places to go
- more attractive zoning for commercial districts
- more bike infrastructure
- additional public transit - as city grows, park n ride to downtown
- protecting farmland from C.U.P.'s and other out of place development
- on street bike infrastructure
- equitable access to information & service. Tech gap + cost limits inclusion
- electric vehicles for city fleet
- resilient local food supply
- better rural internet service
- public transportation outside city center & Haymarket
- need a climate action plan with some teeth in it
- less use of pesticides
- invest in our older neighborhoods = or more than new neighborhoods new development
- reduced flood damage vulnerability
What could use improvement?

- prioritize pedestrians/bikes public transit over cars
- stop wasting TIF money on builders - developers - too many new developments sit empty
- residential streets and sidewalks need to be kept up - mowed, bathroom "up"? date, good playground equipment for several ages
- infrastructure for walking & cycling
- housing standards for rental properties - enforced!
- improved bus routes
- lots of diversity & many events. Never a dull moment. Good restaurants, variety. Variety
- municipally etc. etc. libraries
- easier access to bike trails - connecting them
- parks
- restrict development in areas with little or no water in county
- need a new main library
- rural water for Denton - Malcolm
- municipal trash & recycling
- streets are full of holes - need extensive repairs
- free downtown parking
- county road improvement
- new central library
- more hands on schooling opportunities, for example, the Campbell's Nursery on 40th Street could be a wonderful classroom for all high schools
- early childhood quality/workforce cost
- street repair in our neighborhoods
- snow removal on side streets
- 2nd reliable water supply - sustainable
- parks (even small splash pads) in quads surrounded by busy streets
- affordable decent housing for everyone
- bringing living wage to Lincoln
- signage on roads outside of Lincoln saying to share the road w/bikes
- water trails
- expand bike share
- increase industry workforce and grow population - industry jobs and eventually bring in educated jobs
- free recreation for teens and opportunities for activities that they can find & do - sponsored by the community
- wifi access in parks more public transit
- climate change mitigation, not just adaptation. We need to get ahead of the problems for a livable community.
- signature park amenity
- protection of green spaces/waterways surrounding Lincoln
- road repair
- better & more public transportation
- north-south car transportation
- complete streets policy
- add more recreation options - ball fields, waterpark, trails, etc.
- AARP age friendly community
- availability of free parking downtown
- rent control dense housing
- staying ahead of the curve in innovation
- regulate landlords- rental property
- lights on areas of bike trail that have crime
- integrate renewable energy (solar, projects)
- transportation, north-south corridor
- understated (transportation) but especially street conditions
- mass transit network
- paving roads that are still gravel in areas where residents can't afford it
- more environmental activities to plan for climate change
- street repair
- robust local food culture
- mass transit 24/7
- improve public transit
- increase housing type options
- all new developments evaluation on amount of GHG emissions
- pro-active Ordinances in the county. Plan for the future!
- more 4 lane routes N & S thru the city for traffic flow
- park land acquisition
- subdivision design
- affordable rental & purchase homes
- better street lights
- connect all bike routes, make commuter friendly
- infill less sprawl
- more restaurant variety!
- a more business friendly community
- affordable housing options
- better curbside recycling (to include glass) and composting
What could use improvement?
oversight of special permits
What would you like to see in the community in 2050?
better road maintenance in County
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LARGER SHEETS:
a connected Haines Branch Prairie Corridor
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What would you like to see in the community in 2050?
much heightened awareness of needless (vs. necessary) energy over-consumption
What do you envision the transportation system to be like in 2050?

People are not going to give up their cars! We need more streets on the edge. We need more 4 lanes N & S

24/7 mass transport who city / carbon neutral

more mass transit. More micro mobility options

ebikes available for rent for the aging population

work from home + school from home = less traffic?

better designed street (sidewalks)

biking & walking & transit

more BikesLNK all over town

electric buses, routes

More accessible access to bus & public transit. Pad @ each bus stop. Train to Omaha

light rail

majority of trips taken via active transit or public transportation

vision zero

amazing protected bike lanes!

connectivity airport rail car bike

connected, autonomous, electric, as a service

de-emphasize car focus travel, more active travel & public transportation

combine City & County Engineering Depts

Much less single-car transport...public transportation is easy, convenient and low cost. More walking and biking!

utilize increasing recyclables to get away from overdependence on fossil fuels for paving paths, equipment, etc.

public trans. From Lincoln to Omaha (and cities between) would be great to help Omaha and Lincoln grow together

help lines available in some areas of downtown

make cars way more gas efficient?

public transportation center should be closer to center of Lincoln (not downtown) then veer out to rest of town

do not sacrifice neighborhoods for traffic (i.e.) if you choose to live in South LNK, you shouldn’t complaint about traffic time

above ground rail & proper Interstate system through town...please

updated transit (bus) system & routes

continued expansion of bike & ped amenities

public transit that is accessible & sustainable (electric?)

public transit that is frequent and around the clock

a dense bike share network with e-bikes

more public transport that’s reliable & quick

bike racks w/pay locks to secure private bikes (too many thefts in Lincoln) (a secure system)

no gas powered cars

complete streets policy!

Varied transit options throughout town. Buses, bike share, scooters, shuttles. Encourage carpooling.

north & south Lincoln connected via car/bus & trail/bike

more accessible & convenient