

Written Comments

2. Please list what you think are the two best aspects of day-to-day life in Williston or the two most positive attributes of Williston.

(1) Being around family - have numerous extended family living here. (2) Low crime - feel safe and secure in town.

1. Driving time to work minimal, knowing the people you live by

1. Hagan has an excellent teaching staff 2. They try to make people think it is a nice place to live.

1. People are friendly 2. The many community events

A clean town not a big city

A great small town. Used to be affordable. Used to be very safe and the law enforcement is great. Our city fathers are available to talk to.

A safe place to live, Friendly people

A safe place to live. Cost of living has been good in past, but not today due to oil boom again.

A safe place, many opportunities for work.

Access to outdoor activities hunting/fishing etc. Good people to interact with.

All around community spirit and support, it is one of the safest places in U.S. to reside

Aren't any, city only supports oil field, not public who has supported city in past. You're driving middle income out of town, can't afford taxes.

Arts & concert availability i.e. Ent Inc & Com Concert, School activities i.e. sports, concerts

Attending Mo. Synod Church, Feeling safe when walking

Caring community, Raising children in a somewhat safe city.

Church Opportunities, Hunting Opportunities

Church, Beauty of the area

Clean & neat, Safety

Clean air, Friendly neighbors

Clean air, Great College

Clean air, People

Clean air, Safe school

Clean air, safety in schools

Clean environment, Good infrastructure

Clean, Friendly

Clean, safe

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Cleanliness, availability of necessities, no heavy traffic, concern for the youth of Williston

Cleanliness, Friendly people

Close to hunting and fishing. Weather

Community support, Small town feel

Community-minded, pride of home ownership

Commute time/distance

Convenience of getting around town (small town), Weather

Crime rate - I can still leave my vehicle unlocked without worry

Crime/public safety, Overall appearance

Current economy, School system

Doctors, churches

Doesn't take long to get anywhere, Job opportunities

Driving distance, plenty of gas stations

Driving ease (lack of heavy traffic, time needed to get from place to place), Snowplow and garbage pick-up services are excellent)

Ease of getting to things like anything you want to do doesn't take long, nice big red tomato given by a neighbor.

Easy access around town. Very friendly people

Easy to get around town, the amount of press high school sports get.

Easy to get around, Clean & friendly

Eating out, Grocery store

Economart, Wal-Mart

Education of our children, Safe Community

Education opportunity - Public & private schools & Community College, Small population - hometown "everyone knows you" feeling

Enjoy a small town, Enjoy friendly people

Everyday I see new people I've never seen before. Harmon Park

Everything is close together; don't have to drive very far to get to most businesses, public schools

Excellent atmosphere, Safe Community

Fairly safe for kids

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Familiarity, Easy to get around

Family community, relaxed community

Family, I enjoy the climate

Feel safe in this community, 24 hour shopping for food in a 24 hour working environment

Feeling of community/identity, basically good infrastructure - utilities, etc.

Friendliness

Friendliness, Community institutions

Friendliness, nice place to live

Friendly atmosphere, all the necessities

Friendly citizens, low crime

Friendly environment, job opportunities

Friendly people

Friendly people and businesses to work for as an employee of a service business, not sure

Friendly people for the most part, quiet community

Friendly people, Accessibility to local stores

Friendly people, Clean

Friendly people, Clean

Friendly people, Community oriented

Friendly people, Easy to access places, i.e. no heavy traffic or freeways

Friendly people, Easy to get around

Friendly people, Easy to get to places

Friendly people, feel safe

Friendly people, good schools

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Friendly people, hometown

Friendly people, Low crime rate

Friendly people, nice community

Friendly people, No traffic

Friendly people, Park system

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Friendly people, Prejudicial - it's my hometown

Friendly people, Quality of life

Friendly people, Safe community, Good economy at the moment

Friendly people, Safe neighborhoods

Friendly people, Safety

Friendly people, Short commutes to work

Friendly people, Small town feel

Friendly public, outdoors environment and activities

Friendly small town atmosphere, Religious community

Friendly townspeople, clean community

Friendly, caring people, Safe, low crime

Friendly, clean

Friendly, Style of life

Friends and family, Small town atmosphere with city accommodations

Generally Safe Environment, Williston people LOVE Williston - which is both good and bad - if we think it's God's country, we become complacent and do not make the improvements we need! We generally recognize (and don't like) outsiders - that attitude must change - we can learn so much from others too.

Good churches

Good churches, Good schools

Good clean place to live, Low crime and good public safety

Good economy, Low crime

Good Friends, Community feeling

Good library

Good people to work with, Close proximity to recreation opportunities

Good people, Lots of churches

Good people, safe city

Good people, trustworthy, Friendly

Good primary, secondary & higher education schools, Friendly people

Good schools, Good healthcare

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Good small town to live in with good employment opportunity blends with outdoor recreation opportunity, Friendly easy to live in community

Great job market and everyone fixing up their residence and newer homes built

Great people

Great people, friendly, Wonderful place to raise a family

Great quality of life, Lots of life

Great small town atmosphere, Safety

Hard working people for the most part. People are basically honest and helpful.

Have Lake Sakakawea as very nearby water recreation. The Links of ND golf course is nearby.

High paying jobs, Overall quality of life.

Hometown atmosphere and friendly people, Majority of good parents involved in children's activities/schools

Hometown atmosphere, Friendly people

Hometown character, Safe environment

Hometown, Jobs available

Housing rehabilitation assistance programs, Other (Explain below)

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How clean our community is, our children being safe enough to go outside and play

I really believe we have great schools, plenty of sports activities

Inexpensive, Historic Sites

It is in a pretty location, People are friendly

It really is a safe town. I wouldn't leave my doors unlocked all night, but I never worry about getting mugged or my car stolen. Snow!

Its people, Beautiful area

Job availability, Sense of community pride

Job availability, small town living, friendliness

Jobs available

Jobs available, Friendliness

Jobs available, safe to live

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Jobs, Pay scale

Kind, caring people-neighbors, good city leaders, Good schools

Know lots of people. Short drive to work.

Layout of the city, Personal safety

Like my neighborhood

Living in a relatively safe community, doesn't take long to get to where you want to go.

Local people, travel time

Location in western ND, The mayor

Location of good outdoor opportunities

Location, friendly

Lots of great people. Many available, well-paying jobs.

Lots of jobs. Safety, low crime.

Low congestion, generally friendly atmosphere

Low crime

Low crime

Low crime and safe place to live, great place raise children

Low crime rate, friendly community

Low crime rate, Good quality of life

Low crime rate, Nice parks, swimming pool, public entertainment (special events, entertainment in the parks)

Low crime rate, relatively clean environment (air, water, land, etc.)

Low crime rate, Safe place to raise children

Low crime until another boom, less traffic until another boom

Low Crime, Access to outdoor recreation (hunting/fishing, etc.)

Low crime, can get quickly from one point to another

Low Crime, Clean Streets

Low crime, Job availability

Low crime, Medical resources

Low Crime/Feel Safe, School System

Low crime/public safety, Friendly people

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Low population, Easy access to everything

Low traffic, Low crime

Lower crime rate than other places, People are special. We love Williston, but when we have to drive to Minot to shop, it's not good!

Medical care, Clean-Quiet-Safe-Parks all over the city that kids and parents are always using.

Medical facilities, Schools

More eating establishments, Malls & shopping

Mostly honest people, Jobs abundant

My Family, Traditional Values

My friends, Entertainment Inc. & Williston Concert Assoc.

My kids and wife, Friendly caring people

Neat, Nice place to live

Neighborhood appearance, Preserving downtown

Nice schools - good education, Good family environment

Not much traffic

Obviously the money. The ability to leave.

Oil activity, small town atmosphere

Our family is here, the economy is booming in this area.

Our family lives here and good friends. Hunting and fishing

Outdoors - fishing, hunting, boating

Parks, Shopping

People - helpful & polite, Education

People are friendly and willing to help each other, Good place to raise family if the city expands and keeps people interested in staying in Williston

People are friendly, not much crime

People are pretty friendly, can not think of another answer

People are very friendly, Cleanliness

People are very friendly, we know our financial persons and medical persons.

People in general, Job opportunities for those in need of jobs

People, Clean - streets & air

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People, Crime

People, History

People, Low Crime rate

People, pace of life

People, Recreation Facilities

Personal safety

Personal safety, Fresh air

Personal safety, Good place to raise children and retire

Personal safety, short commuting to work and shopping.

Personal safety, Size of population

Plenty of churches, Street are well maintained

Plenty of jobs available, Friendly people

Plenty of jobs available, small town atmosphere

Pretty countryside, has a great potential for growth

Public school system, Small town friendliness

Quality of life, Friendliness of people

Quality of people, Economy

Quiet and easy going, No traffic

Quiet communities, good neighbors

Quiet lifestyle, its 5 minute proximity

Quiet, Low Crime rate

Quiet, Safe

Quiet, Slow paced

Quite, safer

Relatively clean air, Low crime rate

Retail businesses, Restaurants

Retired but employed at least part time

River, Weather

Safe and quiet place to raise a family. The people are very friendly overall.

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Safe city, clean city

Safe community, after school program

Safe community, crime is increasing but still able to walk outdoors, etc. safely

Safe community, Good economy

Safe community, Good public school system, however in turmoil now

Safe from severe crime

Safe healthy environment, community response for fundraising and giving

Safe neighborhood, Friendly people

Safe place to live, Great college/post-secondary institution

Safety

Safety

Safety - friendliness, nature

Safety, Clean

Safety, Close to stores

Safety, Community

Safety, Ease of traffic

Safety, friendliness

Safety, Friendly attitude

Safety, Honesty, fairness, hard work

Safety, Job

Safety, Short commutes

Safety, Small

Safety, Small town atmosphere

Safety, Small town atmosphere, I've known no different!

Safety, Small town life

Safety, the people

Safety/ low crime rate, good economics

Schools, Churches

Schools, Family friendly

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Schools, Not too big

Schools, Safety

Security, Schools

Security, Small town atmosphere

Selection of churches, Education opportunities

Short commute, Good place to raise children.

Short commute, Low crime

Short commute, Small town friendliness

Short distances

Size of Williston

Small - easy commute, Good people

Small community

Small enough to still be safe, friendly

Small friendly town, Good schools

Small hometown atmosphere, Ease of traveling to work, shopping, etc.

Small town (I hope)

Small town atmosphere - safe environment, Business opportunities

Small town atmosphere and generosity, Social opportunities of all kinds for everyone

Small town atmosphere, basically a safe environment to live and raise children

Small town atmosphere, Community support

Small town atmosphere, Friendly people

Small town atmosphere, Good education opportunities

Small town atmosphere, Inexpensive cost-of-living

Small town atmosphere, No traffic problems

Small town atmosphere, Safe community

Small town atmosphere, well kept residential

Small town feel, Quiet community

Small town feel, Religious life

Small town friendliness & trust - sense of community, No traffic - everything is easily accessible.

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Small town life, People being approachable and friendly

Small town personality people still care about each other, Willingness to help people who are in need of help.

Small town values

Small town, Coffee Shop

Small town, Friendly people

Small town, friendly people

Small town, short commute

Small town, still easy to get around, Small enough to meet people you know at the store

Smaller community, Free from majority of natural disasters.

Small-town atmosphere and quality of life, great place for young and growing families

The fact that it's in North Dakota, The weather

The friendly people

The friendly people, Pride of Williston that the residents feel.

The overall safety, mostly friendly

The people are friendly, it's still a small community

The people are great, kind, warm, considerate, social. The ease in going downtown, banking, grocery shopping, police & fire dept, church.

The people are great. Healthy atmosphere.

The people for the most part are honest and friendly

The people make Williston friendly happy people, Williston is easy to commute in

The people that live here. Community support.

The people, Proximity to the river, lakes, countryside, parks, recreation, etc.

The people, Safety

The people, Schools

The size of the town, recreation

The small city living, Sports very popular in our school and community.

There seems to be a lot of young families here in Williston. The great opportunities the oil brings.

This is a calm, family-oriented community

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Travel long distances for adequate work/pay, wages are too high for unskilled labor.

Very friendly people, Community oriented

Very friendly people, Great churches

Very friendly people, when we moved here the "Welcome to Williston" new resident info we received was excellent, very welcoming.

Williston's People, Williston's Location

Work availably, low crime

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3. Please rank what you believe are major challenges facing Williston from 1-9 with 1 being a major challenge and 9 being a minor challenge. (Other comments)

The following items were listed as “Other” challenges under this question, and ranked as indicated by the number preceding the identified challenge.

- 1 - Attitude adjustments for people used to metropolitan environment - we are still rurally oriented
- 1 - Available daycare
- 1 - Average rent for apartments, not just "low income" or "outrageous" high rents.
- 1 - City and surrounding area needs to be cleaned up.
- 1 - Community and college relationship, there could be so much the city can do for the college and the college for the community.
- 1 - Entertainment
- 1 - Going into debt and leaving it for the people that live here all the time
- 1 - Good old boy politics
- 1 - Grow expand/ old city council people
- 1 - High School drop out rate
- 1 - High taxes
- 1 - Hospital Services, Jobs other than oilfield that pay well in professional fields, i.e. nurses, etc.
- 1 - If Williston is trying to attract workers and families they need to update all of their outdoor parks. The parks a law suit waiting to happen. I have called several times requesting broke equipment to be replaced or fixed. Secondly with mosquito and winter seasons to long, there really needs to be an indoor playground for family that is inexpensive to access. For example 1 to 2 dollars per kid for a half day.
- 1 - Increase in taxes
- 1 - Lack of amenities/entertainment - could use another fun eating establishment and the shopping opportunities are very limited.
- 1 - Long term work outside the oilfield that pays well.
- 1 - Mosquito population
- 1 - Mosquitoes
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1 - Most jobs that pay a fair or better wage are blue collar jobs, difficult for a professional to get a decent paying job in Williston

1 - Must have better shopping to attract new residents.

1 - Need a few more stop lights around town (Herman oil corner)

1 - No shopping competition

1 - No shopping other than Wal-Mart

1 - Oil field infrastructure

1 - Oilfield trash influx into Williston is not beneficial for the quality of the town as it wasn't in the 80's.

1 - Poor wages, taxes too high for most - stop oil field tax breaks

1 - Quality parks and recreation

1 - Restaurants are needed & new & diverse businesses are needed for all the new families moving to town

1 - Retail and Dining

1 - School system

1 - Shopping

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1 - Shopping and dining availability.

1 - Shopping options

1 - Someplace to shop besides Wal-Mart

1 - Taxes

1 - Taxes are too high for property owners

1 - Taxes, property tax and sales tax

1 - Taxes, way too high

1 - The Quality of living

1 - Traffic, need more stop lights, signs & yields

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1 - Vented smoking areas in all eating establishments.

1 - We need more places to shop besides Wal-Mart!!

1 - Williston needs to build for the future by adding incentives for non-oilfield related businesses to guarantee a solid future for our community. The workforce will most likely be made up of ages 18-35; people our age need attractions!

1 - Williston's openness to new populations that are not white, Christian or republican

2 - Daycare availability

2 - Shopping/Dining

2 - Taxes

3 - Childcare

3 - Good hospital, but patients too often end up in other cities because of good doctor shortage

3 - High property taxes

3 - Keeping residents local to do their shopping

3 - Letting major chain businesses come in.

3 - Need entertainment and shopping to keep families interested in staying in Williston, things to do.

3 - Need more places to eat!

3 - Noise pollution especially airport, dogs, loud cars

3 - Over inflated prices

3 - Prices for services are much higher than Bismarck, Minot

3 - Raising property taxes

3 - Traffic

4 - Education

4 - More restaurant options

4 - Need a store like Herbergers with better clothing & shoes than Wal-Mart and Penney's.

4 - Real estate taxes

4 - Shopping - lack of stores

4 - Shopping-Dining

5 - Transportation

6 - Better variety of stores

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7 - Local culture that seems disinterested in learning

9 - Affordability of heating fuel and gas

9 - Attract new retail business

9 - Mosquito control

9 - Need more shopping areas like malls less car lots.

9 - Shopping

10 - Mosquito control

The following “Other” challenges were identified but not ranked.

A Community center similar to Dickinson, ND

Childcare

Education

Education - the college should be a 4 year degree to keep our young people in town and provide more opportunities for work

Entertainment

Going into debt and leaving it for the people that live here all the time

Good hospital, but patients too often end up in other cities because of good doctor shortage

Grow expand/ old city council people

Health care? Our only hospital is currently undergoing a downsizing and pushing the local person's idea of healthcare to larger sectors that can more adequately take care of the whole person, not just the emergencies. Recreation. Yes we have beautiful out door spaces for hunting and some fishing but where are the groups getting the younger generation involved in those activities. Hunting and fishing are two expensive activities gas prices play a huge role in.

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Litter/appearance

More restaurant options

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Mosquitoes

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Most jobs that pay a fair or better wage are blue collar jobs, difficult for a professional to get a decent paying job in Williston

Must have better shopping to attract new residents.

Need a few more stop lights around town (Herman oil corner)

Need more places to eat!

Not wasting taxes on projects that damage private property like 11th St sidewalks and driveways

Restaurants are needed & new & diverse businesses are needed for all the new families moving to town

Shopping

Shopping and dining availability.

Shopping options

Sustainable jobs - ex. Tech companies

Taxes are too high for property owners

The Quality of living

We need better shopping, so I don't have to go to Minot.

We need doctors to grow

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4. What would be your preference for the future of Williston? (Other comments)

A mall by all means

Better restaurants, more stores downtown

Better shopping

Better shopping other than downtown and Wal-Mart; better paying jobs!

Bring in other businesses besides oil related.

Careful growth

Expand gracefully

Expand shopping

Freedom from dependency upon oil industry.

Get affordable housing and some decent stores so people don't have to go out of town!

GROW! Hire an out of state construction company for god's sake.

Growth means nothing unless it is reasoned and consistent with PLANNING

Growth with a realistic eye on the rising costs of living in Williston for the average working family and elderly. Especially outside the oil field jobs.

Housing and lower the rent

I believe that Williston's leaders need to take a look at how Dickinson and other growing communities have been able to update parks and community centers after the last boom.

I think there should be growth but not at the expense of the current residents.

I would like to see steady growth in Williston. A stable economy for the new people, not an exaggerated cost of housing for the new people. Increased housing does not only compromise the new work force but also drives out those who have lived her. The people hit hardest are those people with A.R.M. (Adjustable Rate Mortgages). People with children and low paying jobs who can not afford to pay the increased payments.

I would like to see steady growth with a conservative plan of integrating green spaces into the developing housing markets, commonly seen in larger communities. We have lovely outdoor spaces that are not necessarily adjacent to where the people are located.

I would like to see Williston grow (surpass Dickinson) and be strong economically not just in the oil industry, but in all areas of work

If you do not grow with the times and bring in new businesses in addition to the oil industry it will always be a small town

Lower Taxes

More shopping aspects

More Stores

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4. What would be your preference for the future of Williston? (Other comments)

More unique dining and shopping

Need major changes

Need more variety of stores. No shopping available in town.

No bus service out of town

No major changes unless we attract new ventures to keep people.

No more tax breaks for new business (let the business accept the risk).

Places to shop for household goods, clothing, and SHOES

Quit giving tax breaks to outside and inside developer. I should not have a float their boat.

Shopping

Slower Growth

Steady growth must be balanced with quality of life. Growth for growth's sake has no value

The size and growth of 5 years ago.

Tired of getting stuck with the bill for improvements

To have a mall and more dining (steak & fish)

Upgrade current infrastructure to support economically and environmentally sustainable energy and transportation before expanding.

We may have no choice but to go with "increased growth at a fast pace," we have to provide what this "boom" needs, or we will lose the permanent growth to Dickinson or Minot!

We need more places to shop besides Wal-Mart!!

We need new shopping opportunities! I go to Bismarck & Minot every chance I get to shop because of variety, availability & affordability. It's time to wake up Williston and look to the future for growth! It's time our downtown businesses quit controlling. Shopping is dying here. There is nothing!

Williston is already at a fast pace, but to preserve the future we need to attract things that make people feel like they can get things that they need.

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6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

Williston's openness to new populations that are not white, Christian or republican

1) Build a decent shopping center. 2) This community is so technically weak. Nearly all the semi-skilled and skilled trades here are hurting.

1) Solve the mosquito problem, we don't feel we can work or play in our yards or the parks.

2) It would also be great if Williston's business weren't more expensive than other towns. I go out of town to find shoes and clothes and furniture for less and more to choose from I'd like to keep it local, but not much to choose from.

18 hole municipal golf course, big sporting goods store i.e. Scheels, Outdoorsman Warehouse, etc.

A higher income to keep up with the cost of living

A hold on tax increases on residential property in Williston. You may think a house is worth more, but that is only if you want to sell and move out of the area. The average working (non-oilfield family) families wages are not keeping pace with the cost of living here. Not everyone wants to or is capable of earning high oil field wages.

A house that doesn't look like trash under \$100,000

A major store, Target, Steak House, Lower taxes improvement

A mall. I'm tired of going out of town for almost all needs.

A map to show where new things are being built.

A Mexican restaurant, or any gourmet restaurant, not a chain more cultural opportunities, music and art.

A shopping mall

A shopping mall and a good ER at hospital.

A valuable local resource, medical and economic.

Access to shopping and getting materials and supplies needed.

Access to Trinity Clinic for disable - more parking and no long walks from car to the clinic

Affordable access to handicap transportation.

Affordable condos and/or townhomes

Affordable housing

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Affordable housing for ALL citizens (seniors and young marrieds can't generally pay \$600 plus a month for housing)

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Affordable housing for our young people just starting out. 55+ communities that are affordable for our senior citizens. We also do not need a real estate tax increase. That will only hurt the economy.

Affordable housing for people of a fixed income.

Affordable housing, more affordable shopping for the ordinary people. Now we have Wal-Mart period.

Affordable housing, more dining, cultural events

Affordable housing. You just raised property values, now you want to raise property taxes by 9%, which is going to exacerbate an already critical housing situation. If companies want to do business in Williston (and they do) make them pay their way.

Affordable senior housing.

An increase in the available activities for kids age 10-21.

Another fun sit-down restaurant - we don't need more fast food (got that one pretty well covered) Also, pizza and steak and potatoes are well covered.

At the present I am pretty much satisfied with Williston, but as a senior citizen planning retirement the housing situation and rent scares me.

Besides Mosquitoes I would like to see a recreation center similar to Dickinson's and/or a pool similar to Watford City's. My first preference would be the recreation center. I think ours is unappealing and needs modernization. With North Dakota's economy in the surplus I don't know why we can't have these kinds of amenities.

Better (more) shopping choices

Better access when driving, too much traffic congestion

Better and more downtown shopping opportunities for products made in the USA rather than products from the repressive communistic China. There is a great need to revitalize the empty locations downtown.

Better city planning

Better doctors, a major store like Herbergers or Target

Better downtown shopping

Better food choices, Outback, Burger King, Shopping mall, less expensive prescriptions

Better health care

Better organization of recreational programs by WPR.

Better paying/quality jobs. Non-oil field related. There's a huge gap between those that can barely pay the bills and those that have new cars & houses.

Better restaurants and more of them

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Better retail shopping

Better run health system that appeals to good doctors –hospital is only as good as its staff)

Better service sector

Better shopping

Better shopping & restaurants

Better shopping and more restaurants

Better shopping facilities. Development of something to stabilize population growth to help people and business going after the oil boom. Don't put all the eggs in one basket.

Better shopping i.e. clothing and shoes

Better shopping opportunities for a man to buy shoes. In Williston you have a J.C. Penney's and Wal-Mart; neither are that great an incentive for people to come.

Better shopping, doctors, and dining.

Better shopping.

Better signage throughout city streets, schools, parks, welcome/gateway

Better stores, we need to go to Minot to shop now. Also lower taxes on property for elderly so we can afford to live in our homes as long as possible, instead taxes are always going up.

Better variety of shopping, eating, better run hospital.

Better, more affordable health care, more qualified, professional, specialized physicians and affordable

Bring in Target, K-mart or whatever. Wal-Mart is junk. Needs competition, they don't pay decent wages for their employees then they get poor help.

Bus service

Bus transportation

Business places cleaning up their junk around their business places, weeds, old tires, breeding places and such.

Careful city planning re housing and additions/streets. We don't want to repeat the mistakes of late 70's and early 80's i.e. 27th St to 32nd St in the Pheasant Run area. Why were the streets made so narrow that cars can only be parked on one side of the street? It is a real problem. We also need to encourage planners and builders to put a little more time and money into some creative design and aesthetic quality.

Chain restaurants like Outback Steakhouse, Old Chicago, Texas Roadhouse, Chili's, Bennigans, Famous Dave's

Cheap store downtown

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Cheaper housing

City streets are terrible

Clean it up aesthetically. It does not appear to be as flourishing as it is.

Clean it up and enforce your city ordinances which you don't do at all now.

Clean up - litter and weeds

Clean up the appearance of Williston. It has never looked so junky. Businesses need to fence in their equipment and so on, also mow and keep areas picked up. Residents need to move out old cars, trucks, boats, campers, etc. out of their yards and also out of the alleys! Just look around! Also, mosquito problem is so bad! We must control this! No one will want to live here!

Clean up the city, especially maintaining the improvements that have been done.

Cleaner parks with newer playground equipment and fewer mosquitoes.

Clear streets of oversized vehicles i.e. campers and motor homes.

Clothes shopping is nil! More good eating places

Clothing stores - downtown eating places

Clothing stores - women's & men's. Good shoe store, not cheap shoes.

Community recreation center like Dickenson, ND

Control mosquitoes

Daycare availability for children less than 2

Deal with the mosquito problem - it is more than a simple inconvenience. Why does the entire perimeter of this town look like a Wyoming Ranch? (Not that ranches are bad... but many have JUNK laying everywhere...) Look at 1804, it is, excuse me, a s\$%!hole. This city is an embarrassment to our state - even Dickinson is WAY cleaner and forward-thinking than this place. Also, what about the Park Board? Do they care how junky our town looks? Or is everything "good enough?"

Decrease in cost of living. The only people who can afford this increase are the ones making oilfield wages or the one making good money prior to the boom. The cost of living and wages in this town do not match. Makes you consider moving to a town like Grand Forks, Fargo, etc.

Decrease property taxes

Decreased prices

Do not encourage more growth.

Don't waste so much money on trails and other nonsense.

Driving into Williston is ugly from any direction, we must beautify.

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

Eating places

Eradicate Mosquito Population - mosquitoes ruin the summer in Williston for many people - we have to "hide" inside when we should be outside in the beautiful Williston days and evenings

Find a way to attract more retail service businesses.

Find a way to get rid of the mosquitoes!!

Fix mosquito problem and we would keep our own kids here for the next generation.

Fix my driveway that was ruined by your stupid engineer

Gas prices to go down

Get either a Menards, Lowes or Big Running's store. Tired of going to Minot for everything.

Get more than just Wal-Mart for shopping option

Get rid of Wal-Mart

Getting the mosquito problem under control.

Giving us break on taxes

Growth in businesses that aren't oil field businesses so there is a reason for whole families to move here. There are a lot of men coming here to work in the oilfield and leaving their wives in another city where there is good work for them and permanent affordable living. We need to offer that here.

Handicapped facilities. I am in an electric wheelchair and am answering accordingly. I also live in low-income handicapped housing.

Have the park and recreation take better care of area parks. I live next to Pheasant Run, it looks like a dump.

Have the state pay for damage of our roads and infrastructure caused by heavy oil field traffic.

Having more department stores and being able to find employees.

Having new business come into town, so there are more choices in shopping and dining.

Having qualified people in work place.

Health care is non-existent - why do we have to go to Bismarck, Billings, Minot, etc.?

Higher wages

Housing

Housing, air transportation

I would like to see bus service to go to Minot and Bismarck, at least twice a month or more, with legislature going on its one important issue to lots of people, now with the gas prices.

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

I would like to see more restaurants and more child care!

I would like to see some better shopping opportunities; an indoor shopping mall would help in the winter months.

If there was a way to get to Bismarck for medical care.

If you want the young people to move back here you are going to need some more things to attract them in. Shopping, restaurants, recreation, etc.

Improve intersection at 42nd Street and Highway 2 - NOT SAFE - cars and trucks breaking the law all of the time. Take the median divider out on 42nd Street by Hollew's (that's a problem).

Improved retail shopping would enhance the quality of life for most people as it would help keep people at home and provide a draw to surrounding areas and help support steady growth and improved quality of life.

Improved salary for teachers

Improved shopping, services, restaurants

Improvements on parks, update equipment. Quality outdoor facilities for the little children (preschool age)

In respect to question #6 I have seen growth in population but not in any opportunities for family recreation or entertainment. Our city is enjoying the population growth but where are the new parks/civics areas? Have any new restaurants or nightlife options opened up? NO.

Increase wages in the NON OIL related jobs. Wages are not keeping up with my rent! Shortages of employees at my job are creating major business problems because the wages offered aren't enough for even one person to live on!!!

Increased shopping/dining opportunities

Indoor Community Center with pool and playground (playground equipment) plus update playground equipment at all parks. I believe that property taxes do not have to be raised to accomplish this. There are many businesses that are trying to bring new workers to town however why would they want to come when there is nothing for their young families to do during the long winter months. Furthermore, during the summer when these families want to take their children to a SAFE nearby park they cannot due to the shape of the equipment. I believe that if these new and old businesses were approached and asked to sponsor a park or assist with the adding onto to the Raymond Center they would help out if it helped attract new people to the community to help fill their openings. I think it would be great for each park to have a sign posted with the company/business that sponsored in the updating of that park.

Keep Bethel for the elderly who have financed it, and not use for swing bed, forcing elders to pay high assisted living prices.

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

Keep cost of living down

Keep the lake up

Kill the mosquitoes on Corp land before they can infest the city.

Kill the mosquitoes, Rechannel the river and drain wetlands

Larger selection of small businesses.

Less barking dogs, less planes at 2 am, more restaurants like Mexican, Thai, Vietnamese, anything!

Less people, too many out of town people that don't care about its beauty of Williston or all they want are the jobs.

Less property tax, more places to shop

Less property taxes

Less property taxes

Less taxes

Less taxes

Less traffic

Lessen property taxes

Lower cost of food and gas

Lower mosquito population...but I know we don't have much control over this.

Lower prices, you can't live comfortably if you're not in the oil field.

Lower Property Tax and less Sales Tax. Mosquito Control

Lower property taxes

Lower property taxes

Lower property taxes for senior citizens

Lower property taxes. From the state surpluses. Adequate money for our public schools and teachers.

Lower real estate taxes

Lower taxes

Lower taxes

Lower Taxes

Lower taxes

Lower taxes

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

Lower taxes and mosquito control

Lower taxes and quit spending money you can't there

Lower taxes, better shopping, better dining, law enforcement that pays attention, more prompt medical attention

Lower taxes, people on fixed income can not afford to live here.

Lower taxes; stop giving all the tax breaks on building new houses. Economic development spends too much money for the results we have got.

Major Improvements to the current Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, and management.

Mall

Maybe a public transportation (bus?) so that more of the elderly have access to needs for daily living

Medical care is so specialized today it is difficult for local clinics to provide care.

More activities for kids and families such as a new recreation center.

More affordable housing

More affordable housing

More affordable housing

More affordable housing for people not associated with the oil field.

More affordable shopping and more places to eat.

More and affordable housing

More apartment at an affordable cost. Not everyone here works oilfield.

More basic workers, better wages for those not working in oil fields

More businesses and restaurants

More community recreation or family options

More concern about keeping all areas of Williston neat and clean.

More department stores so you get a variety of supplies.

More dining and shopping opportunities and cleaning up storefronts to modernize the look of Williston.

More dining and variety. Better care of alleys.

More dining/eating opportunities. Need more stores, especially clothing, we need a MALL!!

More dining/restaurants and retail stores

More dining/restaurants to eat at and also for entertaining clients. (Hospitality industry)

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

More employees for businesses

More entertainment options, public transportation

More extra curricular activities available for young adults

More family activity indoors - because of mosquitoes and cold weather.

More funding for the schools

More health care choices locally

More healthcare - doctors, specialists, etc.

More housing

More housing for low-income, poor, disabled

More low housing for citizens.

More motels and more options for eating establishments.

More options for shopping and dining.

More options in shopping that compare to the availability and price in the other cities in ND

More organized growth

More people providing services such as roofing difficult to hire anyone

More places to bring my young children in the winter. Tyke time at the recreation center has gone out of control with all the kids! It would be really fun to have a bounce house or a water park or anything. I would love to see more community programs for moms (especially oil field moms) to be involved in.

More places to shop and dine out at.

More places to shop and more dining choices

More places to shop and more restaurants.

More places to shop and restaurants to eat in. Right now, it is very poor and find going to Minot or using the Internet is my only shopping I do these days.

More qualified law enforcement and more daycare facilities.

More reasonable rent.

More recreation (dining options, shopping, outdoor activities)

More residents available to work in service level jobs

More restaurants that you can buy a glass of wine or beer with your meal. Chain restaurants, since the non chain ones have no atmosphere and are pretty much dumpy. I have to add more shopping. Both these work hand in hand & will bring in people from out of town. They come to town to shop they have to eat.

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

More restaurants, more clothing stores, more diverse businesses like as in Minot & Bismarck so the new people that are moving here we can keep their business here.

More retail & restaurants

More retail shops. We have lost K-mart and others. Downtown is on edge of failing, 1 healthy block, rest full of abandoned stores, no mall, all prime lots on west bypass given to non profits in past.

More retail stores

More retail/chain stores here (Payless Shoes), more family restaurants (Mexican, Burger King, Wendy's, variety), bigger playgrounds, things to keep kids entertained, fix up Spring Park more (huge area with not very much stuff to do there though), vault toilet out at Meriwether Park (keep boat part)

More selection for shopping and dining

More shopping - Better dining. A radio station without NASCAR or local sports

More shopping - variety of stores for adults, children, house wares.

More shopping (major stores) and dining.

More shopping alternatives & opportunities

More shopping and dining opportunities to help draw people into support the labor force.

More shopping and eating establishments.

More shopping and food places

More shopping and restaurants.

More shopping available downtown. We have too many specialty shops and too few clothing and no shoe stores.

More shopping choices

More shopping for men and women's ready to wear and a mall.

More shopping mall

More shopping opportunities

More shopping opportunities (mall)

More shopping opportunities, like at Target, K-Mart, Bath and Body Works, Footlocker, etc.

More shopping stores

More shopping stores like Kmart, Target, and Menards do keep people here instead of them going to Minot and Bismarck.

More shopping, dining and entertainment

More shopping, dining. Lodging choices.

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

More shopping, get a mall in here

More shopping, like a clothing department store and more restaurants. For sure we need a mall!

More shopping, recreation

More shopping, Target

More shopping. Kohl's, TJ Maxx, Shoe store. We have little choice and what's here is gone off the shelf quickly. I'm very tired of and irritated with not being able to find things I want! More Shopping!!!

More shops with clothes and shoes of quality and more selection for men, women and kids.

More stores

More stores

More stores and restaurants

More street lights or 4-way stops. For example, by the recreation center, 26th Kum & Go, by Mercy Hospital, Herman oil

More things for kids to do. Something about the river no water to use

More things to do and better paying jobs

More things to do.

More things to do.

More thought into how we are growing, all directions coming in are ugly; we have industrial mixed with housing.

More variety in business.

Mosquito control

Mosquito control

Mosquito control would make it bearable. Short summers and we can't go outside

Need a grandfather clause on property tax. There should be a cap for people who have been in their homes 25 years or more so they are not forced out of their homes that they have been paid for years.

Need more recreation for family and kids- indoor water park

New Leaders that have the common sense that when we are looking for chains to come into Williston they don't chase them out when they offer to buy land and put in a new motel, but the city got greedy. Take some lessons from Minot and Bismarck. Get rid of the buddy system. We need some restaurant chains to come in, give them incentives if we need to.

New recreation center

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

Nice dining with good food.

No mosquitoes

No mosquitoes, treat everyone equal, quit catering to the big money people asking for tax breaks our taxes go up every year we fail to see any significant improvements for our dollars.

No new taxes (property). My taxes are getting so high. I rebuy my house about every 6 years.

No place to shop, buy shoes and clothes. Need Target, Kmart, Herbergers and more medical personnel. Less mosquitoes

None

Non-oil related salary equality.

Not be so quick to build, so that us who have lived here all our life get stuck with the bill. We can't afford that.

Not having to travel to other cities like Minot and Bismarck to purchase. Variety and affordability is not available in Williston. There's more to life than Wal-Mart! Wal-Mart is not cheap. There is more to Williston than antique shops and specialty shops such as cedar chest, Pro-Rental, etc. We have enough of those.

Not raising the taxes again.

Not sure

Opportunities for youth

Opportunities to meet other single and people with similar interests, outside the bar scene

Outside the city limits truck route - too much noise on bypass - need to clamp down on "Jake" breaks - motorcycle & truck mufflers

Paint the lines in the road and paint the center dividers with reflective paint

Parking farther from intersections (i.e. 17th Ave W & 26th St is an accident waiting to happen)

Plowing behind the apt at Economart, when is icy and snowy

Prices lower

Prices of housing to become more practical.

Product availability so I'm not burning up the new 4-lane to Minot!

Public transportation and bus service out of town.

Reasonable rent for the middle age people. There are a lot of retirees in Williston and they can't afford the high cost of rent, besides medical bills, etc.

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

Recreation center - 21st Century equipment

Recreation opportunities for all ages

Recycling glass and plastics

Recycling program - we have a pretty state (city) and we need to preserve it.

Reduced real estate taxes

Reducing real estate tax

Replace the welcome to Williston sign that got vandalized/destroyed on the east entrance on 1804 that the city never replaced/repared. (Gateway appearance)

Responsible citizens - people will find this survey too long. Most people are only concerned with their own needs. Not the community. That means Williston, their country and their world. Note: In Williston, only 4-5000 actively attend a church.

Restaurants are so limited and don't have enough help that it is no longer enjoyable to eat out. The quality of eating out has dramatically decreased!

Retail Shopping/Restaurants

Road repair

Shopping

Shopping - It is so limited

Shopping - it's too bad that our money and taxes are going to Minot and other places

Shopping and dining opportunities, more bike trails, more cultural events to attend, Mosquito Control.

Shopping and physicians

Shopping availability

Shopping center, name brand dept. store

Shopping center, strip malls - something with curb appeal.

Shopping mall

Shopping more motels which would bring more new businesses

Shopping opportunities

Shopping opportunities

Shopping somewhere besides Wal-Mart - Healthcare more specialized doctors.

Shopping! We have no stores to buy shoes, quality clothing. No men's stores. I feel sorry for the elderly that are unable to travel out of town for shopping

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

Shopping, higher pay for women who are trying to support families, as they have no spouse, boyfriend, etc in oil field working.

Shopping, men's clothing

Shopping, we need a better selection (a mall!)

Slower growth and quit raising taxes

Somewhere to shop other than Wal-Mart & JC Penney

Spray mosquitoes

Stabilized property values.

Start planning city development so that not everything is packed onto 2nd Ave W. Spread out and beautify the town!

Stop property tax increases for those not benefitting from increasing oil industry wages! Unaffordable living here on fix wages.

Stop raising property taxes. This is the 3rd increase in 3 years for us. It needs to stop or you'll start driving people out of town.

That the Corps of Engineers admit liability for mosquito problem and alleviate problem with federal money

The availability of contractors for home improvements that don't want \$1000 for 5 hours of work. There should be a limit on how much they can charge for a simple home repair job.

The availability of more and better shopping.

The city parks are very run-down. The best children's play area is the low housing park on 18th St. The mosquito problem is horrible. This summer you could not go outside and enjoy the weather. The mosquito problem needs to be improved.

The city parks/recreation board to support athletic programs for kids. Example - other cities of our size operate the hockey and baseball programs. Our programs are marginal due to marginal volunteer support. Ice hockey is big in Williston and it shouldn't be allowed to flounder. (250+ families)

The only increase is been in houses being built, nothing done for the community, more food establishments; this includes handing out more liquor licenses so they will want to build here.

The politics and greed that prevents Williston from growing correctly. Native Williston people say the greed and politics is terrible here.

There is not one place in town to buy a dress or a suit of clothes, why not let a big family store in?

To get a developer to make some apartment complexes, affordable with enough units available to bring price of housing down.

Written Comments

6. What is the one improvement that would make living in Williston better for **you**?

To not have to go out of town for better shopping, etc. for better health care, nice dining facility.

To one improvement that would be best for me is to make the Gateway appearance more attractive to attract more businesses here. I feel as though I have to drive to Minot a lot of the time to go shopping when I'd rather not have to drive 2 hours to shop for things I need.

Traffic cop stops/citations/more elderly losing their driving privileges.

Traffic flow

Traffic light at 6th Ave & 11 St W or 9th Ave & 11th St W

Transportation - like to see bus (major) travel. Plane to Minot or Bismarck.

Update parks and better mosquito control

We have got to do something about the mosquitoes when I can't even let my kids go out to play or they look like they have the measles after being outside for a short period of time I am very upset. It is absolutely ridiculous and uncontrolled.

We need to get in Hotel/Motel that have adequate banquet and meeting rooms so that we can draw in conventions and bring commerce into the Williston area (also an indoor aquatic center with it to bring in families for the weekend).

We need to stop this breaking into places, cars, keying cars and ease up on the speeders on 18th St. Get patrol cars on 26th St E. Every time I drive this - young people can't read the signs. Enlarge these signs that read "Right lane must turn".

We seem to be able to get whatever we need here.

We've too much an overabundance of senior citizen housing. We need 2 bdrm housing and housing available for people who need a place to call their own. It's not all old people anymore.

Williston has its ups and downs like every other community. I wish it seemed the people here took a personal interest/investment in making it better, but you can't really do anything about that.

Williston has the worst "small town service" so service would be my most important improvement.

Women's clothing, shoe store - name brand

Written Comments

9. What type of housing do you feel is most needed in the City? Please rank the top three.
(Other comments)

Lower cost housing for people on fixed incomes

Middle income housing, which is in very short supply as there are programs for low income and high income takes care of itself

Trailer parks are a thing of the past and their look doesn't influence Williston positively. The city should stay out of TIFS, and other financial help for contractors/developers, if they don't have their own money to build quality developments, go elsewhere. The TIF the city of Williston gave to the Valley City builder for 2 apartment buildings is incrementally larger than the one everyone fought for the Marcil Group for 9 buildings!! Everyone's too busy or too tired to bitch about this one! Marcil is still profiting off everything they did in Williston with their own property management company.

Affordable

Affordable apartments

Affordable family housing

Affordable for someone who doesn't meet low-income guidelines but doesn't make oilfield wages, common man rent.

Affordable Housing

Affordable housing

Affordable housing

Affordable housing - All must be affordable to the person not involved in oil industry. We need affordable apartments, not the \$1,000-1,200/month that was justified in the recent letter to the editor.

Affordable Housing for people on a fixed income

Affordable senior living

Build your own home that you can afford.

Housing availability for people not working in the oil field jobs.

Motels

Nursing home beds (increase)

Shelters plus we need transitional housing for foster children when they turn 18 and leave the system.

You need to keep the pricing down on all housing for the permanent residence in this city.
Affordable

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

Some of the semis and big trucks seem to think they own the roads, don't have to stop when coming onto a highway from a side road and cause the highway driver to have to slow down. Many pickups and trucks are driving way too fast. It's pretty tough to make a left turn on 18th St to the bypass and the traffic on 11th by Hermanson Oil/Mercy is also nasty with people not slowing down.

Driving becomes hazardous because roads are not cleaned for snow after each storm

Public transportation would be a total waste of money, so I'm sure we will be seeing it soon.

Williston had bus service both in town and out of town years ago and now we have nothing.

It is very difficult to make efficient and easy connections from Williston to the rest of the world. We shouldn't have to be tied up all day in order to make a 3 hour flight

Considering we live in North Dakota, snow/ice removal affects our transportation a great deal.

Time is coming that there needs to be something in place, kids need a way to get around town. Parents can't drive all the time. How much use is the cab getting in town?

When traffic is heavy and people are in a hurry, they tend to drive more carelessly.

With all the activity, jet service is needed.

You need to take care of what you already have or it will be a larger cost to fix it in the end.

There are several new CDL drivers on the narrow roads in the areas in and around Williston and the increase in truck traffic makes driving anywhere scary if you are in a car.

Need more flights and or bigger planes.

As Williston ages or gets younger people it would be good to reduce wear and tear of our roads by more public transportation. The costs of roads and maintenance of roads will not get any cheaper.

With more people moving into the area lot of families only have one vehicle, a transportation system would be helpful for those families - also we used to have air service to Bismarck. My family used it all the time for our medical reasons, we really miss that service. It was also nice to have air service to Bismarck for connecting to Minneapolis instead of having to go to Denver all the time. Also as both my husband & I are working parents it would sure help us & lots of families moving into town if the school district had buses for in town kids other than just head start kids. I also think transportation to downtown would help in the downtown shopping.

I don't see our transportation system as a major need. I think continued upkeep and repairs are helping and should continue. I also think that traffic flows at good pace and would be for increasing city speed limits to 30 mph. Maybe that's not safe enough, but I usually drive that fast anyway.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

1) 11th St & 2nd Ave lights are set wrong during heavy traffic times, for those heading east on 11th and make a left turn on signal barely 1-2 cars can make it through. Need a left turn signal light, not a yield to traffic. 2) Applebee's turn is an accident waiting to happen. 3) Why the barricade and close off of the frontage road access on the 42nd St lights to Wal-Mart - what a mess. 4) Need more connections.

1) Have to go to Minot or Bismarck to get a plane if you can't hold it for bathroom 3 1/2 to 4 hours. Williston planes lock bathrooms. 2) Can't get to doctors in Bismarck when ill, no way. Problem when you haven't a driver and live alone.

1) Heavy equipment breaks down our streets. 2) Winter snow removal and ice removal seems to be delayed in the city. 3) Public transportation is widely used and usually has quite a wait time.

1) People who live on a fixed income need affordable transportation. 2) Safety parents dropping kids off in front of school clogging road - people driving around double parked cars.

A lot of roads need repair (ex. Sinking sewer covers - 22nd St E) and heaving pavement (ex. Million Dollar Lane & 26th St E). School should be one of the top priorities for snow removal (ex. Hagan Elementary is not done before school begins.)

A priority for people moving here

Access in and out of Williston is essential.

Accessing the bypass

Additional or added traffic in town has caused a need for this.

Air service is often full or cancelled into Williston

Air, because of travel to and from Williston to Minot is a hardship during winter months. The price is coming down but it should be more affordable for those not related to the oil field

All of the trucks are hard on the roads; some roads will need more money for repairs.

All roads are terrible with snow and ice, especially the side roads.

All transportation is good

Although Williston is a small town it is a hub for economic development in ND. Making air travel more accessible to the people of Williston will help to further improve the local economy.

As I wrote in #6, paint the road but to continue the roads do not make "fluid" sense, unsafe design of roadways (ex. 2nd & bypass intersection, can't get directly to any business, dangerous cross traffic, two lanes suddenly become 1 at Albertsons and a lane shift just before the intersection going N on 2nd, yikes, dangerous. Not to mention the craziness N on 2nd past that intersection.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

As our population ages, we will need good access to transportation for those unable to drive.

As the community grows, the need for a more direct thoroughfare across town is needed, especially N-S. University Ave. is becoming extremely busy - which is a residential street. Does Williston have a city planner?

As Williston grows rapidly, a good system of roads to new areas is a must for future growth and access.

As Williston grows, roads need to accommodate the growth.

At busy times almost impossible to cross 11th St at 6th and 9th and in winter if you don't have 4 wheel drive you can't move because of poor maintenance, snow removal.

Because I don't really understand what that means I thought semis were not really allowed to drive within city limits, so I don't see why it pertains to the survey.

Because I think our city is very lax about maintaining residential streets over the winter when they have so few through streets to maintain.

Because of all the increased traffic, if our streets need repairs they are not safe for increased traffic.

Because safety is #1.

Because there is not much affordable air transportation available.

Because they wreck the roads.

Because winter poses 1/2 of the year for Williston - snow removal is key. Since the other half is road construction - good maintenance is key.

Bottleneck over west bypass, need signal. Lights at 11th & bypass. 26th W and bypass.

Build a road around the city from the 4 mile around the airport north to A-1 go around a hook up at the bridge on 1804.

Cab service is not good and older people need to be able to just catch a bus.

Can't get to Bismarck by air, train, etc.

Cars are traveling above speed limits especially with the added amount of vehicles in town.

Cheaper airfare into and out of Williston. More flights too.

Citizens without garages have a hard time getting into and out of their vehicle safely when parked on roadside.

Concern for traffic coming on South 85.

Congestion at the middle school and high school could be contained with a bus system that a lot of these kids could take to school.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

Crossroads lack of traffic lights terrible problem

Currently public transportation is limited due to shortage of carriers and funding, hours of availability are limited also for disabled individuals and low income individuals.

Delays getting longer and longer trying to get onto Dakota Parkway from 26th Ave W.

Depending on what part of town you live in gets priorities, dips, holes, rough, etc.

Don't understand what you are looking for here.

Driving in town should be safe when we are driving our children especially in the winter time

Driving local highways is extremely dangerous now. In 1.5 hours I saw 3 accidents, 1 was fatal, and all were caused by speeding.

Elderly population is increasing and transportation should be a priority.

Expensive and inconvenient to travel to Minot/Bismarck to board a decent sized jet. I don't like the small planes and don't appreciate being bumped trying to return to Williston because I paid a lower fare than someone else. My time or need to get to my family and home and job are important too.

Extra traffic on streets, many streets are in need of repairs now, like by high school.

For me to go one-way to Bismarck, I'd have to rent a U-haul truck!

Get better transportation for the older people

Go back to pile snow in middle of street, so you can remove all snow. (Less accidents will occur)

Handicap parking needs to be on signs that can be read when snow or else painted when worn out. Stiff fines for people who use handicap parking and don't need it. I think arrows that indicate left and right turning lanes need to be painted when they start to show wear and also all stripping on avenues and streets. For travels it would make driving much easier. The medium by the credit union and other places should be taken out. They are a danger, more so when lots of snow.

Hard to get a taxi when needed.

Hard to get around if roads are not cleaned in winter

Hard to make connections, other than going thru Denver.

Hazardous walking

Heavy trucks in residential areas cause road damage.

Higher volume of traffic requires a higher volume of maintenance.

I am able to drive and have a car, but used to have to walk, and it's the "pits" to get around if you have no car.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

I believe it is important to provide affordable transportation to those that have a disability or elderly.

I believe the present roads are in pretty good shape. Speed on 18th St could be increased to 30 mph. Also on the road past Herman Oil out to Pheasant Run.

I can not afford the taxi 2 or 3 times per day. People and youth speeding at different blocks and times.

I chose this because of the way people drive on the streets and the speed limit on 18th St. Even taking it up to 30mph would make a difference. The other main roads are always at that speed.

I don't believe that Williston has a major problem.

I don't need a bus at this point but, someday I will, many people don't drive.

I explained it earlier.

I feel the roadways are satisfactory.

I have experienced too many people pulling out in front of me at certain intersections.

I have spent time in Bismarck and other areas we have lived and compared to them Williston has little trails for hiking, walking, rollerblading, biking, etc. The ones they have are not maintained especially for rollerblading.

I think it important for safety etc. to clean streets of snow and ice as soon as possible after these weather events.

I think parking is more of an issue than those listed above. For growth, the one improvement that will become necessary is to make major improvements, additional lanes etc. to handle more traffic.

I think road maintenance is most important to keep day-to-day life a little less complicated and a little smoother.

I think the maintenance is done well but I also think it is an important issue.

I think Williston does a great job in the area of transportation

I would like nicer conditions to walk, run and bike on.

I would like to have better air service because my family lives far out of North Dakota.

If a person doesn't have a car, the only alternative is a taxi?

I'm a Native, I've seen boom and bust all my life. I'm tired of knee jerk reactions which usually come too late. I would like to see 5-10-20 year plans where there is always some growth, but not all at once, too late we end up paying for it because they out of town companies only care about their profit!!

I'm handicapped and good affordable transportation is important to me.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

Improvement in repairing and maintaining the streets - the streets are rough and need attention

In order to capitalize on the increased oilfield activity air service/access is very important.

In the winter it's hard to get to work by 5 AM because I live in Pheasant Run area and that's the last place that gets plowed.

In the winter we need to know we will be able to get to our jobs.

It gets cold here, so these areas of concern are needed more.

It is awful going N-S or when making a left-hand turn

It is basically nonexistent in Williston. It would mean a few less vehicles on the streets

It is difficult to drive on side streets in neighborhoods when snow is plowed infrequently.

It is the biggest current need and how it is grown affects everything else.

It is too expensive

It needs more attention, our street might get done 1 or 2 times a season, yet we can not park on the street on cleaning day.

It seems as though certain areas in the winter don't get cleaned off very well or there haven't been sand or dirt applied. There should be bussing for all the schools. Public busing would be helpful for the elderly and college students. I never plan on flying because it cost a lot more than driving to Bismarck or Minot.

It seems that the streets are very bad in the winter time when they get snow

It speaks for itself, for safety.

It speaks for itself. Improvements will alleviate many of the others listed.

It's absolutely necessary to keep the roads accessible year round.

It's cheaper to drive to Minot and go from Minot to Minneapolis. We need that flight to Minneapolis!! :)

It's one of the top priorities of a city under the constitution.

It's pretty poor when residents who have lived here for years have to pay outrageous rent just because of greed and pay poor wages to people because of "your bottom line".

I've seen heavy equipment traveling too fast. Someone is going to get hurt. Potholes and cracks not filled.

Just need more public transportation available.

Just plain dangerous

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

Lack of housing (affordable) for people not employed by oil companies. Too many oil trucks traveling on the bypass and highways. Need a 4-lane highway from Williston to Dickinson. I know this is not a city problem but it is a problem none the less. Elderly and low income people need affordable, reliable public transportation.

Lack of housing.

Long winters with variable conditions.

Lots of kids walk to school; there is no sidewalk on 19th Ave W running north and south for kids walking to Hagan School.

Main streets only are cleared of snow. Side streets are a mess. No snow removal, no street sweeping, no tree trimming. Why do I pay property taxes?

Maintenance to major streets has been good but residential areas (not through streets) and alleyways require repair and maintenance. Also, streets should be remarked before winter. i.e. this needs to be done twice a year, not just before band day.

Many elderly people do not drive, and it would be nice to have a regular bus route.

Marked roadways with speed!

More traffic signals 11th St, 9th Ave, 11th St, 6th Ave

My family has experienced many undesirable flying experiences with the current airline coming to Williston. Would prefer another airline that would fly to Minot and Minneapolis.

N/A

Need a 4-way stop on 11th St and 6th Ave, also 11th St & 9th Ave; need turn lanes for all approaches in the Rio Vista area off Hwy 85 (this is probably a state issue).

Need buses or more cabs. Too many older people driving.

Need direct jet service to major airports - Denver & Minneapolis

Need for less traffic, less maintenance of highways needed.

Need jet service in Williston- to travel anywhere it's a days worth of travel time on either side to make appointments in other areas- Williston has lost some companies due to this problem

Need more stoplights

Need public transportation for those who do not drive

Need stop light at 11th St W and bypass. Need 4-way stop 11th St W and 6th Ave W.

Need to grow/expand vs. serious decrease in quality of life from 24/7 noise pollution.

Needs feasible transportation to Bismarck or some other place with major health facility.

No affordable housing for residents not working in oilfield.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

No bus service in or out of Williston

No flights to Mpls

No jet service

No one can afford to take a cab every day - walking is not an option for a lot of people, myself included - and owning a car is a great expense from the tax and licensing fees to the maintenance and gas prices and insurance. Even with all of the expenses though, it's still cheaper than a cab.

Noise & pedestrian safety - congestion on bypass from west 11th 18th, box elder (Kensington/Sears) & 26th

Not a large enough community to support a public transit system

Not affordable or efficient to fly out of Williston, too small of planes, only can connect in Denver.

Not all people drive, would be nice to have transportation for them as well as children needing to get around if parents at work. Some intersections the lights are too short or too long, sometimes at certain intersections you might get one car through the light having to wait for oncoming traffic, Arby's & Hardees's is the worst.

Oil field trucks have caused major damage to roads.

Oil traffic on outlying and bypasses.

Oilfield activity

Oilfield trucks travel too fast, cut in front of you and run our roads over the long term.

Older people need ride to clinic, grocery shop or just to go to church or visit others.

On street parking needs restrictions. With parking of RV's/etc on roads, many end up being one lane. It is very unsafe and restricts emergency vehicles and even daily traffic

Only one cab sometimes causes long delays and can be expensive. We should have a small bus service to travel from downtown by the college out to Wal-Mart and to hospital and back downtown several times a day.

Our city would have more activity and permanent residents if we have more ease of air service.

Our current economy requires proper infrastructure and maintenance of roads for heavy truck traffic for oil, but the need for proper infrastructure and maintenance continues past oil industry usage. Many goods have to be trucked in to Williston. If there is to be any expansion of non-oil companies or services in Williston, reliable roads are necessary.

Our lack of transportation into and around Williston is pitiful and would be unacceptable anywhere else in the U.S.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

Our public transportation is almost nonexistent.

Our roads are allowed to snow over and no concern is taken by the city to immediately clear the roadways. The city will certainly deny these allegations. But in other cities (Fargo & Minot) I have lived in things are different, immediate action is taken whatever the time of day it is or what the future snowfall may be

Our roads in Williston and the county are being tore up by oil and large farm trucks and the county and city doesn't get enough oil import money from the state to fix them up.

Our streets are bad.

Our streets have many areas that have potholes, depressed wheel tracks, and cracks in the pavement

Paying taxes for road repair and snow removal. Cedar terrace has to pay for own. Road repairs and snow removal. Why as a tax payer do I have to double up?

People can't wait for anybody and people don't use signal for turning or drive without light in the morning.

People moving in can't find a place to live

People with no transportation trying to get to a job or with no funds to live in Williston but can't afford to live in a small town and drive to Williston.

Public transportation is a great need in any community; it's very obvious during high traffic times where the delays and bad connections are.

Public transportation is almost nonexistent. Need a regular city bus route, one bus would do.

Public transportation is not something I need

Public transportation to Bismarck or Billings for medical care.

Rapid development with road construction to the new developments lagging behind.

Require more maintenance with the many large, heavy trucks on bypass.

Residential removal seems more for the affluent areas.

Road crews need to get to work before public needs to get to work.

Road in our area not swept or snow removed.

Roads - namely street surface conditions - are terrible

Roads are getting worn out too fast at a great cost because they can't support the heavy truck traffic from the oil field.

Roads need to be cleared away after snow fall.

Roads need work, potholes, etc.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

Roadway maintenance, potholes, cracks, uneven surfaces, impacts my personal vehicle.

Rough streets/roads in town. But these are being taken care of. Compliments to the city for fixing E. 2nd St. Now how about 4th Ave W in between indoor swimming pool and high school.

Safely get around town

Seems to be not much control on speeders

Sidewalks often in poor repair. We love the walking trail and would like to see more.

Slower is safer. Additionally, folks here frequently change lanes without signaling, fail to move over for merging traffic, and often cross lanes while turning. I get the impression that most drivers simply aren't used to city driving.

Snow & ice removal obvious/safety. Bus service with schedule

Snow and ice are important for safety. Hills and gravels are safety issue. Speeds on roadways are also safety issues.

Snow and ice removal of residential streets on a much more timely basis.

Some areas of town, like the Wal-Mart intersections are quite confusing and dangerous.

Some bottle neck roads could cause accidents

Some sidewalks are in poor condition in older residential areas

Some streets are in poor condition if we have a winter with significant snow I doubt with cities growth; city staff can handle the current size of Williston quickly enough.

Speeding is always problem in accidents and safety especially in residential.

Stop lights by No. Credit Union on 18th set too fast - need more time to cross onto 18th St. Speeds on East 11th and Reclamation not being monitored. Traffic is much too fast at all times and no law enforcement stopping speeders.

Stop signs are not being honored. Need more patrol. Cleaning off snow etc lessens accident probability for young and old.

Stoplights are too short, so people go to stop signs and traffic gets congested.

Streets are not repaired according to their specs. Cracks and holes are not filled in a timely manner. Man hole covers are below pavement levels.

Streets aren't maintained in winter as well as other towns, we often wonder why.

Streets downtown need repair; pot holes need fixing, bus transportation, cabs too expensive

Streets need to be cleaned regularly, you have new equipment but don't it.

Streets need updating and maintenance

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

Streets not cleared promptly - no left turn at Arby's corner stop lights where not needed on Highland Drive and at catholic school. No stop light at Herman oil - no major work on regular city streets for 30 years or more - work being done not standing up on Million Dollar way and Main Street.

Take a tour of Williston and you can see the problem with access to apt complexes and businesses.

That's what we need.

The air service is in need of improvement so persons flying to other destinations don't have to drive to Minot or Bismarck.

The area we live in has a great need for road repairs.

The biggest problem with transportation isn't on list above. It is the highways into town.

The city does a poor job of cleaning streets in the winter; they turn into ice slicks before they get out and do anything about it! They wait for the snow to stop before they start clearing most of it. I lived in Minot for 2 years a short distance from the city shop; they were mobile when the first flakes hit the ground.

The danger of turning off the west bypass into the City of Williston on 9th St and 18th St. When a vehicle is in the turning lane at completely blocks the view of oncoming traffic for a vehicle in the opposite turning lane. This is a very dangerous situation. The solution may be as simple as adding lights for the turning lanes.

The increased traffic requires more thru streets.

The industry in this area requires heavy truck traffic, yet Williams, Montrail, Divide, etc. counties have roads that lack adequate shoulders, turn lanes, intersections, designs, etc. Build/redo the roads to handle the truck traffic and keep us safe.

The intersection by Herman Oil is awful. Cars go way too fast and there needs to be a light there.

The lack of recreational opportunities creates the feeling of cabin fever.

The need to slow down young people with big fast pick-ups, dragging main with nowhere to go.

The places I go mainly are work, home, and church. They are within 10 min of each other.

The police need to slow speeding vehicles, and trucks driving through town are going way too fast also.

The rest seem to be acceptable.

The roads are so icy in the winter. I wish they would dirt the roads more.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

The speeds on the bypass are getting out of control with the recent truck traffic and absolutely no Police presence seen, I suppose a death in town might get them to watch. Also there should be a complete ban on engine braking in the city limits, the noise is as unbearable as all the jerks on unbaffled Harleys!!!

There are a lot of people that are needing housing they can't find any they can afford because they are the backbone of Williston they will be here when the whole group of oil workers are gone. Then what?

There are a lot of pot holes and dips in the road that need fixing.

There are areas in my neighborhood where the sidewalks end, there is no sidewalk connecting my neighborhood in the most popularly traveled direction and in a community this size where bike travel to and from work, stores, school would be easy it is a death defying action as there is no place for bikes to ride and drivers try to squeeze you over. Better walkways and more walker friendly would be nice. Also, most sidewalks in town when they exist are broken up.

There are few good areas to safely bicycle

There has to be enough homes and businesses to attract people and more business to Williston.

There is a terrible bottleneck at the H.S./middle school and/or all public schools in the am/pm. Child safety is a concern. Snow removal in winter is a concern. The speed laws are not being observed, especially on 26th and E. Dakota Parkway, etc. I rated the areas of top concern because they are a concern.

There is no point putting in more new roads if we can't take care of the ones we have.

There is no public transportation at all in Williston.

There is no public transportation.

There is no real alternative to 2nd Ave W.

There is none available at all.

There is not a lot of affordable housing for the lower paid workers. Price of gas has a lot to do with transportation.

There is not public transportation (buses). Train service is rarely on time.

There is only train service and limited airport facilities. Need to bring back better transit services between towns, such as bus service, particularly those traveling in a south/north direction.

They are hard on the roads.

They only cleaned my street a couple times then they need to do residential more often.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

They're fine so far.

Thinking "Green". Carpools and public transportation would save on gas and possibly cut down on DUI instances.

This has also to do with the way the red light system is timed on the bypass through Williston. There is so much truck traffic and the light change so quickly, esp. to the traffic crossing the bypass (west-east) that so many people are running red lights. One day there will be a major accident. We cross by the Credit Union, only a few cars can go through on a green light. A person can not cross the whole bypass on a green light, even running it turns yellow. There are kids that cross the bypass, so dangerous. I always worry that a heavy truck won't be able to stop in time.

Too many heavy vehicles traveling too great a speed results in more \$ spent on road reconstruction, waste of fuel & hazardous conditions to drivers, pedestrians (& insurance costs).

Too many people on limited income who cannot afford to own vehicles or cabs.

Too much speeding on residential streets

Traffic congestion going from north to south on bypass. Terrible for AM & PM work commutes.

Transportation does not seem to be a problem

Transportation in and out of Williston. Only way to travel is by train.

Travel to the west is extremely limited and limits option for development.

Truck traffic does not need to be in town/city limits

Trucks make it harder to see smaller traffic and/or children, walkers, pets, etc.

Trucks tearing up roads

Trucks that take a cut-across through residential areas.

Trucks travel straight through downtown near school and children. I am just afraid someone is going to get hurt.

Turn lanes

Turning onto 18th St W of bypass from west is very poorly marked.

US 2 merging with 26th St and vehicles on a US highway bypass have to yield to west bound traffic on 26th St. Should be a third lane so traffic going west on bypass wouldn't have to yield on the bypass not turn on red should be so you don't turn across crosswalks. Going turning south off 9th no crosswalk both are signed wrong.

Use for old people

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

Waiting in a long line of cars when I could turn, but there is no turning lane. Getting across west bypass need more ways.

Way too many semi trucks within the city

We again have families who can't afford gas and there is no public transportation.

We do not have any public transportation, our taxi services are limited.

We do not need any improvements that will leave us in debt

We had a bus system when I was growing up here it was great, the cab system is okay but hours are not always conducive to need such as for people visiting the ER at Mercy.

We have an excellent airport but a flight to and from Minneapolis, MN would be greatly appreciated and I thing used.

We have no public transportation

We have noticed speeding and disregard for stop signs

We have only 1 cab line no other public transportation.

We have plenty of roads. The road block on the service road in north Williston on 42nd St is a major concern it is a very dangerous thing. Just to funnel traffic to Wal-Mart.

We live in a new development and it needs actual speed limit signs and patrolling.

We live on a side street - 6th Ave E. and sometimes it's been 4 days without plowing. No doctors or lawyers live near us. (Sorry)

We live on a street where snow removal is slow. Also, our block is long and motorcycles driving down our street are so very loud and irritating.

We need affordable cab transportation for all people.

We need better roads around Williston to support heavy trucks.

We need bus transportation because air is too expensive and train is not always the right time of day or night

We need more public transport for handicap and elderly people who can't get around or have access to a vehicle to transport larger wheelchairs and motorized chairs for handicap.

We need more stop signs or lights at busy intersections

We need the streets kept up (i.e. potholes etc.) and kept as clear as possible of snow and ice in the winter

We only have cabs and senior buses.

We would like to see more trails for fitness.

When we get big snow we need to remove it before we get a major ice build up.

Written Comments

11. Please provide an explanation of why you chose the top transportation area of concern in question #10.

Williston does not provide many family activities. However, we do enjoy going for walks (with a stroller). There are many places that sidewalks do not exist or are in an unusable condition.

Williston has a very poor image to outsiders. Roads are just a part of this. Read "Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell - broken-windows-theory applies directly to this town. In 30 years when the Bakken dries up, if this town has not dealt with its larger image problem and needs, it will be seen as the podunk, junky town that it is without any jobs.

Williston have poor snow and ice removal

Williston is a community out of the way. The services I have marked are necessary and should be supported.

Williston is too small for that. WALK

Williston isn't big enough for a bus system yet, maybe someday

Williston sits secluded in NW North Dakota; therefore I would like to see more air service getting to major cities like Minneapolis or Billings (more directions besides south to Denver). It is more likely right now for lots of us to drive first to Minot or Bismarck so that we can get to our destinations by air.

Williston's bike trails should be more scenic and provide an incentive to use them; most of the areas are not very attractive.

Winters here can be hazardous. Keeping ice and snow removed greatly improves public safety.

With more truck traffic we need turn lanes, additional lanes and better upkeep to roads they tear up.

With our elderly population growing, they should have buses or some affordable means to conduct daily business when driving is no longer safe for them.

With roads as they are and with the increased flow of traffic, this is vital to avoid accidents.

With the increase in traffic the safety of roads is more important than ever.

With the increased traffic, we must be able to keep the streets and roads free of ice and snow, for safety sake.

You can't walk or bike on many sidewalks as they are overgrown by trees or shrubs or in disrepair.

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

1 city bus, loop to Wal-Mart to Downtown.

1. School 2. Health Care

A bus to Minot for shopping would be awesome! My grandparents would use the bus for health care.

Absolutely none.

All

All

All

All of above

All of the above

All of the above

All of the above

All of the above when needed, you'd only need to drive for major shopping.

Appointments - shopping

As of right now I don't think I would ever use a transit service. I'm not sure how many people it would help so I can't give an opinion one way or the other. I do believe that we need to provide transportation to those citizens, who need to see a doctor, therapist, or any other specialist that they are in need of and do not have any other means of transportation.

At this point we most likely wouldn't use it but it would be good for seniors and disabled.

At this point, I don't need this type of service.

At this time I probably wouldn't use it, but I think a lot of people who don't drive, especially elderly, would use it for health care needs and light shopping; possibly school children too.

Bethel Home - Kensington - Century Apts - near Bison Drive & 16th Ave W.

Bus service going west

Buses for school kids

Busing kids to school.

Busing school children to school.

Clinics/Hospital - Wal-Mart - downtown - library - Williston State College

Do not need

Does not apply to me

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

Don't know

Don't plan to use

Don't think I would as I still do my own driving.

Don't think I would use it

Downtown, Wal-Mart, doctor's offices

Downtown, Wal-Mart, schools

Going to Wal-Mart, downtown, clinic

Grocery store and Wal-Mart and downtown

Grocery, medical, downtown, airport, restaurants

Group trips

Health care

Health Care

Health care

Health care

Health care

Health care

Health care and school

Health care and shopping

Health care and shopping

Health care and shopping

Health care and shopping

Health Care and Shopping - many are unnecessarily driving cars to school - I would like to see a distance limit and no driving at noon time.

Health care to doctors in Minot & Bismarck and to buy clothes in Minot.

Health care to Montana & Bismarck. Shopping in Bismarck, Montana & Minot.

Health care, church

Health care, doctor & hospital

Health care, especially to and from hospital or doctor appointments.

Health care, shopping

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

Health care, shopping

Health care, shopping or visiting family.

Health care, shopping, work

Health care, work. Who will fund low income people's rides they can't afford. The Mercy Rider program can't fund more transportation.

Healthcare

Healthcare

Home, work, school, shopping (downtown to Wal-Mart)

Hospital, Economart, Albertsons, Wal-Mart, multiple stops downtown, WSC (college), Recreation Center, High School.

I do not myself utilizing this service.

I don't believe I would use it much

I don't feel transit service necessary for me but work in health care and see need for patients for metro trips

I don't know

I don't think we will every have a bus system, get real.

I don't think Williston is spread out enough for any mass transit to be feasible, if it were available and on time I'd probably try it for everything. It would have to run centrally North to South through town.

I have available transportation.

I have no need. I walk.

I personally would like to see a city cab service; it would cut back on drinking and driving

I personally would not use it but have many family members who are older that would benefit from it for grocery shopping, and trips to the doctor.

I personally wouldn't use public transportation but I do believe a lot of people would cut down on driving.

I think most people would use it for shopping and appointments.

I volunteer at the hospital so I'd need it for that, shopping, medical appointments, church, visit friends.

I would definitely use this service if a fare system is one that I could afford. I would take it to work (the hospital), errands (bank, groceries, Wal-Mart) and downtown. If the system were to work and be used the masses it would need to cover a great deal of areas

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

I would likely not use the service, but feel some elderly/low income would benefit and also students.

I would never use

I would not use it, but my friends would use it for work.

I would not use the bus. It may be helpful for the elderly to get to healthcare appointments.

I would not use the transit no matter where it goes.

I would not use. I feel that if the current boom peaks then busts that this would be unnecessary for Williston.

I would probably not use bus service

I would rather see accommodations for walkers and bikers.

I would take a bus service to and from Tioga on a daily basis to/from work.

I would use a city bus to take my son to daycare and go to work.

I would use bus service for all above stated reasons.

I wouldn't use it at all but a lot of older people would benefit or people without any transportation.

I wouldn't use it now. Older kids and we drive ourselves.

I wouldn't use it.

I wouldn't use it. I feel older people could really use transit services.

I wouldn't use it. Others may - I support this.

In winter, I'd use for shopping or work (if I worked in town)

Is Williston big enough for Public Transportation?

It would be helpful to get around town for every one. And mostly for seniors. Also bus service out town west and east would be a great help.

Kids going to school help the school bus not to have to do so much. People going to stores you can name a number of things

Likely health care

Likely not use

Maybe shopping & health care one day in the future.

More bus service to places for the elderly.

Most is within walking distance, possible shopping.

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

Most likely it would be healthcare and shopping. (Many of us are unable to drive.)

Most likely would use bus service in bad weather to all the above.

Never use it

None at the present time.

None at this time

None, I have a car.

Not a concern for us personally.

Not needed

Not needed yet

Not sure that I would use it personally.

Nothing at this time

Personally I wouldn't use it but I know many people who would.

Personally, at this time we would not use it, but it would be wonderful for our aging population.

Recreation and downtown shopping.

School

School

School

School

School

School

School and health care

School and shopping

School buses

School, for working families, shopping, church, health care

School, grocery shopping, social org. meetings, rifle hanger, fishing

School, Shopping

School, work, shop

School. What shopping?

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

Schools, hospital, downtown shopping restaurants

Schools, shopping, healthcare

See #11.

Shopping

Shopping

Shopping

Shopping - health care

Shopping - Healthcare facilities

Shopping - trips to other cities.

Shopping and health care

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Shopping and health care

Shopping and to health care providers

Shopping and to health care providers

Shopping downtown or north of town and destinations in between

Shopping, dining opportunities

Shopping, downtown, restaurants, & movies. Harmon Park, Spring Lake Park

Shopping, entertainment

Shopping, etc.

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

Shopping, grocery stores, clinics/hospitals, library, Wal-Mart/downtown, pharmacies, restaurants.

Shopping, health care

Shopping, health care

Shopping, health care

Shopping, health care

Shopping, health care

Shopping, health care

Shopping, health care - trips

Shopping, health care and school

Shopping, health care, dining

Shopping, health care, postal service, paying local bills

Shopping, health care, school

Shopping, healthcare, recreation sites, even school

Shopping, healthcare, school

Shopping, school

Shopping/Clinic/School

Shopping/health care

Shopping/work

Some day will maybe need and use these services.

The clinics and hospital are pretty much on the same travel way which is a plus, since we have such a mismatch of shopping areas in the city, (and this trend seems to continue with residential and business being zoned in the same areas) Busing would seem to be a challenge. I do think we should have in city busing for school.

The majority of destinations are within walking distance; therefore we wouldn't use the bus service.

The town is small enough to walk anywhere.

This would be useful transportation for elderly people in Williston to get around town

To Minot - sports and health care and shopping

Unlikely to use very often.

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

Unnecessary

Volunteer work (at hospital), health care, shopping

Wal-Mart, trinity school, downtown, north and south trip, east and west trip

We can't support (by need/expenditure) a true bus system; but a regular shuttle servicing downtown and the rounds of living areas - 3-4 times a day?

We drive but there are people who would use the bus.

We have our own transportation. At this point in our lives we would probably not use it.

We live in town near everything, maybe for parks.

We probably would not use it.

We would not use at this time. For those who are elderly or can't drive.

We would only use for school.

We wouldn't need it

We wouldn't use it. For older people, shopping & health care.

When I'm a little older, shopping and health care

Won't use

Work

Work

Work

Work and Health care

Work and school

Work and shopping

Work and shopping

Work and shopping if gas prices increase

Work in the winter

Work or shopping

Work, health care

Work, health care

Work, health care and shopping

Work, health care, school, shopping

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

Work, school, shopping, to get to appointment, especially if one of our vehicles is being serviced.

Work, shopping

Work, shopping

Work, shopping and health care

Work, shopping and health care

Work, shopping, health care

Work, Shopping, Health care

Work, shopping, health care

Work, shopping, health care & schools

Work, shopping, health care & schools

Work, shopping, health care & schools

Work, shopping, health care & schools

Work, shopping, health care all the above mentioned.

Work, shopping, health care, Main St.

Work, shopping, just a general saving of environmental issues, gas, pollutants

Work, shopping, medical appointments.

Would not have a need for the bus

Would not use

Would not use transit service.

Would not use transit service.

Would not use.

Would not use.

Would not use. No need for.

Would use only is own transportation not available or road conditions icy, etc.

Wouldn't use

Wouldn't use at this time, able to drive.

Wouldn't use at this time.

Wouldn't use it

Written Comments

12. If transit service becomes available, please describe the destinations and types of trips for which you would be most likely to use bus service (such as, work, shopping, health care and school).

Wouldn't use it.

You have already described what's needed.

Written Comments

13. Is road maintenance (i.e. surface condition, snow/ice removal) within Williston acceptable in your opinion? If no, please explain.

#10 answered.

6th Ave west is perfect, otherwise?

A lot of the roads are poorly kept up, and the roads that need the most attention don't get any.

Again as state on #11, some areas aren't cleared as good as they can be and peoples vehicles are plowed in and driveways plowed in.

All you ever see is patch work. How about upgrading?

Alleys are not maintained

Barely, more dirt would help I think.

Better road maintenance is required

Blocked streets

Can be improved on - I've seen days where residential streets are never cleared. The main streets are usually covered.

Clean the street quicker and more often.

Cleared our street only once last year and that was in the spring

Continual improvement need on roads and better snow removal.

Could be better in residential.

Could do street sweeps and snow removal more often than they do.

Do in our area rarely

Done on roadways (major) very well. Side streets build up a lot of ice during winter.

Don't feel qualified to answer because we go south for the winter.

Every spring and fall we have ice but residential areas hardly ever get any sand put down. We have to go for blocks before we get to a major road that has been sanded.

Great job on snow/ice. Surface conditions okay.

Hagan Elementary snow removal, see #11. The sand trucks do a very good job when snow/ice comes.

I do not believe that it is adequate and timely

I go to work by 7 am, they haven't even started removal.

I think you do a great job with it, with intelligent priorities. My street is one of the last to be cleaned but it hasn't been a problem in past 15 years, even with a small car.

Improvements needed in damaged areas.

Written Comments

13. Is road maintenance (i.e. surface condition, snow/ice removal) within Williston acceptable in your opinion? If no, please explain.

In our area of town it is sadly lacking. Usually end up calling for service to clean our streets numerous times.

In the winter time I have to use my 4wheel drive most of the winter and I live on 8th Ave. here in town. We are always the last to get plowed out. By the time we do get plowed out there are such deep ruts in the road is very hard to get around in.

In time, will become more hazardous with the heavy vehicles using it - already notice outside city limits the poor condition.

In winters with heavy snowfall, it can be a full week before some "minor" streets are cleared.

Intersections are dangerous because of the ice and some avenues don't appear to get done with the exception of the main access streets and avenues.

It is done well in the center of town, but once you get out to the outer areas you are lucky if you see snow removal once a year.

It is fair but sometimes they slack and when they really are scraping and block your drive they don't always have the grey behind helping clean it out.

It is not however around Williston, Hwy 85 south and 1804 to Fairview and New Town need to be fixed and possibly 4-lane to handle the traffic.

It seems to take place to slowly and is just patchwork.

It's getting better, but some streets need to be repaired.

It's not done in a timely manner.

Just salted and sanded no matter how much snow and it turns to ice making it difficult to get around.

Little slow on weekends

Lots of damaged streets

Lots of sink holes due to increased big vehicle traffic

Many places need work.

Many roads need repairs but I believe the city addresses the issue.

Many streets in town with holes, waves, bumps, bad seams, etc.

Most of the time

Most of the time

Most of the time

Most of the time

Written Comments

13. Is road maintenance (i.e. surface condition, snow/ice removal) within Williston acceptable in your opinion? If no, please explain.

Mostly - some potholes in the spring that could be taken care of sooner in some places.

Some gravel roads will need to be paved as the city grows.

Need more removal trucks, wait too long to have it taken care of.

Need repairs on roads of streets!

Need to plow behind Economart when it snows.

Needs constant attention

Needs improvement

Not all streets are plowed. The street I live on has not been plowed in the 8 years I have lived there.

Not done on used street, only sanded.

Not sure as I am new to the community.

Often only main streets are kept clear of snow.

On preventative maintenance, or not done the right way

Our avenue seems to not get plowed at times; we have a neighbor with a farm tractor who plows himself out so makes heaps of snow in road.

Our city workers are not keeping up maintenance

Our roads are rough and in need of repair.

Our street (17th St W & 6th Ave) hardly sees a snow plow or a street cleaner.

Our street and alley needs to be resurfaced.

Our streets are not cleaned off soon enough after it snows. Sometimes the streets aren't cleaned at all! Very poor!

Overall, I would say it's good.

Poor condition of streets - some streets are like riding a bronco when driving on them.

Pot holes, streets not cleared fast enough or at all, especially alley ways.

Potholes only repaired when at their worst, only main roads cleaned of snow.

Problems were identified in response to questions #11.

Removal has not been as good the last 4 years or so in the winter.

Residential areas are NOT kept up and snow removal in residential areas is sporadic at best.

Residential snow removal more often.

Rough cracks in the road

Ruts are too big, too deep

Written Comments

13. Is road maintenance (i.e. surface condition, snow/ice removal) within Williston acceptable in your opinion? If no, please explain.

Secondary roads are in need of repair

See #6

See 11

See answer in question 11. I do not feel that the residential clearing is adequate either

Several streets are in need of repair. More traffic will create more repairs needed. Snow removal has been adequate but can the city keep up with the growth?

Snow and ice removal is good but surface and signing and adjacent green areas could be greatly enhanced

Snow on neighborhood streets should be removed more quickly

Snow plow turns around in my driveway each time and I have to shovel out for the tax dollars I pay, this sucks.

Snow removal - just sand over our streets last winter, lots of packed snow.

Snow removal all exits and entrances along bypass should be cleared quicker.

Snow removal here is poor.

Snow removal in Pheasant Run area is non-existent

Snow/ice removal is a problem

Snow/ice removal is not dealt with immediately causing a build-up that carries over throughout the winter season.

Some areas overlooked 2nd St. Need speed bumps in alley behind 13th Ave W and cemetery, traffic speeds.

Some areas seem to have continual seasonal problems that get only a short lived patch up rather than a more permanent repair.

Some places need attention (between high school and swimming pool)

Some streets need work

Street outside (past) my house is always icy in winter. Have to complain every year to get some sand.

Streets are bad. Snow and ice is handled well.

Streets are plowed 2-3 times per winter.

Striping in most of city, especially heavily traveled ones is nearly invisible. Potholes and uneven surfaces abound.

Summer street cleaning and winter snow removal is unacceptable. They (the city) do not clean streets often and slow to clear snow from streets.

Written Comments

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Surface condition bad by WHS & WCCU & 2nd St W

Surface ruff need patching (streets). Snow and ice removal are very good.

Takes too long!

The alley entrance on 9th St W between 2nd & 1st Ave W needs repair.

The back of my house has holes and ice traps. It's behind Economart, in the alley that needs grading in the winter.

The city does a poor job of cleaning streets in the winter; they turn into ice slicks before they get out and do anything about it!

The community roads are good; our highways in and out of Williston are in bad condition.

The main roads are cleared off fairly quickly but they tend to get iced up very fast and then nothing is done for that!

The Pheasant Run area is terrible in winter.

The streets need to be safe, with all the kids walking to school I think we need to be sure snow and ice stay off the roads

There are a lot of streets and alleys in need of repair.

There are several surfaces that are allowed to break down to the point of being dangerous before they are fixed. Sanding is not nearly enough in the winter.

There are times I wish we could have our streets swept more and possibly the alley from time to time.

They did not do anything last winter in residential areas except on east side.

They do a good job considering what they have to work with.

They don't remove snow other than high rent areas

They don't do enough.

They don't remove snow on my street; they pile it up on sidewalk, making access to house very difficult.

They need to redo 2nd Ave from Murphy's to 1st National Bank

They often pile snow by the curbs and curb cuts making going by a wheelchair dangerous or impossible.

They wait way too long before they get out and remove the snow.

They've done a nice job

Too many potholes need repair

Too many rough streets and pot holes.

Written Comments

13. Is road maintenance (i.e. surface condition, snow/ice removal) within Williston acceptable in your opinion? If no, please explain.

Too slow after storms

Touch job done ok

Try driving around town with a full cup of coffee driving 5 mph - you can't. Parking is bad too.

Very poor snow removal in Pheasant Run subdivision

Very slow removal in residential areas.

Wait too long in town, no anticipation until almost without help as needed.

We have large holes in our alley which is our entrance to our garage. Monty refuses to fix.

We live on 6th Ave E. Sometimes it's been 4 days before we get plowed out and then maybe it's pile up so the mailman can't get to the box.

We need oil impact funds to repair roads damaged by oil field equipment.

Well, I think it is acceptable but it seems that roads that don't need work are getting done before those that really need it.

Williston (in my opinion) does an adequate job of keeping our roadways safe.

With increase of traffic roads weren't clear or sanded for early am traffic

Would like snow removal more often when necessary on the side streets.

Yes, but it definitely needs improvement (road surfaces)

Yes, last winter was mild though.

Written Comments

14. Are more sidewalks needed within the City of Williston? If yes, please identify where these facilities are needed.

1024 10th St W and maybe more east.

11th St West 13th Ave to Hwy & Gate Ave off of 11th St; 8th St East Main to alley; 9th St East 2nd Ave to alley

19th Ave W- between 2100 block and 2600. 26th St W - Going to Hagan School

1st Ave E

1st Ave W - between 18th and 22nd

26th St

26th St on the airport side

26th St, north side by Airport property, a lot of people walk on that side.

26th West

A number of areas have non contiguous sidewalks

Across and perhaps along frontage roads, esp. north to Wal-Mart and Spring Lake Park. There should include bike access.

Across town and by new housing areas.

All over

All over and existing ones need to be kept in good repair.

All over town sidewalks were never completed by homeowners.

All residential and commercial lots should have usable sidewalks with ramps, including all vacant lots.

All residential areas where they are missing (areas which have not had improvements which required their installation). Question - Why are utility boxes allowed in the middle of sidewalks? (See Good Shepherd Lutheran Church)

Along ALL main roads so that people are not walking alongside the road.

Along Dakota Parkway. Bike path and side walk would be great.

Around Riverview cemetery and lots of other places that don't have them. People are walking on the streets and it's a traffic hazard.

Bad sidewalks all over

Behind the bowling alley all the way north to 26th St.

But some need to be replaced, repaired

By the college between 18th and toward the college. In the area of the college trailer lots and around the inner baseball areas.

By us and some have none and some need repair.

Written Comments

14. Are more sidewalks needed within the City of Williston? If yes, please identify where these facilities are needed.

City should fix broken sidewalks

Complete sidewalks in residential areas. They suddenly stop (by history) and were never finished.

Downtown sidewalks uneven, dangerous to handicap and children. They need work.

Every block, all facilities clear of trees and hazards for the blind.

Everywhere that their isn't any. Especially so kids will ride their bikes on the sidewalks.

Instead of the streets. Frontage road where there are business, 26th St W, Million Dollar Way, 2nd Ave W in front of Murphy.

Fix the ones you have.

How about upgraded, modern sidewalks where there are old sidewalks.

I appreciate that the corner curbs are ramped. Great for when I need to ride on the sidewalk and good for wheelchairs too.

I don't walk that much

I have a motorized wheelchair and would love to use sidewalks to go around town but there are areas with no sidewalks, no curb cuts, or sidewalks in terrible condition.

I live 1907 16th Ave W, I pay high property taxes and I cannot walk on a sidewalk on my side of the street. I have to cross the street to get to the bike path to get to the Western Star softball complex. I have to walk on the grass to stay out of traffics way.

I walk a lot - there are plenty of sidewalks - homeowners do not always keep winter sidewalks clean or trim trees off sidewalks.

I'm sure if we look around town, there are many places where sidewalks are needed. Maybe in the residential areas.

I'm thinking residential areas.

In areas where newer homes are being built and older homes were built years ago. The older homes have no sidewalks in front of them. i.e. west side of town 20th St.

In certain areas of the city sidewalks just end and then on the next block grass...also many alley ways are still gravel and not paved. I walk greatly with my dog.

In newer neighborhoods especially

In residential areas without sidewalks.

In the trailer courts.

It should be required that a city residence have a sidewalk.

Kids rollerblading in the summer on the streets people running in the street

Many are in such poor condition

Written Comments

14. Are more sidewalks needed within the City of Williston? If yes, please identify where these facilities are needed.

Many areas

Many residential areas

Many sidewalks need to be replaced or improved in specific areas of town.

Maybe in some of the newer neighborhoods

More natural trails

Not all streets have sidewalks on both sides.

Not just needed but repaired if you are out walking when it is dark, it is hard to see all the cracks.

Not only are more sidewalks needed, but homeowners should be required to keep their sidewalks free of ice, snow, debris, and overhanging tree limbs. Also heaving sidewalks due to tree roots is a problem.

Older part of town with no sidewalks

On 26th Street in various locations, primarily to the east of Kum & Go out towards Wal-Mart on the frontage road.

Only in some locations

Only where they are not completely run through the full block.

People with corner lots (side)

Pheasant run area

Repairs and streets repaired for safety.

Residential areas SE of Riverview Cemetery

Sand Creek Drive

Sidewalks are always needed, keeps children out of the road. Near and around the cemetery by Redeemers Lutheran Church.

Sidewalks need to be repaired on west side of town namely.

Sidewalks should have ramp-style accessibility.

Some of the old ones need to be replaced fore someone falls and gets hurt.

Some residential areas sidewalks need replacements

The quality of some sidewalks is poor. They need to be replaced.

There are certain residential areas in the city with no sidewalks. Pedestrians in the winter especially are forced to walk in the street.

There are neighborhoods that have short stretches with no sidewalks. I don't know specific locations. I've primarily noticed it on the west side of Main Street.

Written Comments

14. Are more sidewalks needed within the City of Williston? If yes, please identify where these facilities are needed.

There are parts where if you are walking with your family you have to be walking in the street.

There should be a program where people who wish to re-do their sidewalks could actually afford to do so. Again, the prices of contractors are \$1,000 + the cement cost for 3-4 hours of work!

They are badly in need of repair

Throughout the city

Uneven strips need replacing

Wasted tax money on 11th St sidewalk, can't use driveway with car.

We don't even have a sidewalk, nor could we be successful in asking for a street light on our street. Very dark at night

We need more.

We used to live in Glenn Villa trailer courts and the kids would play in the street because there was no sidewalk, very dangerous with all the traffic going thru.

West Dakota Parkway (26th St) over by the old econo stop and 19th Ave W: kids walk on road to get to school.

Western side of town across bypass

Where missing in front of houses.

Where new roads go in.

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

1) Fix the timing on the lights on the bypass immediately! 2) Keep the paint fresh on pedestrian walk ways so cars will notice that they need to stop. 3) You need to build a further west bypass from Hwy 2 to meet maybe over by the new Wal-Mart. 4) Also, 16th Ave W west of the bypass, is a 30 mile an hour street. This street borders the ball park with kids crossing and I've noticed how fast cars drive on this street, they go 35-40. Also, at night they drag this street and make a terrible noise (you have a noise ordinance!) and I think it's because they can drive fast. The speed limit should be 25!

1) New truck route west (Eddie B's to north of Northern Satellite) 2) More stop lights to slow traffic and better safety, motorcycles go too fast and are noisy

1) Overpass/underpass - especially at 9th Ave NW which is closest to Western Star Ball Park.
2) Better "yield" marking to corner by Hwy 2 N and West bypass as many vehicles (especially semi trucks) seem to think that there is a merge lane taking them onto the west bypass from the North. There is no merge lane and they immediately proceed into cross traffic. 3) Traffic control device (stop lights) at West bypass and 6th Ave W; 9th Ave W and 11th St W.

4 way stop sign or light at 6th Ave & 11th St. Air flights to Fargo or Mpls

4 way stops along 11th St 6th Ave W. Turn signals at 11th & 2nd Ave stop light.

42nd Street and Highway 2 intersection is NOT SAFE. Take out center divider on 42nd Street by Hollew.

6th and 11th Streets should go back to 4-way stop signs or a street light so kids can get to school from the south side of town. Same with 9th and 11th if you want to cross it, sometimes it takes a lot of time to even get a chance to get across.

A 6 yr old girl was hit on her bike as she was crossing the bypass. She had the walk light. The lady who hit her was turning left in front of her. The stop light by the credit union needs to be longer and have a left turn signal.

A at the 11th street west and the bypass, better pedestrian crossing needs to happen if the current housing development continues.

A bus could be helpful

A couple more stop lights on the by-pass could help.

A few more stop lights. I don't like the fact that the city subsidizes the taxi system and they are used as rolling billboards for the owners other businesses.

A lot

A new bypass

Add 2 people movers (buses)

Add more lights

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

Add paved bike trails through and around Williston. Preferably, at least a 10 mile continuous trail.

Add small bus/shuttle bus services. Encourage bicycles & scooters.

Add some lights in some areas

Add to cab service

Additional taxi service - maybe 1 city bus

Adjust timing on some intersection lights if possible

Affordable transportation for elderly

Airport should've been moved and should be able to handle all planes.

Allow more turning lane left or right.

Allow right turns on bypass lights

Also they seemed to be running into each other at 6th St & 11th St West.

An overpass at 11th over the bypass or whatever will help at work and school times.

Assess lights on bypass - 11th St W especially

Better connections for flights to and from other cities besides Denver.

Better handicapped transportation.

Better more frequent painting of crosswalks, parking, stop, etc.

Better roads, not so rough

Better timing on street lights, I always hit every light on red.

Better vision to see oncoming traffic at stop lights on Hwy 2 bypass by Westside Conoco and turn off by Western Dakota Credit Union, when one has the green light and a car pulls up to make a left turn & you want to make a left turn you can't see if there is oncoming traffic until you are way out in the intersection to make your turn.

Bigger airplanes for passengers, improve roads.

Bike lanes, more and better kept sidewalks and a program to teach people how to ride bikes in town. More economically feasible than mass transportation. Especially with price of gas.

Bring in affordable transportation for all ages and people

Build a bypass around town 4 miles to 1/2 mile north of A-1 to 1804. Look at all the area that this would be for the City of Williston to grow to the West and to the North with good drainage, the water is there not many buildings, motels, truck stops, service centers could be built and a mall.

Build a new bypass to the west.

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

Build a walk way over the bypass

Bus system

Bus system cost to west across ND, MT

Bus system to doctors Bismarck & Billings. No plane or train service to these cities available. (Wouldn't need if you'd import some good doctors and dentists)

Buses

Buses, taxi

Busing (public and schools), more than 1 taxi service, more senior citizen transport

Canvas the low income areas to see if public transportation would facilitate movement in bad weather or for health reasons.

Change the turn signal at the intersection of 2nd Ave & 11th St so only one lane is going at a time (especially 11th St.)

City bus service in addition to Heritage Center.

City bus system would be nice.

City buses or cheap taxi services for seniors.

City cab service

Concentrate on congested areas and put in traffic lights with turn signals.

Continuing improvement on roads and city streets.

Coordinate traffic lights to avoid stopping every few blocks. Keep oil field related trucks outside of city center.

Crossing the bypass by Herman Oil. Get a light! Slow traffic before the bridge. That is the direction Williston is going to grow, so it is only going to get worse.

Crosswalks at intersections with on demand lights. Make it all more pedestrian/bicycle friendly. Keep up with pothole repair, and striping on roadways.

Do something with 9th Avenue and 11th Street!

Do we have one other than basin cab?

Don't know, it's very good for this size town.

Don't use it, so at this time I have no opinion

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

Educate the truck drivers (by observing them at stop lights, turning lanes, etc.) and ticket them for often running lights or stop signs just to avoid having to down-shift or stop. Many people are complaining of being cut-off or squeezed at turning lanes. Also, none seem to stop at the stop sign by Pitman Drilling. That needs to be monitored. A few warnings and tickets to the violating companies would make the owners clamp down on these truckers.

Enforce the speed limits on the bypass

Find a bypass to the south from 1804 to #2 going west.

Fix my driveway that was ruined by your stupid engineer.

Four way stops on 11th St W at 6th & 9th Avenues

Free for seniors or at low cost.

Get larger vehicle for cab service to transport handicap people.

Get lights or 4 way stops

Get one!

Get rid of Wal-Mart

Get rid of yield signs and put in stop signs

Get stop lights all on sensors, sensors that actually work and make light changes as necessary. Stupid to sit at a red light when no cars are even in sight.

Greyhound Bus

Have a great plan as city grows. Do not make mistake of city growing first and then trying to figure out transportation details.

Have a transportation system and improve & encourage pedestrian use.

Have an overpass crosswalk for children to get to and from school (Wilkinson over the bypass to Century Apts.)

Have city buses operating during the most critical/busy hours of a week.

Highway 2 west bypass and 18th St could be leveled out. In winter the hill to cross the bypass often prevents more than one or two cars succeeding in crossing before the lights change. Should have right turn lane also.

I am a bike rider - I was at that wonderful road leading to Wal-Mart (is it 42nd?) and I was on my bike stopped for three signal cycles before I crossed against traffic. It never did turn green to continue east. There needs to be better sensors or whatever.

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

I am not as concerned about transportation as I am about some other things. Just overpass & directing semi's to the bypasses. However: 1) Long time Williston residents shouldn't be taxed out of their houses to support business who come in only for their own profit. 2) The oil is here, we will remain a boom and bust economy. We need to focus on the fact that even when people leave they will come back. Let's plan for that.

I do feel a walkway over on that area by Gramma Sharon's would be effective for one and all.

I do not believe there is a problem, not for me anyway

I do not think tax payers should fund it, as many using it do not pay taxes at all.

I don't have an opinion

I don't really know of any transportation system. Maybe I'm not understanding the question or I just don't know about the current transportation system.

I don't see transportation as a problem.

I don't think much needs to be done here, perhaps add lights or stop signs at key intersections.

I don't think we need a city bus system yet, however we should perhaps put aside money for future need.

I feel along 11th St and at 9th Ave and 6th Ave, traffic lights are needed. Transportation, affordable and public.

I feel bad for handicap people that I know regarding the price of taxi and the lift bus. It is not affordable for them.

I have a good vehicle or two. I can walk. I ride bike so I do not experience any transportation problems.

I have already told you.

I have no need for taxi or bus service, so do not know. Nothing is needed.

I haven't had any problems crossing the West bypass as a pedestrian because you'd be nuts to do it! Two to three pedestrian/bicycle bridges are needed there. All the road and signal infrastructure is set up for 10 years ago. The city needs to be set up into some one-way routes to keep the traffic flow moving. Also all the street sizes are setup for years past and are starting to back up now with real traffic coming. Slow the speeds down in the downtown area and use one of the lanes for diagonal parking. The only way to restore downtown and to get people to shop there is to slow them down and give them easy parking. Look at any town in ND and that's what is being done...

I think it's adequate except for no public transportation options.

I think it's pretty good so I don't have much of an opinion.

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

I think that question is more appropriate for professionals.

I think the city is doing quite well. But the county does need to install a flashing light at 13 mile corner when making a left turn to go north. At night this is a very dangerous turn area, you just can't see.

I think things are fine.

If I were you fella's I'd worry about other matters than transportation.

I'm not sure but increasing transportation options for the elderly, handicapped and poor would be a start.

I'm not sure, would you raise taxes if you had a transit service or charge for it. Would you pick people up at their residence or at certain bus stops and how would the elderly get to those stops?

I'm not sure. The elderly and disable population would be the top priority, because it's easy for able folks to get around this town without driving much.

Improve airline connections to the east.

Improve signage - make more attractive, sign our areas of interest such as the bike/pedestrian paths improve appearance of right of ways with more plantings things of interest.

Improve streets, curbs, flow of water to drainage (e.g. at my home water collects at foot of the driveway - inconvenient & a mosquito hazard.)

Increase time (green light) on bypass by WCCU going east and west. I timed it and it is 13 sec.

Install more traffic sensing stop lights.

Install more turn lanes and stop lights.

It's fine.

It's ok

Its okay

Jet service

Jet Service- many companies would probably buy weekly seats if this option was available

Just take care of what we have

Keep improving roads, paint streets better

Keep streets in good driving condition.

Keep up road maintenance

Keep up the good work

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

Left turn signals, extra lanes

Lengthen the stoplights on the west bypass going east and west.

Lights are kind of slow by the credit union crossing, when crossing.

Lights are once again needed on 9th St and 11th Ave. It is almost impossible to cross at the Old We Be Pizza intersection during certain times of day. After school, before school, noon, 7:30 - 8:30 (work) and 5:00 to 6:00 (after work rush).

Lights at the corner of 11th & 2nd Ave, try turning north.

Lights by Kensington

Lights should stay green longer off 18th St by credit union and others that cross the bypass.

Maintain streets and fix potholes

Make a truck route on west side of city. Have public busing for everyone

Make all stops lights have a turn arrow. There are too many near misses at certain corners. It would be good to have the whole stop light system be consistent.

Make plans to build a large airport 20 miles away

Make separation between the two roadways a lot wider. There isn't any room for more than three or four cars right now. When a semi needs to turn it can be near a disaster ready to happen. (Picture drawn on page) When a semi needs to turn it can be a disaster ready to happen.

Make sure we have cab service. Note: we travel to Minot to do all major clothing shopping.

May have to install more lights out north of town

Maybe there should be a stop light at the 11th St and Hwy 2 intersection.

More 4 way stops at intersection

More availability for people who need public transit, would greatly benefit our citizens

More buses and cabs, and longer operating hours

More cab service areas with longer hours

More cabs, more air service, more thru-streets.

More lanes and increase the speeds.

More lanes, less idiotic intersections (i.e. Wal-Mart)

More left turn signals and no turn on right signs to make it easier to turn at intersections

More lights and left turning lanes.

More lights at high traffic areas - 11th St - bypass - to 26th St.

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

More patrolling

More stop lights on bypass.

More stop lights where needed (corner at 6th Ave W and 11th St)

More street lights on 4 lane

More taxi

More traffic lights

More traffic lights

More traffic lights at busy intersections.

More traffic lights at intersections that are busy

More traffic lights on 2nd Ave W and by the junior high and high school.

More turn arrows on stop lights, better timing of lights.

More turning lanes (R + L) on busy intersections and left turn green arrows.

More vehicles and help the customer in and out.

N/A

N/A

N/A

Need a light to cross 11th St at 6th or 9th Ave.

Need arrows (left turn) at some of the busier intersection. Especially the corner of 11th St & 2nd Ave W when going east (if want to turn north) at a busy time of day, often only 1 car can get through to make the left turn before the light changes.

Need more major through Streets/Avenues

Need more on the cab service - especially in the evenings for the bar crowd to utilize. There should be a visible sign in every bar stating the cab company's phone #.

Need overpasses on bypasses

Need stop lights at bypass intersection near Herman Oil/Mercy Medical Center. Very dangerous crossing the bypass there.

Need to have more left turn lanes or green arrows. STOP SIGNS also could be needed

Needs buses for trips for people to go shopping or health care for those who can't drive or the elderly outside of Williston like to Minot or Bismarck. If there can't be a bigger shopping area to keep people here.

New lights, watch semis running, lights & stop signs, loop by Farmers Union Lumber needs lights

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

None, don't use it, yet

Not much - slow down the race car drivers.

Not sure

Not sure

Not sure

Not sure it is necessary without a population growth.

Not their fault, not enough employees

Nothing

Nothing

Nothing

Nothing, not a problem for me.

Offer a Bus/Public Transportation

Offer busing in and out of Williston to other cities in the state. Put more traffic lights up in intersections that don't have any and are congested.

Offer some public transportation in winter months.

Overall I feel the transportation is sufficient. My biggest problem is when large campers, motor homes, or the "party bus" is/are parked on the streets blocking view of oncoming vehicles or pedestrians coming on the street. It makes a very difficult and dangerous situation for our community.

Paint the lines more clearly, mark the curves, make crossings more handicap-friendly

Patrol speeders, honor stop and yield signs.

Place stop lights/stop signs at high traffic intersections.

Plan it - build it - they will come.

Possible city bus for elderly/low vision/disabled.

Possibly an on-demand signal light at 26th Street and University

Provide bus access for people who don't own cars.

Public bus transit, maybe 3 times a day with stops at both clinics, downtown, grocery stores, pharmacies and Bethel Home/Bethel apartments.

Public transport

Public transportation

Public transportation (buses)

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

Put a light in on the Hwy 2 bypass on 11th (by the hospital)

Put a light to cross 2nd St W and 22nd St E. Too many accidents there.

Put a real good electric eye stop light on 26th and Kum&Go intersection.

Put a stoplight on 3rd or 4th Ave west and 11th St by Economart.

Put a traffic light at 11th St W and Hwy 2 West bypass.

Put an overpass for pedestrians.

Put in overpasses/underpasses on the west bypass at the credit union and the Gramma Sharon's intersection

Put in traffic light at 11th St and 6th Ave W intersection. Put in traffic light at 11th St and W Bypass intersection (several accidents have occurred there)

Put stoplights on the corner of 11th St. and 9th Ave. NW

Put up some more stop lights on bypass

Quit trying to funnel traffic to Main Street

Really not a problem for me.

Re-engineer plans based on steady economic growth. The city needs to be very cautious of the companies they choose to make these decisions. Example - Wal-Mart intersection, what were they thinking? We cannot cross the highway and the signs are not there to let you know what to expect.

Re-engineer west bypass for crossing and merging

Regular bus runs.

Remove stop light at Wal-Mart and curbing. Frontage road at Hales Auto Body and Lonnie. Remove island so truck can turn. Remove stop light at Main & 1st St. 11th St & 6th & 11th & 9th difficult to cross at busy times. Need 4 wheel drive to get access in winter at 11th and 6th because of maintenance.

Remove unnecessary lights and put a stop light at Herman Oil, enforce the speed limit on the bypass. Build a new bypass.

Remover snow faster after storms. Fix the cracks and broken pavement.

Repair sidewalks. Improve pedestrian crossing on the bypass.

Replace 4-way stop signs going onto 11th St W @ 6th Ave W & 9th Ave W. Replace turning lane street light signal on stop lights along 2nd Ave W. Re-think entrance/exit into businesses from streets, e.g. Country Floral/Arby's & Applebee's. Very difficult to enter or exit from the main street.

Safer walking access across Hwy 2 bypass either above or below the highway.

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

See question #6. Mainly maintaining what we have and good planning for any new roads and developments in the future. Suggestions: Try to improve the looks of the city. On the positive side, a lot of old eyesores have been removed in the last 10-15 years. Improve the looks from the Amtrak rider's perspective. Plant some decorative trees along Hwy 1 from the 4 mile corner into town to cover up unsightly junky business places. Pave the road through Spring Lake Park. Tear out the old fence in Spring Lake ark and replace it with new split cedar fence. Use landscaping stones to terrace the level change between the road and the walking path.

Seems ok

Shorter green/red lights on Hwy 2 bypass west

Signal lights

Small bus or taxi that do not cost so much.

So far it's livable. Have to see how oil pans over. I've seen boom and bust before.

Stop & go lights

Stop and go signals at 11th and 6th

Stop giving special transportation requests to "Big Box" stores at the expense of the tax payers.

Stop light at 11th & west bypass, stop light at 11th and University Ave, Stop light at 26th and University.

Stop light at Hwy 2 west bypass.

Stop people running red lights

Subsidized bus routes, but that would probably be too expensive for a city of Williston's size.

Taxi service should be available 24 hours a day.

Taxis, Buses, Possibly some one-way streets.

Thank the Heritage Center

The access road at 11th St W leading across the bypass could be wider as it is treacherous, especially during winter.

The cluster that the intersection at the new super Wal-Mart is a joke. The fact that you can't use the frontage road all the way down is stupid. Also some days I used to sit at the light turning to Wal-Mart when I was going north on hwy 2 would be up to 10minutes. I quit going to Wal-Mart unless I absolutely have to go there. I'll spend more money somewhere else on get in on-line & have it sent to the house rather than go out there.

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

The crossing at 18th St, Credit Union & Herman Oil are killers. I voiced concern 20 years ago when my children were small and nothing was done about these crossing then. The 2 stoplights do not stay green long enough for people to cross both section I used to driveway children across the bypass & take their bikes out of the vehicle. An "overpass" walkway could be built for safety purposed. At Herman Oil corner 8 am & 5 pm you wait quite awhile this is also very close to our hospitals entrance.

The inter section at Wal-Mart is a death trap. People Jump the concrete center in the side roads. I have yet to see anyone ticketed for this and it happens so much I see it at least 3 times a week. They drive down the wrong side of the road and actually are aggravated if you are in the right and don't move for them. You never see a law enforcement vehicle near this area in during morning rush hour, lunch hour or evening rush hour.

The light signals on 42nd St to Wal-Mart seem to stay red for an awful long time, even when cross traffic not present.

The speeding problem and the number of people running red lights

There are a lot of trucks traveling on 18th St which is a residential area

They need to work hard to keep Amtrak and see that Hwy 85 is made a 4-lane.

They system is fine as is. Keep improving what exist, as needed. We do not need more highways. It is very easy to get through or around Williston. More debt, lighten taxes.

Traffic light, overpass

Traffic lights at Herman Oil intersection.

Traffic signals at 11th St W & 6th; 11th St W & Bypass; Bypass & 4th Ave W; University & 26th

Transit buses

Transit service to aid elderly, aid people getting to work, etc.

Transit system?

Transportation is important - but it we do not deal with larger image issues, all these are moot in the long run! Oh yes, Hwy 85 to Watford City is atrocious!

Turning lanes and not effective at certain places, curbs are in the way. Streets need better maintenance.

Turning lanes on Million Dollar Way & 2nd Street are dangerous when the markings are snow covered and visitors are driving in our community.

Underpass at 18th and west bypass so traffic, vehicles and pedestrian can cross without conflict make 18th a through street. Traffic light at corner of 26th and Pheasant Run.

Unknown

Unsure

Written Comments

18. In your opinion, what can the City of Williston do to improve the present transportation system?

Unsure

Very congested on 6th & 11th on bypass by hospital.

We need more stop signs on city neighborhood streets. We also need speed limits signs posted and enforced. (ex. 20 mph on neighborhood streets). *25 mph is too fast with children playing on sidewalks.

We need more turning lanes.

We need to find a way to provide affordable transportation to our elderly and people with disabilities.

Widen & lights

Written Comments

19. How would you rank the quality of the following public utility services? If rated fair or poor please describe problems with the utility or what would improve the service for you:

1-East 18th St floods - does not drain well. 2-Had trouble with city being able to access shut off when my basement was flooding.

A lot of dead areas in surrounding area.

A storm sewer drains in our alley so the rain does not fill my back yard. New hole free surface.

a) Not enough fire hydrants; f) phone lines are scratchy; g) cable is snowy

After all the money spent on the treatment center you would think we could have decent water pressure around town to bring that water to us. You have to live near the water tower to have decent water pressure. You didn't ask about Electric service. You would think MDU could keep the power on at least with no interruptions for 1 full month out of the year. We have brown outs all the time. The REC doesn't have these issues & those customers are spread out, compared to MDU. Also those power lines down town look dangerous and also look like they are from a 3rd world country.

AT&T is needed

Bad tasting - odor

Better cell service around town, and faster internet.

Better coverage for cell phone service.

Better reception

C: Large rain causes, backup in places. D: Outages length of time. H: More towers. I. Improve

Cable - continuous service, Internet - slow, Cell phone - dead zones

Cable - few HD channels Cell phone - dead areas Internet - slow

Cable - very hard to get and very rude associates

Cable is expensive for what channels we get. Cell phone coverage in the county is poor.

Cable is too expensive

Cable needs new lines ran. Splotchy service. Not enough sewer drainage, streets flood.

Cable only one provider same regular phone service should be some type of competition cell phone not enough towers lose service.

Cable seems to increase costs regularly, through channel changes.

Cable service (channels, tiers) matching that of larger cities, Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck.

Cable services and internet in east Williston needs improvement. Must be old cable.

Cable sucks I prefer satellite.

Cable: long waits for installation, was recently told 8 weeks.

Written Comments

19. How would you rank the quality of the following public utility services? If rated fair or poor please describe problems with the utility or what would improve the service for you:

Cell phone - no dead spots; Storm sewer - faster drainage

Cell phone coverage

Cell phone reception

Cell phone service could be much better.

Cell phone service is needs to be improved more in out lying areas but it also gets spotty in some areas of town.

Cell phone service needs to be better, whether it's adding more towers or availability of satellite phones.

Cell phone service reception problematic regarding roaming charges when not far out of Williston.

Cell phone, cable, telephone - Too expensive, monopoly

Cell phones that worked along highways even if you hit dips in the road.

Cell service is spotty at best out side of the city and is much needed with all the dangerous oil activity in the area.

Cell Service- when in surrounding areas a cell phone booster is required- not enough cell tower in the area

Cell, lack of service in rural areas

Clean store sewers so they drain, whatever needs to be done to enhance coverage and do away with statue.

Clean street drains of garbage so water can run down them.

Constantly shutting power off.

Could use more cell phone competition plus I roam where I shouldn't be roaming. Internet service can be spotty sometimes.

Don't have internet, cell phone or cable.

Don't use phone, power goes out

Door service area for cell phones, lots of dropped calls with both Alltel and Verizon

Drainage in front of our home is poor related to the trees on our boulevard. During the summer months we have standing water which harbors mosquitoes and smells awful. The trees' roots have pushed up the curbing so water does not drain down the street. We have been told by the city "it's not their problem" yet we are not allowed to cut down the trees because they belong to the city!!

Electric - too many power failures. Internet- Broadband/Mid-con/problems like connecting with online game.

Written Comments

19. How would you rank the quality of the following public utility services? If rated fair or poor please describe problems with the utility or what would improve the service for you:

Electric - too many power outages.

Electric: numerous surges - hard on computers & mechanical equipment. Cell phone: need more coverage and more cell phone company choices.

Electrical- several times weekly power goes out for short period of time?

Expense

Fair and equitable cost for electricity/gas/cable. More reliable cell phone and internet service.

For the product you actually receive, cable and internet are too expensive in Williston and prices keep rising.

For years we had a water problem from alley to sewer at corner. 3 years ago city told us that if we put in a new driveway they would grind down the pavement and fit it. 2 years ago we have reminded them and nothing has been done.

Frequent power outages/surges and the internet service is down a lot

From my experience the city and public utility services are great. I have had many, many difficulties finding good quality contractors to work on my plumbing and home remodeling issues.

Garbage smells

Garbage, city should pick up recyclables on a regular basis.

Gas: sky rocket prices, Telephone: damn squirrels, Cell phone: reception

Have called the city twice about low water pressure in our home. They tried to call back one time and when they didn't reach me, they never tried to get a hold of us again!!!

High prices

I doubt if we had a large amount of rain, storm sewers could handle it. Sewer pipes in many older areas are poor. Cell phone coverage in some areas if horrible.

I had mine replaced and it still backs up out at the street - a city problem.

I have had a temporary phone line in my backyard above ground for well over a year with no signs of the permanent being fixed. I have reported this problem at least 6 times and they told me that they marked that line as abandoned in other wards they forgot.

I have Verizon for my personal cell phone and it never fails. Work uses ALLTEL and there are dead zones and dropped calls all the time. Messages that don't come for days.

I notice storm sewers are sometimes plugged with litter & debris, maybe that's normal.

I think the services are good but the prices are too high.

Written Comments

19. How would you rank the quality of the following public utility services? If rated fair or poor please describe problems with the utility or what would improve the service for you:

If may be taken care of now, but within the last 2 years we were getting notices in the mail about our poor water quality.

I'm a plumber and know the bad spots in city. I sure am glad 1 cent city sales taxes took care of that. Utility overpriced.

Improving reception

Internet access not always available when needed. Guess we are on the end of the line or something???

Internet faster, phone more towers

Internet is almost unavailable unless you can pay \$200-300 just for the deposit.

It is taking too long to get help when you need something done in your home. Just trying to get someone in your house to unclog a drain is impossible.

I've seen water set, keep storm sewer openings clear.

Limited channels

Lower bills would be ideal.

Midcontinent is too expensive and satellite only offers local channels through an antenna. Having so few cellular providers is unacceptable.

More cell towers

More Cell towers away from major roads are needed.

More choice

More complete coverage, new towers

More options for cell phone service.

More towers

More towers for better reception

More towers for better signal.

More towers west and north of Williston

Need better reception for cell phones

Need more Hi-Def Channels on Cable

Need more towers with cell phone coverage

Nemont requires a SSN for a landline, that is ridiculous and alienating.

No need for cable, high cost of MDV, can not afford the gas prices.

No service in some areas

Written Comments

19. How would you rank the quality of the following public utility services? If rated fair or poor please describe problems with the utility or what would improve the service for you:

No Verizon store, not many options for carriers.

None

Not enough cell towers

Not enough towers, lose coverage at Conoco sometimes.

Not good cell phone coverage, need more towers.

Often have dropped calls when out of Williston (within 10 miles of Williston)

Other towns that have Midcontinent services have many more channels available for basic cable than we do.

Our power does out a lot.

Our water tastes different from day to day, what's up with that???

Poor channel choice and fuzzy

Poor connections and not enough competition! (Cell phone coverage)

Poor reception when out of town on cell phone. In town fine.

Price

Reassess chlorine in water, also pressure seems to have diminished on west side.

Reception is usually reliable, but dropped calls and fuzzy reception is the norm. Variety of options for internet service is not good.

See end of survey

Seems like the power goes out a lot on the west side of town.

Sewer ponds too close to city

Should be more street drains.

Slow internet service - poor cell phones tower coverage - expensive cable with poor choices

Smell from the lagoon!

Some drains don't drain well, MDU has a monopoly and consistently overcharges they have been caught doing so many times.

Some storm sewers are not always capable to drain areas of the city during times of rain, I do not live in those areas and do not feel that affects my day to day living but it does for others.

Still have rusty water, stains clothes brownish. Still get dirty water after new system went on line.

Storm sewer drainage is poor on west side of town, cell phone is getting better.

Written Comments

19. How would you rank the quality of the following public utility services? If rated fair or poor please describe problems with the utility or what would improve the service for you:

Storm sewer/drainage - they need to be cleaned once in awhile.

Storm sewers build up with debris and not cleaned. Cell phone coverage hit and miss depending on city location.

The city should take responsibility for their actions when cleaning out the sewers for when the sewers back up into residential homes, instead of answering with "prove it was our fault."

The drainage behind Economart does not drain good.

The power grids in the city desperately need to be updated. We constantly are losing power for no reason. We need more cell phone towers.

There are portions in the city that storm drains are several blocks apart, causing street flooding in large rain storms.

These services have all been well maintained and have had little to no problems with them.

These utilities are always going up in cost! It's ridiculous!

They become filled with litter and can't function

They need more channels, they advertise for them but we can't get them.

To get a live person when called and to have a reasonable response time and an affordable bill.

Too expensive, spotty coverage

Too many "dead zones" for cell phone usage.

Too remote in approachability

Very slow

Water - low pressure

Water - poor taste & smell, drainage - does not handle large quantities well, cable - poor reception and channel interference on a regular basis

Water - very low water pressure, cable - not enough channels for the extremely high monthly fee

Water collecting in dips in the roads (22nd St E & 7th Ave E and 26th St E & 6th Ave E). Ice builds up in these areas too.

Water good, pressure is not

Water runs down the street, pools and crosses the street. This doesn't happen very often of course, unless a heavy rain or they are flushing hydrants. I only know my street, so maybe not an issue.

Water very expensive!

Written Comments

19. How would you rank the quality of the following public utility services? If rated fair or poor please describe problems with the utility or what would improve the service for you:

Water, sewer, drainage

We also have a home on the farm and the power goes off more frequently in town.

We always end up with the technology 10 years after the rest of the world...

We don't seem to be able to utilize the same services as others (Minot). Edge of the earth or not - we need the same as others.

We need to replace old water pipes and broken sanitary sewer.

We notice many area's after rain that don't drain property. On 26th Street.

We run an energy intensive business and we experience power outages.

We seem to have way too many power outages for a city this size.

We've been here for 2 months and have experienced numerous power outages.

Whenever there is a hint of a storm the electric power always goes out.

With the increase in traffic and the lack of transportation, people need somewhere to walk!

Would be nice if we had cell service north of Williston, MDU knows they have a monopoly on the gas service and has stopped trying

You can go thirty miles and its cheaper a gal why is that.

Written Comments

20. What do you believe are the most common obstacles individuals encounter when seeking employment in Williston?

#1 - People don't want to live here

A place to live.

Affordable childcare: some places are asking \$3-4.00/hour per child.

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing - cannot come here to secure a job if there is no place to live

Affordable places to live

Backlog on housing

Bad bosses at jobs

Benefits aren't good

Can't afford to pay outrageous high rent on service industry jobs wages. This results in lack of employees to fill positions. They can't afford the rent working service industry (restaurants, fast food) jobs.

Childcare costs

Cost of childcare (much higher than Dickinson)

DUI, driving records

Having to adjust expectations from metro to rural community

Housing

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Housing (affordable)

Housing (affordable)

Written Comments

20. What do you believe are the most common obstacles individuals encounter when seeking employment in Williston?

Housing and medical

Housing availability

Inability to accept outsiders (need for serious diversity training)

Lack of affordable housing

Lack of available housing

Lack of shopping/dining/healthcare facilities to attract incoming families.

Lazy people, too irresponsible to hold on to a job.

Need industry, no malls

Need more service jobs/employees

Need more variety than oilfield

No affordable housing

No affordable housing for service industry personnel

No houses to live in

No housing

No housing for workers who want to move here.

No place to live

No place to live

Not enough training for learning jobs.

Not enough well paying jobs for people deciding not to work in the oil field.

Not sure

Occupation variety

Oil is ruining the economy

People can find employment, but not housing.

Seems like only low end jobs are available, it's either fast food or oil field.

Small community lacks wellness and entertainment opportunities.

Some people are too lazy to get out and find a job, they would rather live on welfare and have somebody pay for their fun things like bars & cigarettes. Make the welfare people go out and work like us common laborers have. Look what our state would be saving by this, even if it is only minimum wages. I had to start at the bottom.

Tax increases too high, doesn't seem to be an end in sight. Stop tax breaks to oilfield.

Written Comments

20. What do you believe are the most common obstacles individuals encounter when seeking employment in Williston?

The expense of child care.

Unconcerned managers, Wal-Mart won't give the elder people stools to rest their back, legs, etc. They have to stand 2 - 2 1/2 hours before getting a break.

Wages are too low for the common laborer. You can't expect a family to live on \$7.00 to \$10.00 per hour. Most stores offer \$7.00 - \$8.00 per hour.

What happened to the customer is right. Now you get poor attitudes and rude workers. Nothing is good enough for the worker.

You should have had a place to check for lack of housing under this option. I know several people that would move here with no problem getting a job but sleeping in a tent in January while on a waiting list has stopped them from moving here.

Written Comments

22. Which types of business or industry would you most like to see more of in Williston? (Other)

All categories

Anything to compete with Wal-Mart

Clothing

Clothing/shoes

Entertainment

Family entertainment

Grocery stores

I personally don't think we need to worry about tourists at this time. They can't get a motel room anyway. We should be looking at ways to get people to come to Williston such as shopping and restaurants and Health Care. People that will return on a daily or weekly bases, not some tourist that is only passing through.

I would like to see jobs that would benefit the employee and the area, something that is sustainable; people will always need to eat, always need to go to the doctor and we are ever consuming energy.

If the college expanded to a four year college we could keep our young people here and promote more professional jobs and entrepreneurship

Locally grown produce

Malls (stores)

More clothing stores for larger people.

Need to have mix of business to growth in Williston

Oil refinery

Restaurants with ethnic slant. Not more chain restaurants.

Shoe store

Shoe store

Shopping

Shopping (Herbergers)

Small businesses

Someplace to buy decent clothes & shoes

Taxed!

Wind

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

#1 - a shoe store. Clothing with reasonable prices (not Wal-Mart), fine dining, KOHL'S!

A better availability of restaurants and shopping, more motels

A big-box home improvement retail store

A couple of nice new family restaurants and a new bible bookstore

A decent shopping business. Oil refinery.

A fish restaurant like Captain's Cove in Minot - most of the community enjoys fish.

A good department store and a nice restaurant

A good shoe store, mid-range priced clothing store, more restaurants.

A mall

A mall

A mall

A Mall - I know we've been harping on this issue for a long time but if the down town people would invest in specialty shops (like Alexandria, MN) and the mall focus on the dept stores like Herbergers, Penny's, etc. I believe both areas will grow and thrive.

A mall or something to compete with Wal-Mart, e.g. Target.

A mall would be wonderful!

A mall would give us more taxable sales and Williston is big enough, by the way.

A mall! Sporting goods store, Menards or Home Depot, Herbergers, Target, Gordman's, TGI Fridays, Ground Round, Burger King, Buffalo Wild Wings, Wendy's

A mall, so I wouldn't have to go to Minot. New restaurants

A nice men's store or ladies store other than what we have. Everything we have is geared for the younger people. Shoe stores

A recycling company which would take all recyclable materials.

A shopping center! Lowes, Kohl's, Best Buy, Outback Steak House, Olive Garden, Boston's, Ground Round

A shopping mall with clothing stores, sporting goods restaurants.

A shopping mall, more restaurants, water park.

A strip mall - we cannot be compared to other "cities" in ND with only Wal-Mart and JC Penney

Additional restaurants and large manufacturing business

An assembly plant would be a great addition for the community because they provide jobs for normal people with disabilities, where they may be slow at learning new tasks to work a service job. These people want to work but cannot move fast enough.

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

An indoor shopping center.

An oil refinery

Another department store, clothing stores - Herbergers, Fleet Farm, Target, K-Mart

Another eating establishment like Perkins or akin to Applebee's, san noise & liquor

Another nice restaurant

Another store like Wal-Mart

Any manufacturing company

Anything employing a large number of people working daytime M-F with benefits or decent wages.

Anything involving retail. A mall would be nice or a pedestrian downtown with a commons area and surrounding parking. Good ethnic or regional restaurants.

Anything more than OIL OIL OIL! Look to the future!

Are our high taxable sales coming from shopping at Wal-Mart or the internet? Target! More chain restaurants.

Best Buy, Target, Barnes & Noble, Menards, Lowes, Olive Garden, Hooters, Buffalo Wild Wings, TGIFridays, Scheels, Herbergers and Tires Plus.

Better and improved health care more doctors.

Better health care, better retail, better restaurants

Better home supply

Better selection of retail discount and chain stores in Williston to enhance local shopping. Also an enhanced restaurant selection with more consumer friendly hours.

Bigger selection of department stores.

Buffalo Wild Wings!! A Mexican restaurant! Target, Old Navy

Build oil refinery, largest in the USA

Burger King, Wendy's, a Mexican restaurant, nice steak house

Chain restaurants and chain hardware store (Lowes, Home Depot). Maybe a recreational rental store (4 wheelers, xcountry skis, biker)

Clean restaurants, more shopping

Closer rifle range

Clothing and shoe store, nice restaurant

Clothing for the more mature is nil. Also in losing coast to coast, Judy' cupboards, Joseph's and other good stores really hurt. Where do you get men's clothes?

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

Clothing or department stores, any store that would compete with Wal-Mart.

Clothing store

Clothing store with good quality of clothing. Hardware store. Shoe store

Clothing store, building supplies - Menards

Clothing store, women's, children's, men's

Clothing store/dept store better than JC Penney (or I should say Williston's JCP). Good hardware store, too numerous to list here. Oh - could close Wal-Mart too.

Clothing stores

Clothing stores

Clothing stores (men and women's), restaurants, hotels, Menards, K-Mart, shoe stores.

Clothing stores for men, women, and children.

Clothing stores, building suppliers such as Menards

Clothing, Home Depot type store

Community center like Dickinson - Frisbee golf course that is user friendly.

Competition with Wal-Mart

Craft supply store, children/men's clothing, more medical specialists

Decent dining

Decent restaurants with later hours, all the ones we have now are closing early/closed Mondays because they can't find workers.

Department store (Herbergers, Macy's etc.)

Department store or strip malls - Menards or a Home Building center like Lowes or Home Depot

Department store other than Wal-Mart. Target or K-mart.

Department stores

Department stores such as Herbergers, restaurants such as Perkins

Discount stores, like K-mart that left town. Competition is good for any business.

Eating establishments other than fast food, truck stops, or a yuppie franchise (Applebee's) - A Mexican or Italian restaurant would be great. Pierce's steak house is great!

Energy development

Enough

Entertainment for kids (waterslide to outdoor pool), new playground equipment at Harmon Park, more summer programs for all ages.

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

First you need willing people who can afford to rent or buy a place to live then we need other food venues.

Food service - restaurants open past 8 PM.

Food service other than fast food and clothing stores.

General contractors

Glass and plastics recycling - public education. The value of recycling would be useful, since we probably couldn't sustain a curbside program. Could our local, smaller businesses work cooperatively to bulk purchase, then sell goods made from recycled materials? Thrifty use of natural resources shouldn't have to be an elite market.

Good ladies and men's clothing, shoe stores

Good restaurants and retail businesses. Chains - Olive Garden, TGIF, Carlos O Kelly, Target, Kohl's. Not mom and pop that go out of business every 5 years.

Good restaurants, shopping other than Wal-Mart - Health Care professionals

Ground Round, Herbergers, Sergio's

Ground Round, more shopping to compete with Wal-Mart

Hardware store

Herbergers

Herbergers and a Shopping Mall.

Herbergers, dept stores, K-mart, Target, Best Buy, something besides Penney's and Wal-Mart

Herbergers, Target, some place to shop for clothes besides Wal-Mart and Penney's

Home building center.

Home Depot, Lowes, Menards, Perkins, Target

Home Depot, Olive Garden, Perkins

Home improvement stores, clothing stores

Home Improvement stores; i.e. Home Depot, Menards

Home improvement, family restaurants

I believe in order to attract more people to the community I believe we need more shopping, dining & recreational/entertainment.

I believe it would be nice if we had a Target or even a local mall.

I can't say it enough; Shopping is terrible in this town. What we do have is spread out so far apart it gets frustrating. We don't need more for the elderly (they are all moving to Bismarck & Billings so they can shop, go out to eat and have good doctors)

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

I think a home depot or Menards would be a big help. There are a lot of things you just can't find here.

Increased restaurant and clothing stores especially a store such as a Herbergers etc and a home improvement store with extended hours and Sunday hours.

Indoor shopping mall

Industry, Build refinery, shopping

Italian/Mexican restaurants

K-Mart, Menards, Pamida, Target

Kohl's, TJ Maxx, Target, Menards, Scheels, Mexican Restaurant

Kohl's, Red Lobster

Large competitive retail business. Large home building center.

Larger hotel with larger banquet roomier and nicer

Light manufacturing that supplies good jobs regardless of the oil industry.

Like I said before, restaurants, general merchandise stores, dress shops, shoe stores, (like Heddericks was, dept stores)

Local owner restaurant (Italian), a good hobby/fabric store, maybe a good hardware store - locally owner, I don't frequent Wal-Mart or McDonalds

Long-term manufacturing to balance short-term oil

Lowe's, Home Depot, Menards

Lowe's or Menards. Steak Houses

Lowe's, Olive Garden, Outback

Mall, department stores & restaurants

Mall, good health care

Malls

Malls & restaurants

Manufacturing - some business that would list Williston as a manufacturing city not an oil city.

Manufacturing - the oil will leave again and we need more choices to work other than Wal-Mart, since Wal-Mart came the downtown businesses died. Bring Target in and watch Wal-Mart business drop.

Manufacturing, balloon race, lumber jack and oil rig contest

Menards

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

Menards

Menards and K-Mart or Target

Menards or Lowes

Menard's, Wendy's, Dunkin' Donuts, Target

Men's and women's clothing stores! Red Lobster, Buffet type restaurants

Men's clothing store (medium priced clothing)

Men's store - shoe store

Mexican restaurant, Wendy's, Seafood, Village Inn / IHOP, Holiday Inn Express, Mall, Hardware store, Target.

Microsoft, Kellogg's, Google, Yahoo

More chain restaurants, Target, more shopping, national hotels, Home Depot or Menards (cheaper building supplies)

More choice in restaurants

More choice of restaurants to eat at such as Outback, Chili's, Famous Dave's, etc.

More clothing and shoes, Target store would be great

More clothing selections besides Wal-Mart & Penny's

More clothing stores, especially ladies apparel.

More doctors and dentist. Department stores with clothes and shoes.

More fast foods. More stores like Wal-Mart.

More general retail services

More good restaurants that serve adult beverages.

More hotels and restaurants

More options for clothing - more eating establishments - not fast food

More places to eat

More restaurants

More restaurants

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More restaurants

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More restaurants

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

More restaurants - however you need people to work at these places.

More restaurants & shopping

More restaurants and clothing stores.

More restaurants and non-smoking bars/lounges like Applebee's/River's Edge

More restaurants are a must.

More restaurants that offer a casual dining experience similar to Applebee's and shopping stores for men and women.

More restaurants to compete with Applebee's, clothing stores, Target

More restaurants, better health care, more variety of jobs other than oilfield.

More restaurants, consistent manufacturing base

More restaurants, not fast food, sit down meal (ex. Applebee's)

More restaurants.

More restaurants.

More retail and restaurants

More retail outlets for shopping that an indoor mall would provide

More retail stores and restaurants

More retail business with a variety of goods and services

More shopping

More shopping, Herbergers, Old Navy, Target, Scheels

More specialized medical care providers

More than just Wal-Mart (which should've been a Sam's Club and kept the old Wal-Mart). A better variety of restaurants, more entertainment! Plus more things to do for fun other than bar hopping.

More varied eating establishments with evening opening and much improved retail options.

Need a mall

New clinic for Western Dakota so they can locate both medical and eye needs in one building--also gives people more options

New recreation center

New restaurants

New restaurants - Retail - Clothing/Shoes

Nice dining places for people to frequent that don't like to just eat fast food (Mexican, seafood, etc.)

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

Not sure

Not sure

Not sure

Oil and gas refinery! Mall, Target, sit down nice restaurant along the same lines as Applebee's but different.

Old Navy dept store

Olive Garden, Target, Sears (the whole dept. store, not just appliances)

Olive Garden, Wendy's, Burger King, different clothing stores.

Olive Garden-like restaurant (Applebee's is a gold mine - El Rancho is excellent - Rivers Edge is about to become a major player - Olive Garden would be great but perhaps cannot afford the franchise)

Other:

Park and Recreation services for children, Recreation center for families/children.

Payless shoes, a good Mexican family restaurant (Paradiso), Olive Garden, TJ Maxx (good quality at affordable prices for clothing).

Perkin and a motel

Places like Menards, Home Depot, etc.

Places where a person could go shop besides crappy Wal-Mart.

Please supply housing for average wage earner, poor, disabled.

Professional business not related to oil or ag. Need to diversify.

Red Lobster

Restaurant and retail shopping stores are desperately needed.

Restaurant quality is poor and unhealthy. Too much salt and fat. Not enough fresh salad bars and homemade soups.

Restaurants

Restaurants

Restaurants - Olive Garden, Cracker Barrel, etc.

Restaurants - upscale, Sporting goods store, shopping in general, Menard's

Restaurants & shopping. Better upkeep of our city. Street cleaning, weed control, street lights.

Restaurants (Mexican, Italian) other than fast food. Clothing retail

Restaurants and a mall, we desperately need a mall.

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

Restaurants and shopping

Restaurants and shopping (Lowes - Menards - etc.)

Restaurants such as Ground Round or Red Lobster and retail businesses such as Lowes, Home Depot, Herbergers, or Fleet Farm.

Restaurants, clothing & home needs, like Target, Sears, or Lowe's

Restaurants, clothing stores, Target, etc...

Restaurants, clothing/retail stores, bed and breakfasts

Restaurants, hotels, clothing, shoes, sporting goods, furniture

Restaurants, more internal MD's

Retail

Retail

Retail - shopping

Retail - something besides Wal-Mart. We have enough restaurants, if chain restaurants come in it will cut the pie in too many pieces

Retail besides Wal-Mart. Recreational

Retail business

Retail competition with big box stores.

Retail options besides Wal-Mart. Restaurants that aren't fast food.

Retail, no selection available, shoe store, men's clothing, affordable women's clothing

Seafood restaurant, shopping mall

Seafood restaurant, Steakhouse, mall

Shoe store/clothing store

Shoe store/clothing store

Shoe store/Men's clothing/Women's clothing/Any other restaurants

Shopko, K-Mart

Shopping (Herbergers)

Shopping and energy development would be very good

Shopping center

Shopping for women, children, and men's clothing, more, and better, family sit down dining options.

Shopping mall

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

Shopping mall

Shopping mall on the outskirts of town with lots of parking and not downtown.

Shopping mall, restaurants, home improvement stores, retail stores

Shopping mall, water park, insty print/kinko, etc.

Shopping mall.

Shopping, manufacturing, refinery

Skin care products, i.e. Merle Norman, med. Priced clothing and shoes i.e. Herbergers

Small manufacturing

Solar company with experience in heat transference systems and solar collectors for roofs. They are installed over rubber roofing to protect your roof and reduce the cost of electricity by producing you own. This allows you the choice whether or not you wish to continue to pay the unaffordable costs of lights and gas.

Some clothing stores and restaurants. It would be nice if you call for a plumber, electrician or some minor repairs around the home that you aren't told you have to be on a list or told they won't come at all.

Some place besides Wal-Mart, anything! K-Mart, Kohl's, Home Depot, Sam's Club

Something like Hobby Lobby

Something like K-Mart, Target, Cosco - anything like that!

Something other than Wal-Mart

Something that could compete with Wal-Mart in losing smaller businesses, we've lost choice, don't like having my choices dictated by someone living in Arkansas.

Supper club, a competitor for Wal-Mart such as a Target store.

Target

Target

Target - K-mart - Sears

Target store

Target, any chain restaurant

Target, burger king, any new eating establishment, any new large chain store

Target, Costco, something to compete with Wal-Mart

Target, Herbergers, Menards or a Home Depot, Wendy's, Hobby Lobby, Perkins, Grizzly's, Holiday Inn

Target, Kmart

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

Target, K-mart, Cosco, any competition for Wal-Mart

Target, Menards

Target, Office Max or Staples, Sears clothing, Royal Fork, Red Lobster, Wendy's

Target, Sears, etc. A larger craft store - Hobby Lobby, Joanne's, Olive Garden, Red Robin, Refinery for oil.

Target, some sort of manufacturing

The 3 choices above will bring in some "white collars" which will cause balance and moderate/steady growth. Would add diversity to Williston in order to be able to cope with the oil booms and busts.

There seems to be a real shortage of contractors to do home repair/remodel. Could use a stand alone bakery and a larger home improvement store (Lowe's/Home Depot).

Those that would continue to take advantage of agriculture, as that will always be a part of this area, and those that would utilize internet services in our rural setting (opens up the world)

Varied restraint and retail options. These need to be staffed with low to mid level pay employees that Williston cannot sustain with our current housing situation. These types of employees cannot afford the housing that is overinflated.

Variety of shopping and restaurants

Walk-in health care clinics, restaurants that specialize in breakfasts.

We are in need of clothing stores, a shoe store, and a nice convention center.

We need more motels and restaurants

We need more stores, especially clothing, shoes, etc. Would be nice to have a nice restaurant to take out of town guests for a good meal.

We need to aggressively attract businesses that are separate from oil industry so the area will prosper irregardless of the price of oil.

Wendy's Restaurant, Herberger's - a dept store, a shoe store, Hobby Lobby, other chain restaurants, new hotels, Scheels, a mall!

Wendy's! I also think offering more recreational type businesses would enhance our community. I know we have mini-golf and go-karts, but they are low quality and not too exciting. I think these types of businesses would offer more things for the young p

Wendy's, Brew pub

Wendy's, Target

Wendy's, women's clothing, retail competition for Wal-Mart

Written Comments

23. In your opinion what businesses/services would be a pleasant addition to the community?

Wind/solar farming, organic product/grains/stock, amusement park/indoor, outfitters

Women's dress shoes

Women's clothing stores

Women's shop like a small Herbergers

Would like to see K-Mart, Target, nice restaurants with a bar in it. Reasonable prices.

Written Comments

24. Identify the **most** important roles you think the City should play in business and economic development? (check top three choices)(Other)

All of the above

Allow new businesses into community.

Assist businesses with customer service, especially friendliness

Assist existing businesses with employee problems (lack of quality employees)

Attract new retail such as Target or equivalent.

City is to run city and take care of streets, law enforcement, etc. Businesses can take care of themselves like we do.

Continue researching issues well for business and community interests, but NO MONEY given

Continue to provide clean, quiet, safe city, build more parks. Assist family in developing parenting skills, support young single mother with daycare options at no cost.

Control where businesses can build (there is no "pretty" view coming into Williston)

Cost of living incentives, rent control

Deal with your IMAGE!

Decrease taxes on property

Help get new businesses in to town.

How about a Star fund that helps people/small businesses already in Williston. Minot's Magic fund has helped a lot of small businesses to start, in Williston they treat you like a criminal if you need help!

I can see helping out some local companies, maybe some chain companies too. But when a company moves into our area from Fargo and dictates what they want the city to give them, hike up the cost of living for the area. I would second guess if they will be

In past have not allowed businesses (mall) to come in.

Let business come in without interference from "Old Boy" network!!! Provide sites at reasonable price!

Liquor licenses

Lower taxes on homes

New business recruitment

New worker/resident procurement

No more liquor licenses issued.

No Tax Incentives!!

Written Comments

24. Identify the **most** important roles you think the City should play in business and economic development? (check top three choices)(Other)

Not so many breaks for business and more for regular home buyers, such as reasonable taxes-big business can take care of themselves

Promote family recreation type business.

Promote new retail stores.

Pursue businesses (as noted above) to come to Williston

Seek out grant \$ or other ways to help build Williston other than tax increases.

Solar power

Stop blocking growth. i.e. Park Board not selling land for new, nice hotel.

Stop the greed and fear of growth due to greed.

Take care of the few remaining businesses that we still have here. The "tax breaks" idea always blows up in our faces, huh?

Tax breaks

Tax breaks for business

The city should stay out of business

They should not give tax breaks or incentives as it shifts back to landowners

Update infrastructure and keep crime rate low.

Written Comments

25. Do you feel additional parks or park facilities are needed? If yes, what park facilities would add to the quality of life in Williston? (Other)

"Leather" playground from Community Builders

18 hole municipal golf course, more adult recreation other than getting drunk in bars.

A dog park!!!!!!

A kid's park similar to the one in Watford City. If you don't know which one I'm talking about then you need to find out!

A recreation center similar to Dickinson's facility.

Additional parks would require more employees to maintain, additional full time employees would be the answer to maintain the existing future planned parks.

And please take pride and take care of existing parks and facilities.

Aquatics center

As city expands, need more green space and parks.

Basketball courts, even small 15' x 15' cement slabs with a hoop in the middle for neighborhood kids to practice on.

Big playground like Watford City

Build a decent 18 hole golf course.

Clean and well maintained facilities.

Clean them up/repairs. Spray them for mosquitoes! (In regards to the Community Builders project) It was sad to see the Park Board put cronyism before the betterment of our community. Shame on them!

Community Center like Dickinson, Water Park

Could not enjoy any of the above because of mosquitoes

Develop a master plan with Spring Lake Park as a showpiece, maintain what we have and improve use of volunteers in maintaining what is here.

Dog Park

Dog park and Water park (slides)

Dog park!

Expand the golf course to 18 holes

Flowers, landscaping, upkeep and mosquito control in existing parks.

For every new fad why do we need to build a facility?

Free or low cost recreation center.

Frisbee golf course

Written Comments

25. Do you feel additional parks or park facilities are needed? If yes, what park facilities would add to the quality of life in Williston? (Other)

Got parks they don't use now

Have plenty parks, water slide would be nice at pool.

How about more water in the lake so we can actually go boating. Public restrooms too.

I don't think we need additional parks. We need to improve and maintain the ones we have.

I think we have enough facilities that sit idle most of the year

Improve what we have.

Indoor year round water park and lazy river exercise facility.

Keep the current parks clean and up-to-date.

Keep the ones we have clean and well maintained.

Keep up Parks we have, especially Spring Lake Park.

Lake Park trees need to be pruned and trimmed up badly!!

Listen to the group trying to put in a new park for the children. It seems the good ideas get tied up in debate for so long nothing gets accomplished.

Maintain & update existing park and facilities

Maintain and update current parks and recreation center.

Maintain the parks that in existence with more care and grooming.

Maintaining gardens in the parks and trimming trees. The parks look shabby.

Maybe a water park.

More and better tennis facilities and repair tennis facilities available.

More baseball fields as well

More ice rink space

Mosquitoes. Take care of mosquito problem before any of this! None of these extra facilities are needed if the mosquito problem is solved!

Need to complete Agri sports complex

New developments need property set aside for parks.

New facility: all purpose, swimming, walking, etc.

New recreation center

Not more parks, but better up keep, flowers, beautification. Spring Lake bathrooms are horrible.

Open space parks with minimal facilities for use as a retreat, for quiet contemplation, play and relaxation.

Written Comments

25. Do you feel additional parks or park facilities are needed? If yes, what park facilities would add to the quality of life in Williston? (Other)

Our family from the eastern part of the state says that the parks look the same as when they were children - 20 some years ago.

Put lights around the walking tracks.

Recreation Center

Replace old equipment in existing parks to make it safer and so people will use what we already have.

Replace some of the playground equipment on established playgrounds.

Roller hockey rink

Skeet/trap 1000 yd rifle range

Soccer fields, water slide

Take care of parks you have, bathrooms need attention.

The Community Builders are doing a wonderful thing and are being "blind-sided" because our Parks & Recreation has another agenda. What is wrong with this picture??? They should be excited that someone wants to step in and do this.

The park the group was trying to get permission to build.

The playground equipment needs to be SAFE

They just need to be more improvement to what we have.

They need to begin to take care of the ones we have first.

Update existing parks would be good.

Upkeep of what we have and more comprehensive parks and recreation programs and better run programs. No one at Parks and Recreation ever knows what is going on.

Water Park

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Water Park

Water Park

Water Park

Water Park

Water Park for children

Water Park, Dog Park

Water Park, indoor or outdoor

Water Slide (at Spring Lake or elsewhere)

Written Comments

25. Do you feel additional parks or park facilities are needed? If yes, what park facilities would add to the quality of life in Williston? (Other)

Water slide, more and better playground equipment

Water sprinklers in parks like Missoula has

We can't use our Parks as we like because of the mosquito problem.

We do not need additional parks but we do need to update all playground equipment in existing parks

We have all of the above, not well maintained though so don't need anymore.

We have more pressing issues then a parks problem. One is the problem we have with the mosquitoes. Who wants to be outside in the summer in Williston? So this explains my answer for #26 too!

We have plenty

We need more bike/walking paths that connect safely to each other and are not just a couple of miles long. Do you realize how dangerous it is for most people to bike to the last bike path?

We need places for families to play in a water park would be nice; all your attention usually goes to sports.

We need to update our equipment.

Why does Williston think that its only recreation is baseball? Also, Parks we have are junk/messy - again - our image!

Workers to care for existing parks on a regular basis.

Written Comments

27. Are all areas of the City well-served by existing parks facilities? If not, which areas of the city are not well-served? (Comments)

Across the bypass

All parks require frequent sand checks and sand put in boxes.

Another park or two could help, but the current parks are not maintained and are not safe for anyone.

As far as I know.

At present time, but must add if city grows.

Better (newer equipment) in lower numbers west side area neighborhoods, more variety out at Spring Lake Park, Also on east side.

Can't use parks in summer due to Mosquitoes

Central and western

Enough is enough

Every area should have a part N, S, E, W

Every new housing development is supposed to have a park according to city laws.

Existing facilities are not nice enough

Existing parks need to be upgraded. Outlying perimeters need trails, parks.

Glenn Villa Trailer Park

Harmon Park - tennis courts and basketball courts

Have to be able to maintain what we have.

How much use are the existing parks being used? Let's use what we have and quit trying to add more that won't get used.

I use the bike path frequently but it is close to my home.

Improvement on the existing ones.

Is there a park on the East side of town? Anywhere near the college?

Let them build new park.

Major parks appear well maintained, neighborhood parks are not

Many

Maybe new areas

Middle

Moose Park doesn't offer much.

Most parks are rundown

Written Comments

27. Are all areas of the City well-served by existing parks facilities? If not, which areas of the city are not well-served? (Comments)

My neighborhood does not have a park for my kids to play at. We have to go to Hagan School Park

Near college

Need better restrooms and equipment

Need to update playground equipment in some parks.

Newer housing developments, 22nd street west

None are maintained in an attractive up to date manner. The Raymond center is a falling apart disappointment

Northeast

Not within walking distance for some.

NW Williston

NW Williston, SW Williston

Over by college, by East Dakota Parkway

Parks are available but no crosswalks and sidewalks to get to them. Pheasant Run area.

Parks are garbage, not taken care of at all. I live next to Pheasant Run park, they mowed the weeds 2 times this year. They never shovel the snow from the walk for the school kids either.

Plenty of parks but equipment playground needs repairs.

Poor lighting and poor scenery on existing walking/biking paths, plant some greenery and get the damn ATVs off them!!!

Recreation park is hardly ever used anymore, why?

Responsible people use parks and appreciate them wherever they are.

Some areas have parks but they need to be updated.

Some parks are unkempt, unsafe and very outdated.

Somewhere the smaller children can be taken with playground that is for their level. Bigger kids have more options

Spring Lake is very dirty (littering) bathroom upkeep maintenance in general.

Spring Lake parks grass unkempt usually.

The city is served well with the exception of the basketball hoops

The dike needs some help for people walking

The existing parks are NOT well maintained.

Written Comments

27. Are all areas of the City well-served by existing parks facilities? If not, which areas of the city are not well-served? (Comments)

The growing west side and some of the older areas of town

The new housing development across bypass

The skate park is dangerous.

There are a lot of parks but many could be updated.

There may be a park, but is poorly maintained.

There was almost no maintenance to the parks over on the west side of town. For example, broken equipment and weeds everywhere.

Urban

We have enough parks - need to update.

We have parks that are no longer made use of, they were great once. What a waste.

We live near Moose Park; the slide had a hole in it for most of the summer last summer rendering it useless

We need a decent golf course.

West side of bypass. Parks but not enough play equipment.

West side of town

West side of town where growth is

West side, plenty of baseball diamonds, but plenty of alcohol after the games.

West Williston across bypass

Westlawn Park needs developing.

Written Comments

29. Please describe recreational needs as you perceive them (Comments)

1) Ice rink space 2) replace equipment at parks 3) swim pool slide and diving boards

1) The recreational sports teams aren't open to lone individuals. One must already be part of a team to play. 2) It would be cool for coffee shops and churches to have game nights, just as the bars do.

1) Total upgrade of existing park equipment. 2) New outdoor pool with Water Park. 3) More availability for adult swimming.

A place for children and teens to have safe recreation.

A teen canteen on weekends for kids to hang out.

A wider range of activities - more family opportunities.

Access to bathroom water, playground, big area to walk & explore, a place to picnic (shelter)

Affordable recreation for seniors

Alcohol free establishments, for pool tournaments (darts) for adults and teens.

All parks are in terrible condition, its embarrassing the disrepair. The park board should be ashamed.

All the following are available: outdoors - nature, swimming, tennis, walking, biking, golfing, ballgames, etc. indoors - courts, swimming, movies, skating, bowling, etc.

Any choices which ass to the physical health and well being of a population.

Athletic/workout, recreational, birding, etc.

Better and updated tennis facilities.

Better cooperation with "the Corps" relating to lake access and control of the mosquitoes.

Better ice rink, roller skating, arcade area

Better programs developed and facilities maintained. There is no long term plan for maintenance or programming.

Bigger newer equipment (playground) more stuff for the kids to climb and play on. Climbing wall, amusement type of rides (maybe out at Spring Lake Park (doesn't have to be huge, but at least something more).

Bigger outdoor pool, cleaner park facilities

Bike Paths

Bring in kid friendly eating and recreational facilities.

Camping at Spring Lake, let public use boat free for some things.

Clean and maintained facilities. More tax dollars and human resources to do so.

Cold weather fun

Written Comments

29. Please describe recreational needs as you perceive them (Comments)

Concerts, a safe place for teens to "hang out"

Congested, outdated

Corps of Engineer has too much control over hunting areas and possible 4-wheeling areas.

Dog Park, new playground, water slides

Educational, entertainment (water slides). Watford city has an awesome park and water park, why not here?

Far behind! A water park for children, a recreation center for teens properly chaperoned with enforced rules.

Good

Harmon Park...I think the city's nicest park, however; since the addition of the skate park there have been many teenage vandals that destroy or write vulgar things on the kid's equipment. I will not bring my kids to this park for that very reason.

Horseshoes for the seniors (an indoor facility), a multipurpose athletic center for teens, adults, seniors, and families with children.

I appreciate a clean picnic are. Keel Boat was a great idea.

I believe the recreation center was built with donations from area businesses to provide activities for our youth so they would not have to pay to get in. The gym upstairs has inadequate ventilation.

I believe we need a nice pool hall where teens and adults can go without game machines.

I don't know exactly what would be offered for families as a whole but I don't think anything is offered.

I feel there are very minimal options for recreation for all age groups

I think are parks & recreation does an ok job, I'd like to see more activities in the evening & weekend hours. Both my husband & I work and all the sports last summer were during the day so my son couldn't go.

I think that more accessible camping or RV sites with more options are needed. Just places that are easy to park the car and enjoy a nice shelter with a table. Water facilities for indoor use are greatly lacking.

I think that most families would agree that just walking or biking with their families would be nice, but it is usually impossible due to the mosquitoes in the months that these things would be done

I think walking and hiking trails would be great.

I think we need a fun park. Or even a zoo would be nice. Things growing families can do together.

I would use the walking trails if the mosquito population was under better control.

Written Comments

29. Please describe recreational needs as you perceive them (Comments)

If there are not enough get a job.

If Watford City can do it, why can't we? Community Builders Park and a water park and a new Recreation Center (Dickinson).

It would be great if Williston could have a recreational facility similar to Dickinson, ND.

It would help to address the mosquito problem then the parks would be used the parks need to be taken care of.

Keep up with fads and trends as far as providing recreation for people.

Kids/teens especially need more unsupervised/low cost activities available (such as the skate board park)

Lack of organizing and planning by WPR.

Looking at other communities can give vision, Watford Water Park, Dickinson's Recreation Center. I think if you look you can always find something to do. The quality of some of our recreation is not as good as it could be. The Recreation Center is in tough shape. The pool need to add and upgrade.

Maybe a few things could be added for youth such as a climbing wall or tower and I have heard talk of kids wanting a BMX biking area with hills.

Maybe more indoor activities for kids-families to do thing in the winter.

More boating facilities and out of water storage at the river

More for the teenagers in town to do to keep them out of trouble.

More grassy parks, more indoor walking facilities (winter)

More of everything, as well as fixing and replacing out dated equipment

More RV parks would be a draw to the city, now that Hwy 2 is 4 lanes to Grand Forks.

More tennis courts, more trails, more athletic fields.

More variety

More walking and bike trails would not only improve some transportation concerns, they would also improve the health of our community

More walking trails monitored for safety.

More walking/biking trails, roller hockey rink

Most of the parks are outdated and difficult to get to. If there was an opportunity to use them, either they are already taken for another event or the mosquitoes are too bad. Unfortunately, living here all my life, I do not use the park systems that m

My main issue for activities for our teens - then families.

Written Comments

29. Please describe recreational needs as you perceive them (Comments)

Need a lot better upkeep and possible expansion of current facilities. I.E. Raymond Center

Need better camp grounds

Need better variability, in this town if it doesn't involve a ball it isn't worth anything.

Need for more service for school age children

Need more to do

Need to maintain existing parks facilities. Need more green space especially as city grows.

Need to take better care of the parks. They look terrible and unmaintained.

Need water for fishing and boating

New playground equipment at some established playgrounds.

New pool (outdoor) facility with possibly a water park, new recreation center with indoor walking track.

New recreation center. Centralized

No place for seniors and families to walk, work out, swim, or gather.

No place for teens to go and have fun - like gaming with tables (pool) or just indoor fun away from home.

None

None, water slide

Old, unsafe playground equipment (new recreation park)

Once again most Tourists come here once and never come back. Not that Williston isn't a nice place, but there are other places in the world to go too. Maybe we should look more towards Companies in the area wanting to give the employees things to do on the weekend.

Our parks are just green patches everyone ignores unless there are events there, and the only events are at Harmon Park. Screw the skate-boarders and hockey players, if they want that, they can pay for it!! Put in better parking access and signage for parking.

Our recreation industry is practically defunct - driving long distances for water recreation - unable to drive 4-wheelers anywhere.

Our teenagers in particular have no where to go and nothing to do. We need a teen center or club where they can have fun safely.

Parks and Recreation doesn't take care of and maintain what they have now.

Parks are not maintained and are unsafe. Parks & Recreation is poorly managed and programs are unorganized.

Pave the Spring Lake Park road

Written Comments

29. Please describe recreational needs as you perceive them (Comments)

People who say they have nothing to do here would have nothing to do in New York City either

Perhaps concerts now and then for young adults. I always hear nothing to do but go to bars.

Play parks for children, recreational activities for teens, something family oriented for tourists of all ages.

Playground equipment badly needs updating. Park grounds need to be taken better care of; weeds controlled, grass cut etc.

Pool, playground, eating out, movies

Pools, waterslides

Poor, lake dried up due to corp of engineers, Skate Park in the center of town (eyesore)

Poor Quality - but the park board probably won't listen anyway.

Possibly the recreation areas we have would be more sufficient and better used without people needing to fight mosquitoes.

Proper maintenance of existing facilities should be first before trying to assess future needs. Parks & Recreation focus should be on upkeep, cleanliness (bathrooms, etc.), safety, equipment maintenance, or even updating current facilities and equipment.

Recreation is available for teens but they don't seem to use them, driving around seems to be a bigger recreation for them.

Recreational opportunities should not just be baseball and drinking.

Restaurants, shopping, parks, sporting events, concerts, festivals, Dog Park

Roller rink

Roller rink, indoor gun range, open corp land close to town for bikes and 4 wheelers, development of camping and fishing closer to town.

School should not support some sports, but not others, it discourages participation. Also need more family and senior friendly opportunities.

Soccer fields, roller skating indoor

Something to do!

Teens have no place to gather and socialize, nor do ADULTS unless you drink or like Bingo outside of church, but there again you're at church.

Teens need something

Teens should have some place to go to get off the streets, but it seems when there is a place, some teens wreck it. I don't know the answer.

The kids need more space, need to do more with the city pool, open later in season, close too early, no over lap on both pools. Chess, tables, checkers, places to just hang out

Written Comments

29. Please describe recreational needs as you perceive them (Comments)

The outdoor pool house needs to be updated and handicap accessible.

The parks are full of garbage - glass, etc. The ground is dirt, not sand, so it is a mud hole after rain. The equipment is the same as when I came to visit Williston 25+ years ago and most of it is not safe for kids. My husband found a piece of a lawnmower blade at a playground and we went to 3 different parks one night and all of them had broken/unsafe equipment so our boys could not play on it. The parks are in such poor condition that I do not take my kids there - they are dirty and not safe.

The parks have unsafe or not children friendly equipment. Recreation Park (next to us) has really run down play equipment, not toddler friendly.

The parks we have are out of date and the pool needs updating. Don't understand how Watford City has a park and pool like a large community would. But we can't figure out how.

The playground equipment is in great need of repair and the sand, etc. under the equipment.

The prices charged for playing sports are ridiculous. The average family can't pay. Is that fair?

The quality of the sports programs for teens/kids is poor, unorganized. When playing other towns we are way behind in skills. The number of kids going out for these activities decreases as they get older.

The recreation center needs to have better management. Things have been going downhill there for years. The facilities do not compare to the other city YMCA.

The teens of this town need a safe place they can be with their friends and be able to participate in a wide range of different activities. They don't always need to be athletic.

There isn't a lot to do here

There isn't much to do here.

There needs to be more than bowling and going to movies to do during winter months. Indoor playground, museum, etc.

They are getting better; again let's focus on the parks and not just on sports. Need more equipment for the kids in all parks. Getting better, we need health centers.

They have programs in place just have to search, find and use.

They need to keep the bathrooms unlocked so they can be used.

They're adequate.

Things to do in your leisure time.

To be able to go out and not be eaten by mosquitoes. Families, people, individuals need to be able to provide some of their own outdoor entertainment.

Tourists have come and did not know we had so many mosquitoes. Tried to go to park after long day in care and had to return to motel.

Written Comments

29. Please describe recreational needs as you perceive them (Comments)

Trails, upkeep of existing trails and parks.

Update parks. Water slide - Concerts

Update recreational equipment

Updated playground equipment and maintenance of existing equipment, rest room facilities

Updated playground equipment and water slide/park

Updated pool facilities and tennis courts. Take a look at Dickinson's Recreation Center. It's fabulous!

Upkeep

We need a decent golf course.

We need a nice aquatics center to add more opportunities to existing facilities

We need a year round hockey (ice) facility. We have football, track, baseball & basketball facilities.

We need activities to draw people to Williston we can not rely on Wal-Mart.

We need more indoor opportunities in general. A place for young families. Another indoor play land, etc.

We need more than skateboarding, movies and the bars

We need specific recreational outlets to draw tourists in.

We need things for adults. It's great for all of those that are members of the lodges and want to go dancing, but for those of us that aren't we stay home.

We spend so much on the children and baseball that the parks we do have are looking bad. If it wasn't for private groups, I think the park board would let them go into oblivion.

We want to be able to ride 4 wheelers and go carts many other places have trails just for this. We have nothing.

What about a water park, even Watford City has one. A place to go without alcohol to gather, picnic. Winter activities would be fun. Tubing is fun in the winter.

Why is Williston providing free recreation for the entire area?

Williston residents deserve a new and much nicer recreation center. Also the city leagues need to be run more professionally.

Would be nice to have more parking space near Harmon Park.

Would like to see Sakakawea in better shape.

Year round ice on hockey rink

Written Comments

30. Are more trails needed within the City of Williston? If yes, please identify where these facilities are needed.

16th Ave W, Hwy 2 bypass, 18th St W

A continuous paved bike trail around and through the city would be beneficial.

A skyway over the highway.

A trail could go from the Hagen Elementary area up to the municipal golf course and it would accommodate many people.

Again the horrid mosquito problem keeps us prisoners in our homes most of the summer. We have also lost the water at Lewis & Clark that used to be mosquito free.

All over

All over

All over

Along frontage roads, at intersections with highways, between parks, to shopping areas and entertainment.

Along river, east on County 9, more development east of city.

Along the Little Muddy River from 1804 bridge to the white bridge.

Anywhere

Anywhere where a park exists for a wide trail like Spring Lake Park.

Anywhere, cool! Road biking trail down to T.R. National Park, bridges or obvious entrances to paths (on the west side) down to the river, a river paved pathway for biking, cross country skiing, running, etc. A path thru the middle of town west to east for pedestrians only would be incredible

Anywhere...

At various parks

Basically a circle around the city with cross connections

Bike and Walking

Bike around walk around trails

Bike trails - on more level ground

But if there were more we would use them.

City-wide

Connecting between Spring Lake & Muddy Road trail as well as other trails.

Continue the bike trails into residential areas for easier access.

East side

Written Comments

30. Are more trails needed within the City of Williston? If yes, please identify where these facilities are needed.

Finish off the area from Depple Greta to Spring Lake Park, west side of town. Maybe a trail to the Municipal Golf Course.

For recreation vehicles, not for walking.

Have current walking trails encompass entire city

Have some existing trails come into a park in town or at least come into town so you don't have to drive out of town to a trail.

How many people use the trails now? People walk their dogs down my street now and use my yard for the toilet!

I don't know where would be a good area as long as I'm not seeing little kids riding their bikes down the streets.

I think trails would be nice, but I am not sure if more are needed. Trails are nice for promoting family and single outdoor activities for all ages.

I use the bike path and am happy with that.

If the city continues to grow we'll need to plan lots of green belt space for people and wildlife. Otherwise it will be lost forever to future generations.

If the sidewalks were better then a trail within the city wouldn't be needed.

Inner city

It would be nice. We would use them. It's nice to walk or ride bike on trails other than highways, too dangerous.

Maybe the outskirts, maybe paved nature trails.

Means of crossing west bypass

Needed to keep bikes off of busy streets.

Not sure, we need more trees to walk through.

NW Williston, Downtown area

On the outside of the city to get out and enjoy the view

On the west side of town

On the west side of town we are growing. We need to predict future need now.

On west-end of Williston

One east - one west? Any others, maybe, focus on fitness.

One west perimeter of city.

Only if you can assure the average walker that they will not get west Nile or something worse.

Written Comments

30. Are more trails needed within the City of Williston? If yes, please identify where these facilities are needed.

Only saying yes because I don't think you can ever have too many trails. Williston though is a very easy city to walk in without trails.

Park facilities need new equipment and routine maintenance.

Pedestrian areas should be developed throughout Williston, not just the outskirts

Putting the bike path by the lagoon and feedlot was not a smart idea.

Something that may encompass the whole town

Somewhere beside the trail along the Little Muddy. The mosquitoes are too bad there.

South edge of town, west edge of town.

Spring Lake Park

The one at east bypass should go all the way around. Not just part way.

There needs to be more bike trails as well as an identified bike lane in areas such as downtown. It is hard to walk or ride your bike anywhere in this town with out getting in your car and going somewhere to do it, which is kind of against the purpose!

They need to put trails on the west side of town.

They should be interconnecting throughout the city.

Tie the parks and the downtown together with bike trails, Williston is the most bike unfriendly city I've seen. Put in attractions, like a carousel, paddleboat pond.

To continue the trail to encircle Williston.

To link Spring Lake Park and complete a total around the city trail.

West side

West side

West side of town

West side of town (most are located east or by the old Wal-Mart)

Western part of city.

Williston first needs to deal with the mosquito problem.

You don't take care of what we have

You need to work on safely connecting the trails to each other. Think how unsafe it is to bike to Spring Lake Park from most homes to there.

You should be able to get to a trail from any area of town without going through town.

Written Comments

33. Are there any programs, services or resources that are not located in the community now that would be beneficial? Please list:

A free will baby clinic - just for height and weight and things like that (we used to live in Bismarck and med center had one).

A full time social/adoption worker that will support young unwed mothers with options and choices. I also believe that this town could use an additional preschool.

A good newspaper

A Herbergers (currently many of us go to Minot to shop only for that reason).

A preschool program connected with a daycare program. I am not familiar with the daycares in the area but my daughter, who moved to Arnegard from Fargo, cannot find daycare so she can work. She enrolled her daughter in a preschool in Watford City.

a) We can always grow. c) I've seen too many gather to visit not be at the right place. f) Need more emergency help at hospital. h) Not necessary physically handicap. Some can work.

Affordable daycare

Affordable health care for all, affordable child care, some elderly and low income need breaks.

Affordable housing for seniors. I don't understand how the public thinks that a person who is making \$800 or a little more in social security, can go to paying these high rents. I don't think any of us could live on that amount.

Affordable housing, low income

Alternative (holistic) health care clinics

Bed and Breakfasts

Better assistance for homeless. The facilities that support the homeless are insufficient and of poor quality.

Better clothing store shops

Better hospital

Better transportation for elderly and disabled

Big Brother/Big Sister program

Bigger or second library

Boys and girls club of American, YMCA

Bus service expansion - we realize it is improving.

Cab service 24 hr daily

Deaf and blind educational facilities

Written Comments

33. Are there any programs, services or resources that are not located in the community now that would be beneficial? Please list:

Dinner theatre - a service for wheelchairs and Hospital Beds, temporarily for disabled needs.

Early head start (birth to 3)

Expand recycling

Foreign language opportunities for elementary age

Free Clinics

Free or low cost adult educational topics/events; reading, cooking, money management, decorating, buying real estate, computer use, etc.

Get people involved and meeting more of the community

Glass and plastic recycling - public education. The value of recycling would be useful, since we probably couldn't sustain a curbside program. Could our local, smaller businesses work cooperatively to bulk purchase, then sell goods made from recycled materials? Thrifty use of natural resources shouldn't have to be an elite market.

Good local newspaper

Group homes setting for physically (not mentally) disabled

Have you tried to get into a doctor as a new patient in this town? Almost impossible.

Health care beyond basic health care, i.e. surgeons and specialists

Housing shortage for low income.

I believe the continued use of the assessment center is vital for our community. This will help keep costs down when it comes to troubled youth needing out of home help. Instead of transporting them out of county we can keep them here for assessment.

I think a big brother/big sister program would be very beneficial to Williston

I think all of the local assistance groups or programs need a reality check. Does our ambulance system need to be run by the city? How are other cities running businesses? Many of these groups in general need an overhaul.

I want better programs to get rid of mosquitoes

Increase low income housing and public transit.

Less government programs and services.

Meals on wheels for disabled people under 55.

Medication setup for elderly to keep them out of hospital and nursing home as long as possible.

Mercy Hospital getting slowly strangled by outside providers, needs public subsidy to maintain services.

Written Comments

33. Are there any programs, services or resources that are not located in the community now that would be beneficial? Please list:

More culture - theater

More daycare centers

More daycare/preschool choices

More doctors and medical specialists (ortho, more family practice docs)

More specialists in the medical field.

Music stores and lessons

Need a 24 hour tire shop

Need insurance for children/families that can't afford it.

Not enough health care specialists

Not to my knowledge

Photographers

Podiatrician

Psychological/specialists

Public preschool would be nice, not just head start or private.

Public transit, a well functioning recreation center.

Public transportation

Public transportation

Recycle system that takes all material that can be recycled.

Recycling center, plastic, newspaper, catalogs and glass

Recycling plastic

Refinery we need to keep our oil and gas here.

Restaurants, clothing stores

Self-defense classes

Shelter for Homeless

Solar services

Soup kitchen for need families/homeless. Crisis pregnancy center, is there one here?

Soup kitchen, more homes/room for homeless (homeless shelter)

Specialized medical

Specialty doctors. I personally find it difficult to have to travel to other states to get the help we need.

Written Comments

33. Are there any programs, services or resources that are not located in the community now that would be beneficial? Please list:

Specialty health disciplines

Tech school

Timely medical care

Transportation for elderly or disabled

Welcome Wagon back, some type of teen center, hangout, roller rink was great at one time.

Well organized youth 1-6 grade athletic programs.

Winter activities

Women's Groups - Civic Minded

Written Comments

35. How can the City provide better opportunities for input and participation?

Advertise in newspaper or TV/radio 1-2 days in advance the agenda of commission meetings.

Better coverage of meetings reported in newspaper.

Better Herald reporting

Better newspaper coverage before events

Bulk mailings such as this survey.

City Commission meeting agendas released prior to meetings.

Communicate through the newspaper

Could be better advertised in all areas. Newspaper coverage on front page.

Encourage the production of a good local newspaper.

Forums

Good old boy, quit selling the farm

Have meeting when real work people can attend.

I do not get the paper, so maybe they do a good job of informing, but I do not know.

I feel commission news should be printed as it happens and not weeks or months later.

I want to stress again to post information on a website! This would give greater access to input and participation. Maybe start a blog.

Improved newspaper reporting

In Williston Herald

Inform the public about upcoming City Commission decisions well in advance.

Interest is there, but people are busy and when time is taken to appear decisions by the people are usually overridden anyway.

Keep us informed about anything, through the paper

Less behind closed door executive sessions

Letters, texts

List in paper

Listen and do what people suggest.

Make it more publicly known when and where meetings are

Make sure public knows they are welcome at meetings. Have meeting times and main agenda in paper, radio & TV.

Meetings in paper and shopper

Minutes in paper sooner, not a month after meeting.

Written Comments

35. How can the City provide better opportunities for input and participation?

More info in newspaper

More news, TV, paper items

Much more interaction

News release to media (all)

News, newspaper and radio before the process, not after it's already been decided (i.e. the no smoking ban)

Newsletters

Newsletters before meetings

Newspaper

Newspaper

Newspaper

Newspaper

Newspaper - news programs - TV site specific to City Commission decisions

Not everyone has a computer

Notify prior to major decision made about things being done.

Open meetings

Open the closed meetings to the public. Too much hidden agenda.

Paper

Print agenda in newspaper

Publication - like the shopper only with city news. Maybe put a section in the shopper.

Put the city commission meetings on TV.

Quit making decisions in their closed sessions.

Quit private meetings

Radio

Report decisions & spending in Williston Herald.

Sent out information in the mail

The City Fathers need to look at the long term - steady growth, and the needs of the people who live here when there is no oil boom. And we need more businesses that aren't oil.

The commissioners were voted in to do a job. They don't need to hire consultants for it and spend unnecessary money.

Too many executive sessions, public finds out after the fact.

Written Comments

35. How can the City provide better opportunities for input and participation?

Town hall information meetings

Try a web site with a suggestion box that people don't have to log in real names. Let the suggestions be posted on the site and show if anyone in the government responds to it. Of course a person would have to set down rules on what can be posted.

TV is great for viewing meetings and they should at least print the minutes of meetings in the paper.

Use advertising other than the Williston Herald. More open forums without having to be on the agenda.

Website could have a monthly short summary.

Weekly spot on local evening news. One different topic/week.

When planning things are published use better location maps and use street addresses so people know what area is being addressed

Written plan available if requested.

You do a good job of publicizing issues. I just need to slow down and get involved.

Written Comments

36. Is local government responsive to your questions and concerns?

Always have closed meetings

Ambulance service wrote to the mayor and others but there was no reply.

Asked for street light. Was told that we would have to pay for it, along with our neighbors.

There are two houses on our block, and cost would be higher than we want to pay. Take a drive up in the 3400 block of 1st Ave W some evening, and see how dark.

At times yes, others it appears they have their own agenda and don't want to expand.

Business as usual, what will serve THEM best

Can't get a straight answer from city on land deals

City commissioners do what they want

Completely ignored me when I mentioned the problem on 11th St construction screw-up.

Decisions made behind closed doors.

Depends on what question is and who it involves

Depends on who you talk to.

Did anyone listen about the latest raise in property tax?

Do not enforce laws fairly.

Don't be so quick to tax everything.

Don't listen, do as they please.

Double talk when questioned.

Government at any level tends to care about government - not constituents.

Government officials are the only people in Williston who are most likely to not be friendly or honest

Growth is stagnant and city government needs new people.

Has not responded well enough to our mosquito problem!

Have not had any questions/concerns that we've taken to our local government.

Haven't had much contact with school or county boards

Head-in-the-sand Politicians - need to get ahead with being READY for continued "boom."

Affordable Housing, Quality Daycare - both will get more people to MOVE here and will help solve the employee shortage in all areas - it's not rocket science - just DO it!

I am going to wait and see just how they go about spending the money we need to take this city from a retirement community to a real nice place with opportunities for the younger people to stay in the area. This has been over looked for years.

I feel sometimes they are not listening to what the community is telling them the needs are.

Written Comments

36. Is local government responsive to your questions and concerns?

I feel they hide things

I guess I've not attended meetings

I have contacted the Recreation dept several times to address the potential equipment dangers at the parks and they have told me that they would be taking down that equipment. This was in April of 2008. It is now September 2008 and nothing has been done.

I have had to force a response out of City Gov.

I want more individual input into the mosquito problem.

In one ear and out the other, being on city commission is not just for title, more needs to be done, new blood

It's filled with small minded people worried about their own agenda...

Law enforcement seems unconcerned about calls made to their faculty; again streets are not kept up.

Like all politicians, they just spend our tax dollars to appease special interest groups.

Many decisions are made without the majority having a say.

My concern is don't raise taxes. We want to be able to ??? Regarding this.

Need to address the TAX issue, needs to be more fair.

Never hear back from them when sending in letters of concern.

No answer to questions.

No, they don't listen to the common, low classed people. Only what they want to hear.

Not always, do not always support long-time well established businesses.

Not responsive to any sewer problems when it is their problem

Not with our drainage problem.

Pest control is bad, property taxes are unreasonable

Pleased to finally see some changes with reactor control

Property taxes keep increasing despite other taxes levied against Williston residents.

Regardless of public opinion they do as they please.

Seems like they do whatever they want anyway.

Seems they always chase the immediate needs and are not always forward looking

Sometime I feel out local government listen & other times it is like the are deaf

Tax breaks and other incentives for Marcil Group were unconscionable!

The click runs the town

Written Comments

36. Is local government responsive to your questions and concerns?

The local government entity considers profit before people.

The people in Williston want more retail and restaurants.

They answer calls but responses aren't made.

They are out of touch with the cost of living and tax cost to the elderly on a fixed income and the average working class family.

They can be culturally biased.

They do not to regular citizens.

They don't care about one person input unless it's the good old boys and someone with money.

They don't do what the people want.

They don't listen, it's like we're wasting their valuable time.

They have cut Fire Dept. budget last 17 years.

They make own decision

They plan for the future but forget about taking care of the present.

They will do what they want anyway.

Tony Roufstad's office is off limits.

Too high property taxes residential in old established neighborhoods.

Too much wasteful spending of tax payer dollars.

Usually

We'll see after this survey is turned in...

What are the citizens getting for their tax dollars? Aside from BASIC services?

Williston is pro-oil to the point of blindness. They DO NOT CARE about the major image problems that they have.

Written Comments

37. Are local government services provided equitably?

"Old Boy mafia" keeps out new businesses.

8 condo units pay each as a home over 12,000 sq ft in taxes and are levied against one bldg.

All emphasis on ag and oil.

Allowing an outside concern to come in raise the cost of housing and then giving them a tax break is bull.

Anyone from out of town gets huge tax breaks for new business.

Depends on who wants something

Depends on your name in this town.

Favors are offer to some

If you have money you get what you want, if you don't have money you're screwed!

If you live on the right side of town, snow gets removes trees are trimmed, etc. rest get ignored

It depends on where you live and what your name is.

I've seen how areas are treated.

Less attention & benefits to those who don't want to work.

Local contractors are not given the same deals as the outsiders.

Local government has allowed certain businesses to look like dump grounds, depending on who they are, of course.

Minority aren't treated equally.

Need fair tax break to everyone. We are the ones that live here! Not Marcil, etc. We will have to pick up the slack when the boom goes bust again!

Progress is slow - too slow for speed of growth. Make developers and big business do more than just streets and sewer for development.

Same as above

Seems like the moneyed folks get carte blanche. (The people building the high-priced apartments... the same thing happened last boom and the local taxpayer got stuck with the cost)

Snow removal, street summer cleaning

Some are favored

Some are given breaks on housing development and others are not!

Some east/west division of quality of services possible.

Some get tax incentives, some don't. Too much politics.

Written Comments

37. Are local government services provided equitably?

Students at risk do not receive equal opportunity. Services & programs generally for successful students.

Tax breaks for new business, no tax breaks for long time existing business to build

Tax breaks to some, not to others.

The better off seemed to be given special consideration.

The only services you require are "you're guilty, or we can't help you, or it's not our fault!"

They favor some areas.

They worry too much about giving breaks for big businesses instead of worrying about its people.

Those who have get what they want.

Too much partiality

West side of town should be taken care of as well as east side.

Who you are makes a difference.

Who you are makes a difference. See #36.

Written Comments

38. Other comments/suggestions:

Apparently pretty well. I like seeing some more color here and greater diversity of foods in the grocery stores.

Can always do better

Do we have a problem with that?

Do we have a problem with that?

Haven't had any problems so far, but since blacks are the only ones that complain about racism, keep them out, less problems.

I also think that at least once a week there should be in the local paper an article on City ordinances. We have a lot of new people in town, that don't know the leash laws, noise ordinances and etc. Who to complain to when the neighbor walks his dog to yard to do his business.

I do feel Williston has not had a problem with race while growing up here but perhaps some people here from other areas many bring their ideas, etc. with.

I don't know that this has ever been addressed.

I think the city has more important issues. The T&SA homes that do not pay taxes like most homeowners.

I'd say we have a little work to do in this area.

If folks want to establish businesses in Williston, most if not all the financial risk should be theirs with no handouts from the city.

If you're not white, Christian or republican, you seem unwelcome

Is there any need?

It doesn't affect me but I've heard complaints.

It doesn't seem to be a problem here.

It is not easy when the minority population is less than 270. I think it does as good as it can.

Just make sure there are no illegal immigrants

Not at jobs just in public.

Not aware of any specific efforts to support different ethnic groups and encourage diversity.

Our ethnicity issues often come from the general lack of diversity in the community which spills over into the elected officials. Many people still have limited or racial views due to limited interactions with minorities

People need to be friendlier to outside persons that move here.

Please...we're barely a step above Missouri...

Pretty new to us and I don't think we are prepared for language and cultural barriers.

Written Comments

38. Other comments/suggestions:

Racism still exists in Williston although it is more subtle than it used to be.

Restaurants of ethnic nature get unequal scrutiny by city inspectors. Mexican restaurant was driven away by hostile forces. Husband faced months of hardship at work in oilfields as an outsider. He persevered, but many quit.

The only thing I have seen are the children from different countries in the school system not getting the education needed because of no English language teacher or anyone with this knowledge over the area teaching teachers how to educate these children.

There are more publicity and activities for nationalities than for American Indians.

There is more diversity now with incoming workers.

There should be no problem if we are all Americans and citizens of Williston, ND. Diversity implies segregation. We can have differences and still live in harmony. Anyone is free to leave if they don't like it here.

They haven't had to deal with a lot. But more will come with the boom! We have basically been a community of Caucasians and Native Americans. Need more cultural opportunities.

They smile at everyone.

We are supposed to be the great melting pot, let them learn English, they have access to all the services.

We don't need the drug dealers, sex offenders, etc.

We have a lot of immigrants coming in. They need English language services and help to learn about and get involved in the community.

We have little ethnic and racial diversity

We're mostly all white people.

What are they doing now?

Who cares?

Who really cares, it's a bunch of P/C garbage.

Williston citizens have always been receptive and diversified.

Written Comments

39. It is the basic premise of the community planning process and land use control, that these tools be utilized to achieve orderly growth and protect adjacent private property owners. Understanding this, should the City enact **stronger: (Other comments)**

A building inspector that does his job

All above are critical to a clean and respected city. Crucial

Builders control debris. Debris from Wal-Mart is dreadful.

Building inspection teams

Businesses need to take care of their appearance and aesthetic of their space - take pride

Campers shouldn't be allowed to be parked (stored) on city streets. They should be parked in driveways or yards.

Don't give toffe's anymore tax breaks, what the hell is wrong with people.

Don't let special groups have special care like Trinity Christian parking lot for ??? No asphalt to park on.

Emphasize the importance of letter "J"

Enforce neater yard maintenance, if unable should use jailed persons or enlist young people.

Enforce the no junk rule

Enhance city entrances - car & train.

For J: It depends on who is deciding and for what reason.

Get rid of the mosquitoes

I don't wish to see urban sprawl here.

I like to have the town look nice, but little old ladies shouldn't have to sell their homes if it's hard to maintain them.

If a house is a mess, inside and out, the city should be able to tell them to clean up or get fined.

If the rules are not in place we see you making up the rules as you go depending on who is asking. We have trailers and campers all over our streets. They tell us there are laws against this but they remain parked obstructing a clear view for turning on to streets. Weeks are allowed to grow as high as parked cars.

I'm all for the city on forcing property owners to fix up, tear down, or clean up their property for a nice looking city.

I've lived here 40 years and I believe the appearance and quality of houses have improved.

Junk in yards! Clean up eyesores in yards.

Just clean this city, you've let it go for so long, latest count 6 industrial parks.

Lots of the old houses should be condemned.

Written Comments

39. It is the basic premise of the community planning process and land use control, that these tools be utilized to achieve orderly growth and protect adjacent private property owners. Understanding this, should the City enact **stronger: (Other comments)**

Maintaining-supervising residential areas is not done adequately!

Make it mandatory to keep yards clean and mowed.

Many towns require developers to set aside 10% of land for recreational use.

Mosquito control

Mosquito control

Mosquito control

Need Welcome to Williston e.g. Minot

No portables or tin buildings on school land.

Not necessarily more strict controls but a method of working with developments to improve appearances and the city should be leading the way not letting its facilities and rights of way be dilapidated and then try to force local businesses and residents to do their part.

Perimeter of Williston looks like a junk yard in every direction.

Program to assist businesses improve appearance, tougher litter laws.

Property owners are responsible for these the city has other major concerns.

Recycled asphalt is a crap hard surfacing accepted by city ordinance as is recycled concrete.

Regarding J: the need to get rid of unsightly buildings all around town and just outside of city limits.

Residential maintenance by homeowners get rid of junk in yards, litter about town.

Economart should clean up west side of the store or build a high fence to hide the mess.

Stay out of people's business

Stronger enforcement of residential lawn care - watering, mowing, and weed removal in alleys

The City needs to look at itself in this too! The amount of Weeds that are allowed to grow on City property it terrible. You can't ask the public to clean it up if the City can't do it too.

That little corner on Hwy 85 and 26th St is an eye sore most of the time.

The mosquitoes need to go.

The planning of this town is spreading but of the city limits too far.

To green up the downtown landscape.

Too many unsightly areas

Trash pick up/littering should be discouraged, picking up encouraged

Written Comments

39. It is the basic premise of the community planning process and land use control, that these tools be utilized to achieve orderly growth and protect adjacent private property owners. Understanding this, should the City enact **stronger: (Other comments)**

We don't want trailers in residential areas; they should be in trailer courts. Fox Glen is a mess.

We need to clean Williston up.

When coming into Williston I see all the above. Building falling down, weeds and unkempt lots, new apt with no lawn or the change to beautify. Things don't have to be new, just clean, painted and kept up.

Williston has rep of unfriendly to outside business building and zoning.

Written Comments

41. What are the most important reasons you choose to live in Williston (*please rank reasons, 1 being most important, and 9 being least important*)? (Other Comments)

Availability of churches

Born here

Cost of living is lower in North Dakota

Didn't was annexed

Family's hometown

Farmland in the county

Friends

Girlfriend

Grew up here

Health care

Health reasons

Hometown character is important, but Williston doesn't have it.

House paid for

Hunting

I was born here

It used to be because cost of housing but with Marcil Management putting the rent at a price only oil field workers can pay it makes it hard to live here!

Job moved us here (oil)

Moved for employment reasons only.

My hometown

My husband was transferred here with oil; I would not choose to be here.

No chance of being financially able to relocate. The cost of houses makes my stomach turn.

No place else to go at the time.

Outdoor recreation - in the state of ND (just outside of City of Williston)

Small town and less noise, traffic

Very friendly city

We came here for work, not oil field.

We want to, we don't have to.

Where I ended up. Job and family keep me here. Mosquitoes will make me leave.

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

#31 - Need to replace temporary classrooms with permanent buildings.

1) Please take care of the flower beds or don't plant them, need/ask for volunteers, or use Preem (Pre-emergence weed control). 2) Need beautiful large stone type signs to welcome people to our community (See Minot). 3) Need downtown beautification program especially flowers up and down Main St. See containers American State Bank for an example (good).

A good golf course, more restaurants, no Wal-Mart.

A recycling program, mosquito control, new hotels, something like Bismarck's downtown street fair.

Affordable and quality housing is really hampering Williston with regard to growth. The new apartments that have been built are not affordable to most people. The rent is way too high. Potential employees are going to other cities where this is not an issue.

Affordable housing for service workers, college students, single parent families and road safety.

All infrastructure needs to be upgraded by developers as the community grows. i.e. fire & police services, water, sewer, park & recreation.

An economic development person that accomplishes something besides golf tournaments.

As a stay at home mom it would be nice to see more activities in the area geared to toddlers such as craft times, music times, organized playgroups such as meeting at parks and so fourth. I have heard of some towns organizing these through their parks and recreation.

Better health care

Better signage to Amtrak. Sign & building renewal on Hwy 2 N. Banners all along Million Dollar Highway.

Born and raised here, this is my home. It saddens me to see our churches failing, our fraternal organizations folding and our neighbors more into themselves than their community. We need to be more responsible.

Bring in clothing stores

Building codes are fair and adequate and is helping the overall quality of housing.

City commission needs to know rest of country is hurting you don't need to give tax breaks to Marcil, etc if they don't want to pay there share leave. Someone will.

City should grow, but vision and planning are critical. Be concerned about the environment and not just oil.

Cost of housing is too high for the ordinary citizen. Real estate taxes are too high. Stressful management jobs because of lack of qualified workers to work under you.

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

Definitely need to look at the long-term resident - what are we doing to keep people so we do not become a ghost town again?

Develop affordable housing for people (of lower incomes) to live here and try to get in more retail and restaurants to promote more (higher income) people to move here, thus the business would move here instead of going to live in Minot.

Develop master plans for city and parks with sufficient ability to be flexible. We are a small town with the ability to be flexible and meet the requirements of planning for reasonable expected growth and development.

Don't spend (waste) tax money on projects that are so poorly designed that they cause damage to original property.

Drop property taxes. It's a rip off.

Enforce what the agreement is on finishing construction jobs. If you call 770-3223 I will talk to you about this.

Extremely disappointed in the Parks & Recreation. If they do not improve their facilities, parks & programs by the time our child is able to participate we would definitely consider moving to a community with safer facilities and a more well managed overall system.

Fees on water bills and property taxes are too high - City cut levying these for every little need - it has become too easy for the city to solve its problems this way!

Figure out how to lower property taxes. Dickinson seems to be able to provide a nice community without having the high property taxes. Is there a way the leaders of Williston could meet with other community leaders to explore ways property taxes could be reduced.

Focus on making as many quality of life improvements as possible while the "boom-money" is here. These are the things that don't get improved in our typical recession style economy.

Get control of our mosquito problem if possible. We are getting a reputation that is literally deterring people from moving here because they don't want to be in the house all winter and then can't enjoy the summer either.

Get rid of the mosquitoes.

Get the mosquito issue under control without taxing property owners.

Get the public more involved & listen to what some of the younger people have to say, their thoughts & ideas are our future, just like in Greensburg, Kansas.

Give a tax reduction to Senior Citizen real estate taxes when Homestead Credit Act does help, when you are just above the H.S.E. Act allowance

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

Give property tax relief - you have increased your property income with new building and you insist on raising everyone else's taxes. Give the people a break! Our property tax has more than doubled!

Greeted to town by junk yards.

Had I known how ridiculous my rent and rent around the city not to mention the cost of buying would become I would have done so when I first moved back to the area.

Have stronger police force, development to north and east of city, support downtown, you have to spend money to make money...

Have the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway an existing Hwy 85.

Having affordable housing, decent shopping opportunities, and good transportation in place can do wonders to improve our hospital and business community and thus our schools by increasing the sales tax amounts.

Housing Authority

I believe there should be less housing for the poor because there are a lot of jobs out there and there is no reason why anyone should have to be on welfare

I cannot stress enough the frustration when shopping. Just this week I went to get laundry soap at Wal-Mart and it was gone. It's ridiculous! That happens more often than not. I have started saving my list and going to Minot periodically. More shopping! The slogan "shop Williston first" is absolutely ridiculous! The lack of choice and availability makes that impossible!

I feel strongly that our Parks & Recreation. could do a lot more to improve the quality of life here. Use Minot or Dickinson as a benchmark.

I have seen many people struggle and panic about housing. A lot of people in this town don't have oilfield jobs and can't afford the housing here. Single parents really have no place to go if they can't pay rent.

I know that Williston people have it in them to make this town better, it just needs direction. We all could complain about the mosquitoes, but we already know they are an issue. From living in a big city to Williston, Williston does need more than what it currently has available.

I moved to Williston in 1980 until 2001 and really liked it. I moved to Dickinson from 2001 to 2004. Moved back. I bought a condo in 2004 taxes were \$1,600.00. Four years later taxes are \$2,600.00 and are going up again. How do you think I should fee?

I really feel strong about services in this town. I am more willing to buy out of town just to save myself the disappointment of our services. It is everywhere in town that I see this.

I really like Williston except for the jobs and low wage situation.

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

I sometimes feel informed about City Commission decisions, and in terms of open spaces, they should be protected to some degree.

I think it is vitally important to control the mosquito problem. Also, housing development is necessary for economic development.

I think it would be beneficial if we asked Marcil Management to help out Williston people more instead of wanting Williston to continually give them things like tax breaks and assistance with clearing land that they purchased knowing it would need to be cleared.

I think the 316,000 used for this survey should be used to spray for mosquitoes. Minot & Fargo spray the City. Why can we? No one wants to spend summer here.

I think the City Commissioners are trying and doing a good job. With growth like we are seeing now it's a challenge for them. People need to have faith and patience.

I think the city leaders have been terrible in developing growth in retail especially. So many city leaders have been downtown business owners and have fought to keep malls and new businesses from opening. We need men's clothing, women's clothing, shoes. We need everything. You are not going to get people to move here when we have no shops, no eating facilities at all. It is ridiculous. We go to Minot once a month and spend hundreds of dollars there. I would never move here if I was the wife of an oilman from Houston or Denver. We do not need public transportation. Give me a break.

I would like to add, because I must have missed the question on this online form that when entering this City, it looks like a dump. From the north we have a junk yard to look at, granted at least there is a fence but from the east and west

I would like to see more retail stores in Williston, not only would it be nice to do all my shopping here, it would bring more people into Williston to shop.

I would like to see Williston have a recycling program that works along-side with the sanitation/garbage collection department.

I would really like to see something done at the intersection of Hwy 2 bypass and 18th ST W. A walking/biking bridge would definitely ensure a safe route for children and adults alike. There are so many activities on either side of the bypass that involve children crossing.

I would really like to see Williston grow into a beautiful city with trees and updated buildings. It needs to look fresh and new. The city and businesses alike need to get the weeds on their property under control.

If someone wants to come into town and develop an area, no tax breaks. Sales taxes and property taxes are becoming a huge burden for what the community offers. P.S. Please let the community know the results of this survey.

If we don't get ahead of some of these issues now they are going to eat us up. There is some great information on built communities on how to build healthy communities on the internet.

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

I'm glad to have participated in this survey - whether you heed it; I am dubious.

I'm so angry because our people, vets and disabled have been disregarded due to outrageous rent and tax breaks given to these corps moving in and buying up our apts. Where is this growth we've been promised? Nothing we don't already have has been brought to Williston. Maybe you ought to go to Dickinson and find out what growth is. At least you can go there or Minot to shop. We're the same stagnant Williston.

In Sept 2004 we moved into our new home. Before the break in taxes time was even up our taxes were increased. Now since then they have gone up 2 times and not it's being talked about again by 9%. How do think we feel worrying about increased taxes all the time. It's like we are being punished for trying to have a nice home and enjoying it. I know people that refuse to live in Williston because of the high property tax. It's not fair. Let the people that are building pay their share too.

In the 80's the City of Williston was going to develop the Pheasant Run area. Trees were promised to be planted along Pheasant Run Pkwy. Where are they? Why are empty lots not maintained, mowed, weeded? Why do you not make people maintain their homes and properties? I am proud of my home in this area. It is what I can afford and my property is well landscaped. I am so sick of my home value being lower and can go to other areas in the city that look worse and their home is worth more. Make people clean up their properties!!!! Williston looks run down and dirty!!!

Industrial parks are everywhere, there's no sense of organization, the city (I've lived here for 63 years and it's as bad as I've ever seen now I know where the term "oil field trash" comes from and Williston is the worse I've seen. I've seen many oil cities and this city tries to look as bad as it can. It's nothing but a dump and I'm not happy with what's happening because what's happening it not necessary.

It astounds me that we are in a time of the largest revenues for the city of Williston that we have ever experienced. Sales tax collections are at a high and property tax collections are going up with all the new construction and businesses. Yet we are raising residential property taxes at an alarming rate every year. Just how much does the city think we can afford?

It would be nice to have city-wide flea markets at least 1 time per month. I have always wanted to see large flower pots either in hanging baskets or large standing pots in downtown Williston - It makes a huge difference in how you feel about our town when we take pride and beautify our downtown!

It's time to allow Williston to grow and provide equal opportunities for all current and hopefully new residents. Please let new restaurants in.

It's time to grow up and become a real city. Four laning Highway 2 to Minot was a stupid waste of money and effort, all it did was make it easier to support Minot going there to shop for Christmas or for hockey.

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

Just allow growth of business in our community. Let new retail and hotels come in to Williston. We need this for competition and for business. It sure would have been nice to see Holiday Inn Express come in here. It would also be nice to see outlet retail shopping.

Just please take care of those mosquitoes. Above all this is the most important issue.

Keep up the excellent work! We love our new community. Property taxes need to go down!

Less taxes on housing.

Let new businesses that want to make a go in Williston with the booming economy assume the risk that all the long time established businesses in Williston have. Let's not repeat the mistakes of the past.

LOWER TAXES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lower taxes, quit spending tax dollars foolishly, for these reasons we are seriously considering moving. More comments on attached sheet of paper.

Lower the damn property tax.

Main arteries of entrance into Williston need a major fix. West 2nd St is a disaster.

Maintain the look of the city, its depressing to see how little you as our leaders don't care.

All you're interested in is the money in your pocket. Five of us got rid of the artificial flowers in the Harman Park, bought \$300 worth of flowers, charged them to the Parks & "Wreck", we planted them, took 10 hours, couldn't weed because of the mosquitoes (3-4 times only). Park Board plowed them under instead of weeding them. What a mind set and the whole city is run just like this. Grounds at football field (along highway) look horrible, instead of planting grass and mowing it, they plow it up every fall, that's their answer to weeding.

Make some kind of change for mosquito control. Obviously whatever you are doing now doesn't work! You also kill anything that would eat mosquitoes. Some of the rating questions were confusing on how you wanted them answered.

More county support, need to grow faster

More downtown stores

More medical specialists

More shopping and restaurants. A lot of money and time is spent in Minot/Bismarck/Billings by residents seeking these things.

Mortgage payments.

Mosquito problem must be gotten under control for all of us to enjoy our yards in summer.

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

My main concern is keeping our city clean and neat. Right now I'm seeing many areas where people have moved in from smaller places where ordinances probably don't exist and they are not taking care of their yards and house/garage exteriors. Messy areas - I am told that people have property rights as far as what their yards look like, but it is taking away from our city. Realtors need to educate people (when they are buying) how to take care of their property and discuss some of the ordinances that deal with lawns, junk, etc. Everyone needs to work together on this to keep a nice looking and attractive city.

Need more dining and shopping to facilitate more people

Need to develop industry and other opportunities to encourage people to stay after the boom goes flat. Need more doctors, need shopping areas so that we don't have to shop online, catalogues or elsewhere out of town.

Need to have new blood in city hall. Same people have been in charge for too long. (Power corrupts - absolute power corrupts absolutely.)

No new taxes. New homes pay taxes like the rest of us.

Oilfield comes and goes, worry about your long term community members. Need to support Mercy Medical Center and local healthcare because if not we will lose what we have and if a family member has a heart attack at 2 am do you want to be driving to Sidney or Minot to the nearest healthcare center? It is that serious! Oil companies have tons of money, inquire with them to provide funding for community improvement through grants, etc. tax write off for them. STOP raising property taxes they are the highest in the state!

Our accesses into the city look terrible! Ditches (all) need to be mowed often (all sides), which they currently are not. Clean up oilfield businesses along highway. Also, get rid of old cars and vehicles alongside roads! All businesses need to keep their grounds clean and mowed! Mow and weed along bypass and Million Dollar Way! Vegas motel is terrible. Always has long/tall grass! Get rid of mosquitoes! Williston residents need to keep their own yard mowed and clean, especially on main streets where traffic is busy!

Our city fathers need to be planning long range and have a vision, keep taxes within reason, get us a shopping mall, and get rid of those mosquitoes!!

Our police could not find there butt with both hands or they do not care about the vandalism in our city you need to look into this area

Our town is big enough that we should have a "full-service" hospital rather than Critical Care, which limits patient admissions and how patients are treated. We do need new businesses in town besides oil to sustain when the oil isn't "booming". We need to allow change in order to move forward into the future. We can't drive everyone out because we don't want to change. Those that do come in to make good changes maybe need to go slow if there is any thought of increasing costs. Our community is angry and divided right now and the tension is palpable where ever you go. Growth is good, but in a steady, diversified manner.

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

Please build things for the city that will make people want to stay. People move away because Williston is not a nice town. Williston should be so much bigger.

Please do not focus all the planning efforts on the oil activity. We need to accommodate oil, but we need to attract other industry/businesses that will remain intact after the oil activity slows.

Please do something to make homeowners responsible for the upkeep and yard maintenance of their property!

Please seek more input from the community; a comments/suggestions option on your webpage would be beneficial.

Please slow the rate of growth. Remember the "Bust" of the 1980's!

Please stop giving incentives to companies who are building to make a fortune in Williston and etc. I have lived in Williston since 1963 and my wife was born and raised in Williston. We are seriously thinking of living elsewhere because we don't make big oil money and our costs of taxes are (crazy). No improvements on shopping

Please try to get more shopping stores in Williston to keep our hometown dollars here. Everyone goes to Minot & Bismarck to spend money. If we want Williston to prosper then get some businesses here to make people come here and then use that money to help us grow. Also keep the mosquito population down; people are moving away to get away from mosquitoes. The Vector Control needs to work harder at this.

Property taxes are entirely too high in the city of Williston for what we get.

Provide building zones where doublewide modular homes built in Devils Lakes, selling for \$35,000 to \$55,000 can be set up. If companies want to move in and build housing that is fine, but they should not be allowed to buy up existing housing.

Provide more benches in downtown area. Maybe divide Main Street with trees, benches, etc.

Quit discouraging businesses from moving in to Williston!

Quit giving tax breaks and incentives to business and developers.

Quit holding Williston back, we need to grow and prosper. You are losing money to Minot and other places. Build new hotels, bring in restaurants, places to shop (like clothing and material).

Quit trying to draw people to this town!! All that does is increase living expenses for those not making wages like those in oil work. I have worked here for over 40 years, my family had businesses here. I am worse off now financially because of the oil boom.

Rent control - try living in a \$600 apt at \$9/hr job see how it is and then support a family.

Renting in Williston has become a pain. I currently live in a townhouse that the landlord will not fix but there is nothing else out there for a decent price.

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

See additional attached comments. Born and raised here and returned to retire. Now I'm wondering after 6 years??? Williston is not a metro area. City residences need to obey the street codes on boats and trailers stored along the streets. They should have the boats etc. towed away. They make neighborhoods look awful and a hazard to drivers with narrow streets. An accident waiting to happen. Resident attitudes, I can park here if I want. Take care of it. Tag it and tow it!

See attached comments and articles.

Simply get the mosquitoes under control they ruin the whole summer and make Williston look really bad.

Taxes are outrageous and nothing to show for them. We have lived in other major ND cities and paid half of what we do here in taxes.

Taxes too high; was told they'd be lower after schools got more money, too much for Parks & Recreation. Have never been reduced when last oil boom was paid off, instead have gone up every year.

Thank you for asking our opinion. Please do address major safety concerns on your streets and roadways! This city needs to address the light timing on the west bypass immediately!

Thank you for the survey.

The areas that you come into when entering Williston from out of town needs to be cleaned up so the city looks more appealing to the eye - first impressions.

The blocking on 42nd St service road to the south and west should be corrected. If driving south or from the east you have to cross the 4 lanes to turn and go west.

The cost of living has gotten out of control for those of us not in the oil field industries, or those benefiting from it. Single parent families who work full time in the community are struggling to provide for our families, pay our utilities, and afford daily living expenses.

The highway to Minot is really good now. Provides a quick trip to Minot to shop for things not provided here. City officials and politics did a real good job providing that. Not just for our citizens but for major business people also. We've seen that on a number of occasions.

The Marcil Group do not need any tax breaks!

There is too much garbage in the parks and the public places. More emphasis needs to be placed on our youth, starting in grade school and continuing that. We need to have more pride and self-respect in our surroundings. Trashy surroundings affect everyone.

There was absolutely no reason for the city to provide financial assistance tax incentives to speculation in the housing market. They used that money to buy up existing apartment units which were already providing affordable housing. This is a definite attempt to control rental housing in the city. The unconscious raising of rents in those units is so they can provide a cash flow to attract large out-of-town real estate tourists and incur a large profit for themselves - Williston be damned.

Written Comments

52. Other Comments.

This is a good community, and I'm glad to be here.

This is my hometown. I returned 3yrs ago after being gone for 20+yrs. I am disappointed in the rise in cost of living & lack of support for the citizens who remained after the last oil boom/bust & those who want to remain here during & after this new oil boom.

This survey only had every other page.

This took me more than a few minutes. It was 30 minutes.

This was a better community to live in before the oil boom. Cost of living has gotten too high. People have gotten rude. The town in general isn't as friendly and homey as it used to be.

Totally against giving incentives to apartment building projects so that owners can charge high rent while others get no breaks and big home incentives with tax breaks. It's unfair!!!

We could use new stores in town. Many have closed, but I do not feel we as tax payers should have to pay for the people to come in and get tax breaks when we are struggling to service the oil boom and cost of everything going up. Taxes are too high in this town!

We have a higher tax revenue, higher salary base than towns such as Dickinson, but have a city growth rate far below. Where do we spend our money? If I sound disgruntled, I am. Property taxes rise each year. We have a multi-million dollar law enforcement center that we will have to rely on federal prisoners to survive. We have a new Junior High School that went way over budget due to bad planning and leadership. That old health hazard Junior High will be converted to apartments for a small fraction of the cost we were told and be perfectly safe for occupancy. What has my city given back to me this year? No snow removal, swept my streets twice. Took 2 months to change a street light bulb. I got my money's worth.

We have had two oil booms 1950 and 1980 and we have had the same real estate problems each time after they left.

We moved back after being gone 10 years due to family health. I pulled my son out of Junior High (there was a lot of bullying going on and staff were oblivious) and put him in Trinity Christian. He has graduated and moved away. I have 4 children and two grandchildren.

We must embrace change. We don't have to give any thing away to get businesses to move here. Just show them how great we have it here.

We need a recycling program. City wide recycling program needed. (Glass, plastic, metal soup cans, newspaper, and catalogs.) Oil field businesses should be paying more dollars into the city to pay for the roads they are tearing up. There is also a lot of trash around the city, need more clean-up days (ex. Band Day).

We need a refinery near Williston, and the corp should help pay for the mosquito control (it starts at the river)

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We need lower taxes to save our home. Wife on very low disability so we are basically 1 income household and can't afford rising taxes. May have to leave town.

We need more affordable housing for people who aren't working in the oil field. My entire family works in the oil field and can afford housing, but there are a lot of people here who can't....my mother-in-law! Please there needs to be something worked out.

We need more good retail outlets so badly! Also #39 & 40 - major.

We need to get people more involved with their community.

We need to modernize the look of our community, Williston looks like a dirty, outdated community. I've lived in my house for almost 2 years and still don't have any street lights on my block; the city looks like it was patched together between oil booms.

We really enjoy living in Williston, but would love to see some new growth as far as shops and dining. The people make the difference.

We really need to bring in more businesses and retail that don't depend on oil. More doctors and dentists, better healthcare, the hospital is a disgrace. We need to take care of things all the time, not just during a boom. And we need to take care of the people who live here full time!

We went to a meeting at high school. Where were our city fathers? They didn't want to hear what was said.

We would like to know the status of recreational activities at Lake Sakakawea. Also, I believe that more surveys more often would help. Research is always worth it.

We've been through one boom-bust oil cycle and anticipate that happening again

What happened to the oil tax revenue? I see you want to raise taxes again.

When new oil companies and service companies see the recreation facilities they are disappointed. We are compared to Dickinson and Minot. Why build a jail?

When we first came to Williston in the 40's we had all of these stores. (She attached a 4 page list of stores to the survey) Young people and new comers to Williston can't visualize having all these businesses in the downtown area - except for the stockyards and Hatchery. We haven't kept records of everything. No wonder we are sad about what has happened to our town. I guess we have really progressed??

Why would anyone move to a community to shop at Wal-Mart and no housing? We have too many rural development homes in our neighborhood. They do not keep the homes up. Therefore, decreasing the value of the homes some try and keep looking decent. Just take a drive down our street. You will be able to pick out every rural dev. home on the street.

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Williston dropped the ball in preparing and reacting to new oil boom. Trailer parks should not have been sold for just 36-72 apartments. She held 300-500 trailers in 1980's. All these people have moved into other areas instead of coming to Williston. City did not take care of old parks and do not want lots of trailers in town. Trailers best for families to start up in and hold jobs.

Williston needs a "cute factor" and "something" to draw tourist then she'll be ready for steady consistent growth.

Williston needs to grow and improve on community. Restaurants and retail businesses would be a good place to start. Mosquito control is non-existent. We need to control those mosquitoes. They absolutely ruin summer life.

With having teenage children I see a very urgent need for help with the teenage community. There are too many children who feel unwanted by our community, in and out of the school environment. This needs to be rectified in order to keep families in Williston.

Would have been helpful to have this input before scheduling meeting Sept 23.

Would like to see athletic program where fundamentals are taught early. The H.S. football and boys basketball program are terrible. It is not fair to kids who want to do well. They are not being taught.

Your rental/housing costs exceed the wages in Williston - it is less expensive to live in Minneapolis at this time. Stop charging the residents \$10 for a street dance every summer - this should be an opportunity for the city to give back to the residents, not overcharge them. \$5 is reasonable - \$10 is exorbitant and not worth the price of what's provided. Increase hospitality taxes to help pay for some of the infrastructure issues. Our hotels/restaurants are very busy - while the city, county, and property taxes are bearing the brunt of everything.