



On the morning of March 25, 2023, a focus group conversation was held with residents of San Angelo from 76901, 76903, 76904, & 76905. Below are the questions and summary of responses from those in attendance.

**What would you like to see CONTINUE happening in our community?**

- Continue to expand emergency responses, such as the warming shelter for homeless neighbors
- Continue to improve relationships between non-profit organizations, philanthropy, faith-based communities, corporations, and local government
- Continue to invest public resources in family and cultural events
  - Farmers markets
  - Arts and museums
  - Family and children’s activities
- Continue to support the Parks and Recreation Department
- Continue to renovate areas like downtown and the river walk that have increased tourism and jobs
- Continue to support the new ADA alliance partnership with local government that is making measurable improvements
- Continue to expand public services
  - Expansion of existing public transportation
  - Development of affordable housing

**What would you like to see START happening in our community?**

- Start more equitably distributing public funds
  - Equal prioritization of all parts of San Angelo for development opportunities and resources
  - North vs South distribution of funds
  - Increased public awareness and participation in the budgeting and planning processes
- Start promoting innovative strategies to solve recurring problems
  - Maximize San Angelo’s brainpower and creativity
- Start improving the efficiency and effectiveness of public transportation to better support working adults and parents
  - Improved bus routes
  - Enhanced bus stops – more, better located, covered
  - Better communication of available transportation options



- Start improving services for survivors of domestic violence and their children
  - Legal assistance to expedite cases
  - Increased number of investigators and prosecutors
  - Transitional housing
  - Counseling
  - Job training and education
- Start offering free activities for youth
  - After-school programs
  - Sports leagues
- Start improving animal control services
- Start improving road and streetlight maintenance
  - Improved and repaired streets
  - Faster response times to reported issues
- Start improving and enhancing law enforcement
  - Increased patrols
  - Increased training for mental health response
  - Increased accountability

**What would you like to see STOP happening in our community?**

- Stop assuming that the non-profit sector has the resources to fill the gaps where local government has not met citizens' needs
- Stop prioritizing the needs of downtown business interests over the needs of San Angelo's working families, seniors, and other neighbors
- Stop criminalizing homeless neighbors
- Stop criminalizing neighbors experiencing a mental health crisis
- Stop the proliferation of vape shops in close proximity to where youth congregate
- Stop subsidizing high-end residential development projects in the name of constructing low-income housing

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