




# West General Plan Update



## 68% of Survey Respondents Support the West General Plan's Vision for Sustainable Growth

<p>Survey respondents were asked whether they agree, are neutral or disagree with draft vision statements.</p> <p>“Salt Lake County’s vision is that the West Bench provides <b>enduring communities, employment centers, and open spaces.</b> Communities are integrated with a <b>multi-modal transportation system,</b> and driven by a commitment to <b>respect the landscape, conserve natural systems, and develop public resources.</b> These future communities consist of a variety of districts, centers, and neighborhoods, each creating <b>safe and beautiful places</b> for our children, current and future generations, to live and work.”</p>	<p>68% </p> <p>7% </p> <p>25% </p>
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### Purpose of the West General Plan

*The West General Plan is a Big Picture guide to help officials and residents prepare for growth and conservation in western unincorporated Salt Lake County over the next 50 years.*

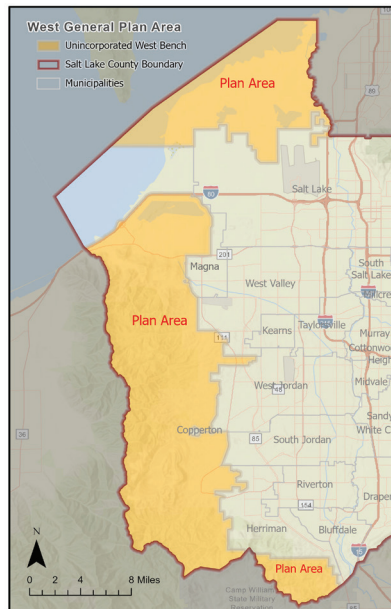
The second of two public online surveys conducted as part of the West General Plan process is now complete. Respondents signaled support for the plan’s overall draft vision and offered many suggestions for improvement. This document highlights findings of the 2,066 responses to the survey. In addition, just under 4,000 individual comments were provided by respondents. County planners have reviewed all survey results, comments, and suggestions, to help refine the West General Plan. Thank you to all who took the survey.

#### Significant population growth

- By 2065, Salt Lake County will add 600,000 more residents to its current population of 1.2 million.
- Many of the future residents will end up living in this plan area.

#### Preparing for tomorrow and beyond

- General Plans, including this one, seek to identify answers to key planning questions to address future growth, such as:
- Where will thousands of future residents live, work, shop, learn and play?
- What’s the source of drinking water?
- How will people get from place to place?
- Will housing be affordable for people of all incomes?



#### Salt Lake County’s role

- By State Law, County government is responsible for land use planning in unincorporated areas, such as areas of the Wasatch Canyons or west of U-111 Highway.
- Much of western Salt Lake County is privately owned and not within incorporated cities and townships. This includes the face of the Oquirrh Mountains. The Inland Port is primarily located within municipalities (not unincorporated).
- In the future, some of these lands may be annexed by an existing city, be incorporated into a new jurisdiction, or remain unincorporated.
- The West General Plan provides a compatible foundation for future changes in land uses and jurisdictions.

# Public support for specific West General Plan draft vision statements

Many respondents showed support for proposed approaches to specific Plan elements – with at least half of respondents “highly” or “somewhat” agreeing with each statement.



## Land Use

68% 8% 25%

Residents benefit from West Bench plans that emphasize well-defined land uses, preserved open spaces, and cohesive communities and commercial development built around centers. The County will lead regional coordination by working with residents, adjacent municipalities, agencies, and landowners.



## Environment

78% 7% 15%

Lands in the Oquirrh Mountains and Great Salt Lake wetlands are preserved for public recreation and ecosystem benefits. Community development respects the character and features of the natural landscape. County, landowners, and developers work to minimize impacts on water quality, air quality, and natural habitats.



## Recreation

79% 7% 14%

Visitors and residents enjoy a system of neighborhood, community, and regional parks. Recreational facilities are distributed throughout the West Bench and are integrated with natural lands, ecosystems and communities. Active and passive recreational opportunities are available for diverse public needs in all seasons. Communities connect with recreational facilities and the west Bonneville Shoreline Trail through regional trail and park systems.



## Economy

67% 11% 22%

Community growth is fostered through vibrant economic centers. Residents and employees benefit from a diversity of jobs located in proximity to housing and transportation nodes. Communities prepare for the evolution of the workforce and technology trends. Economic development is guided through appropriately timed facilities and built infrastructure.



## Transportation

69% 7% 24%

Residents have access to affordable and convenient transportation systems to their desired destinations within a reasonable amount of time. The West Bench transportation systems are well integrated with regional roadway, transit, and active transportation connections. Transportation options contribute to improved air and quality of life.



## Housing

56% 7% 38%

People live in walkable neighborhoods and/or centers. Residents benefit from clustered development which preserves open space. Affordable housing is integrated throughout communities. Housing design harmonizes with the natural environment.



## Utilities & Public Safety



68% 10% 22%

Residents enjoy a safe community for people to live, work, and recreate. Infrastructure minimizes impacts on natural resources. Utilities and municipal services are provided in a reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable manner.

### More Information & Upcoming Public Engagement Opportunities

Learn more about the West General Plan and share your ideas and opinions!  
For more information, to submit a written comment, and to keep tabs on upcoming public information opportunities, please visit:

[slco.org/west-plan](http://slco.org/west-plan)



West General Plan Survey #2 Summary

# West General Plan Visioning Survey Report

## Public Survey #2

Survey period August-September 2020  
Released January 2021





## West General Plan Survey #2 Summary

Salt Lake County (SLCo) is Growing. How we plan for it matters and public input is critical.

More than 1.2 million people call the Salt Lake Valley home. By 2065, Salt Lake County will add 600,000 more residents, many of whom will settle along the West Bench.

Salt Lake County is preparing the General Plan for the unincorporated west areas (outside city boundaries) as required by State law.

The geography of the area is diverse with the Great Salt Lake, wetlands, farms, Oquirrh Mountains, foothills, mines, military, residential, and more. The General Plan will serve an important role guiding conservation and development for decades to come.

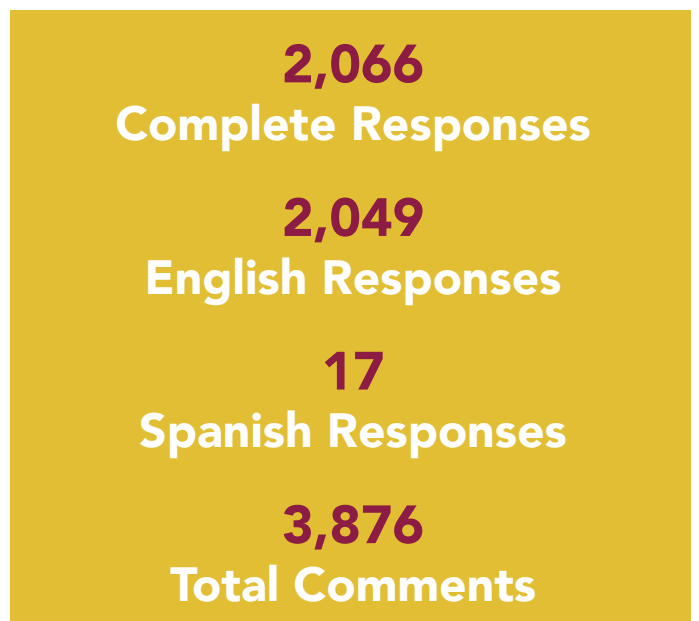
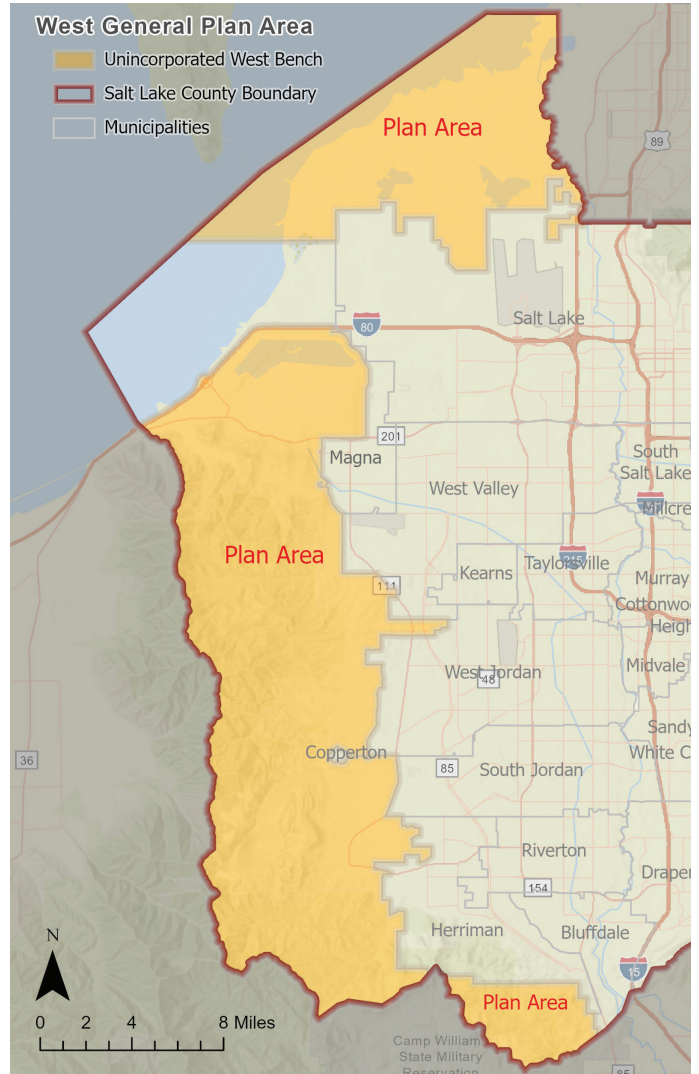
A diverse group of County staff, public officials and stakeholders drafted 7 vision statements and supporting guiding principles for the West Bench General Plan.

### Vision Topics Include:

1. Land Use
2. Housing
3. Transportation
4. Environment and Conservation
5. Recreation
6. Economy
7. Utilities and Public Safety

In an effort to facilitate public input, SLCo provided an on-line survey to residents of the County.

The survey participants were asked to scale their support (highly agree to highly disagree) for drafted vision statements and guiding principles. Questions about age, gender, and place of residence and work were also asked at the end of the survey.



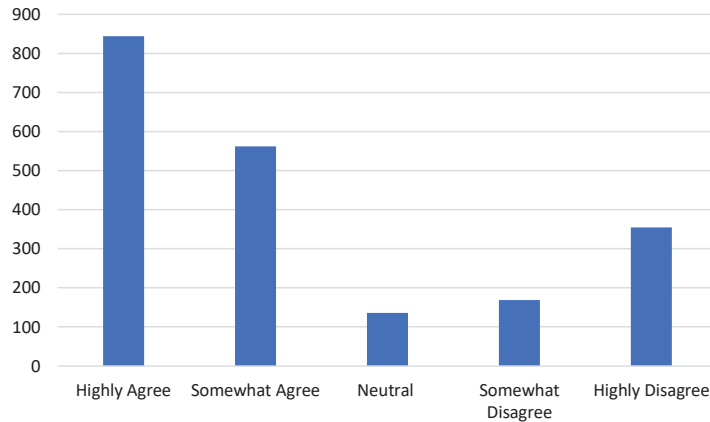


The following pages include a summary of the survey results.

**1. Salt Lake County's Vision Summary of the West General Plan area**

Survey participants were asked their opinion on the following DRAFT statement "Our Salt Lake County vision is that the West Bench provides future enduring communities, employment centers, and open spaces. Communities are integrated within a multi-modal transportation system, and driven by a commitment to respect the landscape, conserve natural systems, and develop public resources. These future communities consist of a variety of districts, centers, and neighborhoods, each creating safe and beautiful places for our children, current and future generations, to live and work."

**Survey Responses:**



**Comments Received & Reviewed: 618**

**Most Common Topics:**

- Traffic and transportation
- Request for more information
- Residential density
- Growth
- Conservation of natural lands

**Key Takeaways from Comments:**

- Need to emphasize different areas in plan regarding different issues and opportunities, water/land types
- Emphasize preservation and restoration opportunities
- Need to share perspective development will happen in future and over many decades
- Clarify plan or study area is not the same developable area(s)

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Highly Agree</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Neutral</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Highly Disagree</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>17%</b>



## 2. Land Use

Survey participants were asked their opinion on the following DRAFT statement “Land Use Vision: Residents benefit from West Bench plans that guide and emphasize well-defined land uses, preserved open spaces, and cohesive communities and commercial development built around centers. The County will lead regional coordination by working with residents, adjacent municipalities, agencies, and landowners.” Also included were the DRAFT guiding principles seen below.

### Land Use Guiding Principles:

Lead Regional Coordination:

- Coordinate with municipalities, WFRC and others for regional planning efforts
- Integrate locations of housing, job centers, and transportation
- Holistic, long term planning

### Center Based Land Use:

- Co-locate complementary land uses within centers
- Strategically link centers with transportation systems
- Provide various center types including neighborhood, community, and regional
- Cluster destinations and public gathering spaces within walkable centers

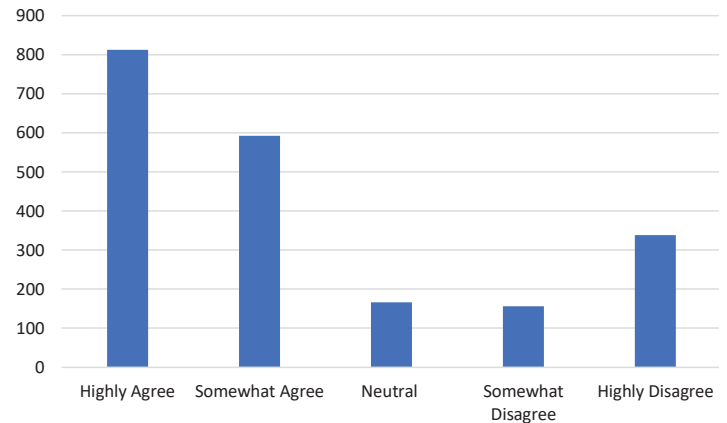
### Land Use Clarity:

- Ensure consistent land uses between regional plans, general plan, and zoning
  - Involve private landowners in planning
- Consider public needs and private property rights

### Public Benefit:

- Consider the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors
- Foster access to opportunities for all

### Survey Responses



	Total	%
Highly Agree	812	39%
Somewhat Agree	593	29%
Neutral	167	8%
Somewhat Disagree	156	8%
Highly Disagree	338	16%

### Comments Received & Reviewed: 466

#### Most Common Topics:

- Natural lands preservation
- High density residential
- Resistance to growth
- Need for more transit
- More public involvement

#### Key Takeaways from Comments:

- Define Centers (town, neighborhood, village, commercial)
- Clarify Kennecott as landowners may pursue development (not local governments pursuing development)
- Clarify incorporated vs unincorporated
- Requests to list public benefits first
- Discuss walkable communities gradations & transportation
- Clarify land uses authorities of cities, towns & County



### 3. Housing

Survey participants were asked their opinion on the following DRAFT statement "Housing Vision: People live in walkable neighborhoods and/or centers. Residents benefit from clustered development which preserves open space. Affordable housing is integrated throughout communities. Housing design harmonizes with the natural environment." Also included were the DRAFT guiding principles seen below.

**Housing Guiding Principles:**

**Walkable Neighborhoods and Centers:**

- Cluster development to preserve continuous larger open spaces
- Allow housing built in and around centers
- Allow housing intensity within centers
- Consider location of housing to improve access to opportunities

**Affordable Housing for all Incomes:**

- Implement the SL County Moderate Income Housing Plan
- Integrate affordable housing within each community
- Adopt Inclusionary housing policies
- Facilitate public private partnerships

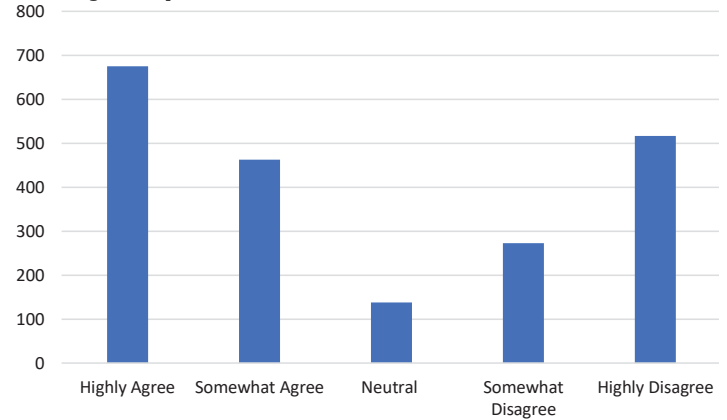
**Market Affordable Housing:**

- Encourage individual home ownership
- Promote a wide variety of building types
- Allow housing intensity within centers
- Forecast housing demands for land use planning

**Design Quality:**

- Housing built in harmony with natural topography
- Energy efficient buildings to improve air quality
- Aesthetically pleasing
- Lasting and durable quality

**Survey Responses**



	Total	%
Highly Agree	675	33%
Somewhat Agree	463	22%
Neutral	138	7%
Somewhat Disagree	273	13%
Highly Disagree	517	25%

**Comments Received & Reviewed: 680**

**Most Common Topics:**

- High density residential
- Affordable housing
- Cost of ownership
- More open space with housing
- Mixture of housing types

**Key Takeaways from Comments:**

- Remove the word "cluster" change to housing options (low to high end)
- Housing affordable (not AH)
- Density only in centers
- Mention DEQ/EPA clean up process
- Discuss walkable communities gradations & transportation
- Include a focus on middle class housing
- When talking walkable, including bikeable or biking
- Consider lower heights in neighborhood and not too tall in centers
- Many residents wanting higher design standards



## 4. Transportation

Survey participants were asked their opinion on the following DRAFT statement "Transportation Vision: Residents have access to affordable and convenient transportation systems to their desired destinations within a reasonable amount of time. The West Bench transportation systems are well integrated with regional roadway, transit, and active transportation connections. Transportation options contribute to improved air and quality of life." Also included were the DRAFT guiding principles seen below.

**Transportation Guiding Principles:**

**System Integration & Coordination:**

- Integration of land use(s) and transportation planning
- Collaborative regional planning with municipalities, UTA, WFRC, and UDOT
- Transportation system enhances employment, housing, and economic development opportunities
- New development works within the context of countywide transportation systems, including east west connectivity

**Connectivity:**

- Integration with the regional transportation system
- Multiple local street and trail connections to facilitate walkability and other benefits
- Linkage of transportation systems among neighboring communities

**Multi-Modal System:**

- Prioritize equal access of all travel modes to provide choices (personal vehicles, transit, bicycling, and walking)
- Safe and family-friendly bike and pedestrian circulation system connecting centers
- Connect trail network to transportation system

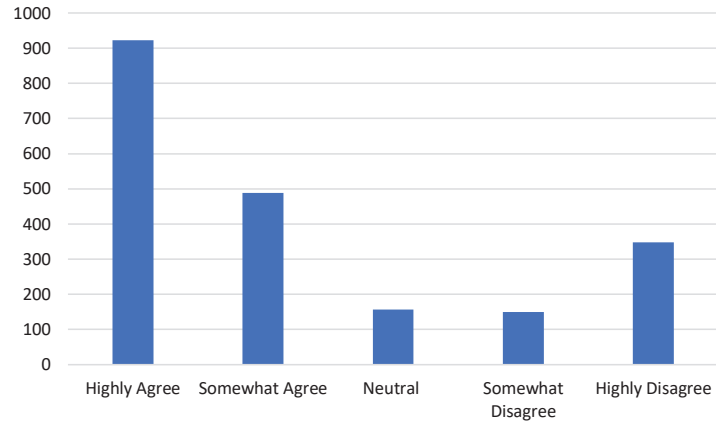
**Environmentally Sustainable:**

- Enhance air quality
- Encourage alternative fuel infrastructure
- Design that respects natural topography

**Design Considerations:**

- Street design that focuses on livability, comfort, and safety for all
- Encourage street trees and native, drought tolerant landscaping
- Plan for anticipated public transit and ridesharing options
- Streets should be enjoyable public spaces

**Survey Responses**



	Total	%
<b>Highly Agree</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Neutral</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Highly Disagree</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>17%</b>

**Comments Received & Reviewed: 612**

**Most Common Topics:**

- Traffic
- East-West roads and traffic
- Prioritize public transit
- Build new freeways
- Active transportation

**Key Takeaways from Comments:**

- Emphasize East-West connectivity (both current efforts & need for additional)
- Explain multi-modal
- Explain Regional Transportation Plan
- Discuss housing in centers and corridors working with transit
- Accessibility to jobs and destinations





## 5. Environment and Conservation

Survey participants were asked their opinion on the following DRAFT statement “Environment and Conservation Vision: Lands in the Oquirrh Mountains and the Great Salt Lake wetlands are preserved for public recreation and ecosystem benefits. Community development respects the character and features of the natural landscape. County, landowners, and developers work to minimize impacts on water quality, air quality, and natural habitats.” Also included were the DRAFT guiding principles seen below.

### Environment and Conservation

#### Guiding Principles:

##### Water:

- Prioritize water conservation
  - Water quality through watershed and ecosystem management
  - Establish climate resiliency through wise water use
- Include water availability in planning

##### Air Quality and Emissions:

- Consider air quality and climate impacts of housing, land use, and transportation
- Reduce local air pollutants and carbon emissions

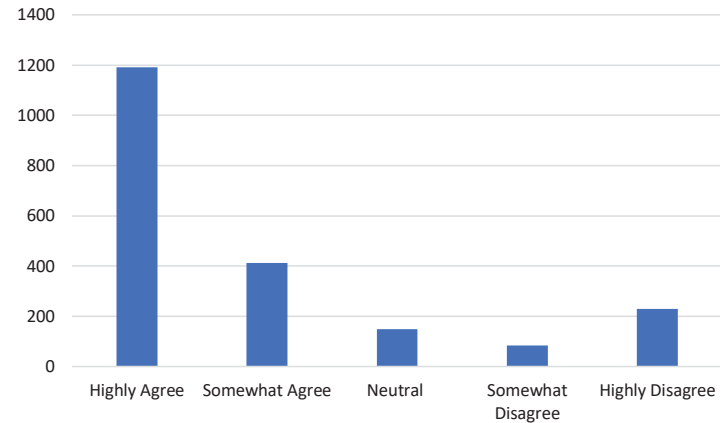
##### Land Preservation:

- Preserve critical lands including riparian corridors, wetlands, ridge lines, steep slopes, and wildlife habitats
- Collaborate with State agencies and others to protect wildlife
- Facilitate policies and programs for preservation of natural lands

##### Environmental Quality:

- Coordinate with landowners, state, and federal agencies for safe reclamation of formerly mined lands for land use planning

### Survey Responses



	Total	%
Highly Agree	1,192	58%
Somewhat Agree	412	20%
Neutral	149	7%
Somewhat Disagree	83	4%
Highly Disagree	230	11%

### Comments Received & Reviewed: 405

#### Most Common Topics:

- Water Conservation
- Natural Lands Conservation
- Growth
- Habitat Preservation
- Air Quality

#### Key Takeaways from Comments:

- Need to clarify mining cleanup roles (EPA, State DEQ, State DOGM, County Health)
- Importance of renewable energy production
- Plan should mention grid resiliency
- Involve utility agencies
- Mention Camp Williams preservation and collaboration efforts



## 6. Recreation

Survey participants were asked their opinion on the following DRAFT statement “Recreation Vision: Visitors and residents enjoy a system of neighborhood, community, and regional parks. Recreational facilities are distributed throughout the West Bench and integrated with natural lands, ecosystems and communities. Active and passive recreational opportunities are available for diverse public needs in all seasons. Communities connect with recreational facilities and the west Bonneville Shoreline Trail through regional trail and park systems.” Also included were the DRAFT guiding principles seen below.

### Recreation Guiding Principles:

#### Design with Nature:

- Recreation facilities and natural environments are managed cohesively
- Plan year-round recreational opportunities
- Consider adaptations for climate change
- Encourage sustainable development through preservation of nature and open spaces

#### Access for all:

- Recreation accessible to people of all incomes, ages, and abilities
- Connect recreation facilities to transportation networks
- Recreation opportunities within walking distance of residences and jobs

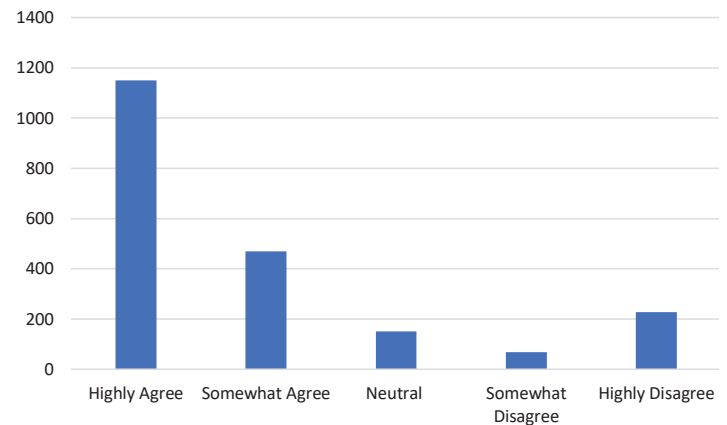
#### Park and Trail Systems:

- Establish a regional trail system
- Connect west Bonneville Shoreline Trail north to south with regional network
- Develop adequate park systems/ facilities for current and future generations

#### Coordination among partners and plans:

- Coordinate among partners for the funding and development of recreational opportunities
- Connect unincorporated trail systems to adjacent municipalities
- Dedicate long term funding for recreation resources

### Survey Responses



	Total	%
Highly Agree	1,150	56%
Somewhat Agree	470	23%
Neutral	151	7%
Somewhat Disagree	68	3%
Highly Disagree	227	11%

### Comments Received & Reviewed: 392

#### Most Common Topics:

- Trails
- Parks
- Land Preservation
- Additional access to Oquirrh Mountains

#### Key Takeaways from Comments:

- Request for variety of trail types for different uses
- Parks of all types (amenities, sports, nature)
- Water conservation in parks
- Developer participate more in planning & funding recreation opportunities & open space
- Butterfield canyon is a significant opportunity
- Camping opportunities requests
- Future access to the Oquirrh Mountains is important



## 7. Economy

Survey participants were asked their opinion on the following DRAFT statement “Economy Vision: Community growth is fostered through vibrant economic centers. Residents and employees benefit from a diversity of jobs located in proximity to housing and transportation nodes. Communities prepare for the evolution of the workforce and technology trends. Economic development is guided through appropriately timed facilities and built infrastructure.” Also included were the DRAFT guiding principles seen below.

### Economy Guiding Principles:

#### Employment and Neighborhood Centers:

- Mix business types within centers
- Flexible workspaces to grow small business
- Plan centers in locations that increase access to workforce

#### Education and Training:

- Match educational training with job opportunities
- Prepare for shifting workforce and technology trends
- Promote public/private partnerships for educational opportunities

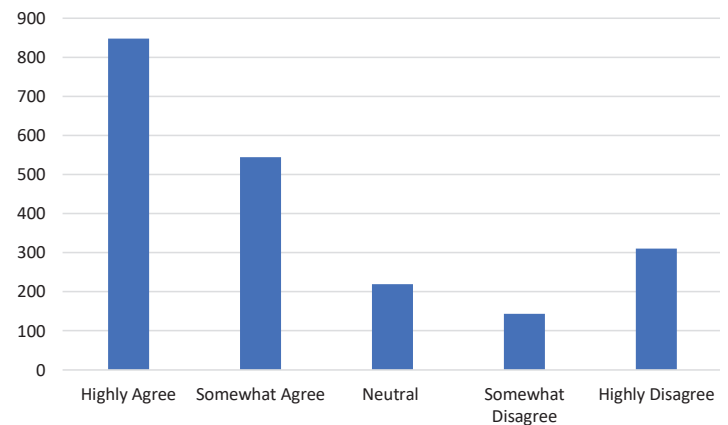
#### Infrastructure Resources:

- Well planned infrastructure
- Connect infrastructure to key transportation facilities (such as airport, inland port)
- Leverage public financing tools effectively
- Partner to develop robust telecommunications infrastructure

#### Sustainable Community:

- Create and follow an economic development plan
- Foster job sector diversity
- Plan energy and resource efficiency
- Consider industry cluster needs based on the changing economy

### Survey Responses



	Total	%
<b>Highly Agree</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Neutral</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Highly Disagree</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>15%</b>

### Comments Received & Reviewed: 389

#### Most Common Topics:

- Transportation/infrastructure
- Jobs, including west side focus
- Work from home
- Inland Port

#### Key Takeaways from Comments:

- Address inland port and land use authorities
- Transportation infrastructure is strongly connected to economy
- Discuss “meeting needs” vs “thriving”
- Enhance small business opportunities
- Explain mixed use benefits for non mixed-use residents/businesses
- Consider implications for work from home opportunities and needs
- Significant demands for high speed internet



## 8. Utilities and Public Safety

Survey participants were asked their opinion on the following DRAFT statement “Utilities and Public Safety Vision: Residents enjoy a safe community for people to live, work, and recreate. Infrastructure minimizes impacts on natural resources. Utilities and municipal services are provided in a reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable manner.” Also included were the DRAFT guiding principles seen below.

### Utilities and Public Safety Guiding Principles:

#### Infrastructure Planning:

- Plan efficient infrastructure
- Avoid leap-frog development to minimize stress on infrastructure systems
- Partner with utility and infrastructure agencies

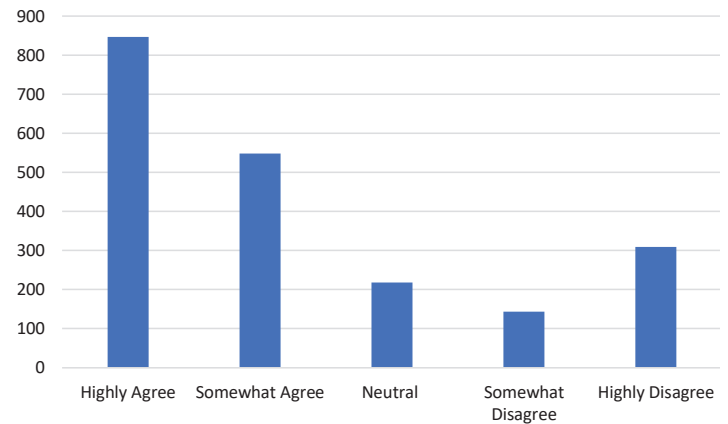
#### Municipal Services:

- Viable police, fire, sanitation, and other municipal services
- Work with utility providers (water, sewer, power, internet, gas)
- Ability to maintain infrastructure for effective delivery of municipal services

#### Hazard management:

- Prepare for and mitigate impacts of natural and human-caused hazards, including fire, earthquakes, flooding, and others
- Establish buffers between development and high-risk areas
- Minimize community flooding by detaining stormwater runoff

### Survey Responses



	Total	%
<b>Highly Agree</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Neutral</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Highly Disagree</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>15%</b>

### Comments Received & Reviewed: 314

#### Most Common Topics:

- Emergency & hazard management
- Sustainable energy generation
- Infrastructure
- Transportation planning

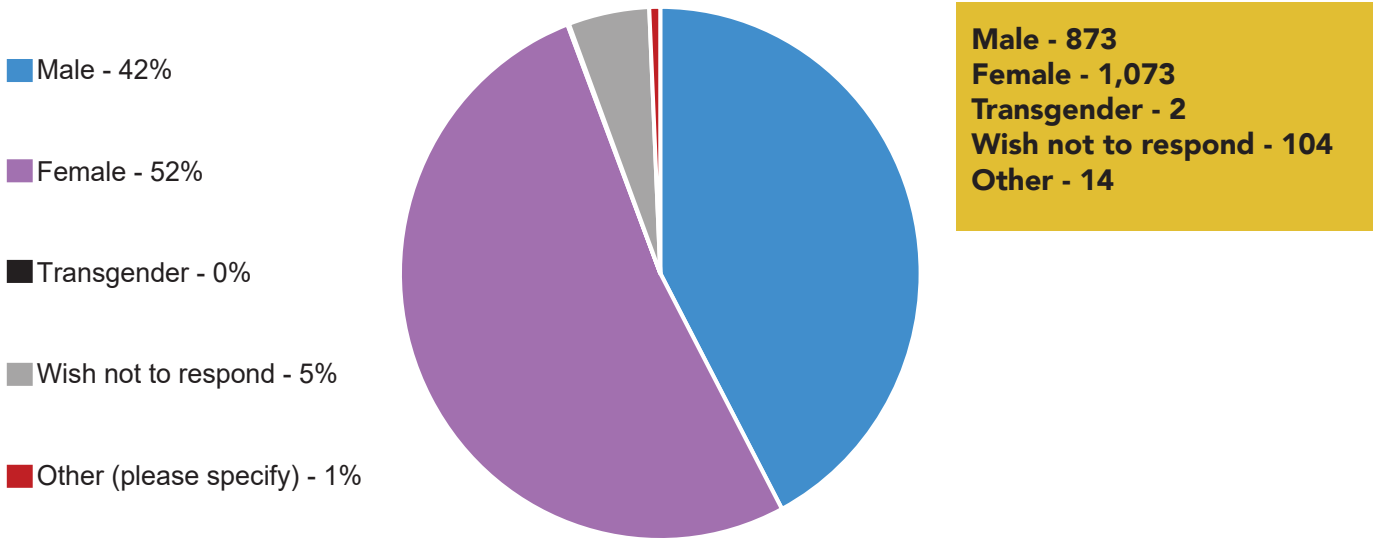
#### Key Takeaways from Comments:

- Further explanation needed of long range plan of Oquirrh/Kennecott and future steps
- Consider snow impacted for road maintenance in Oquirrh Mountains
- Consider how to work towards more renewable resources
- Explain leapfrog development
- Requests for more involvement with school districts & higher education in planning
- Plan needs to cover water availability & conservation

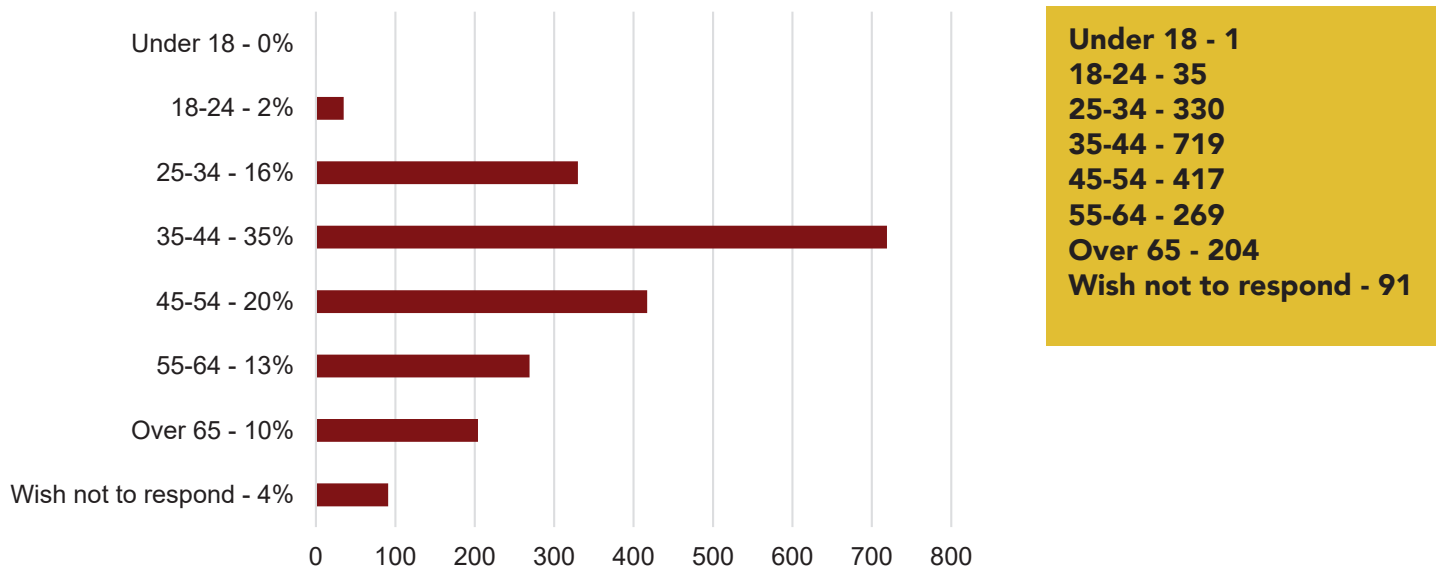


## Demographics

### Question 9: Do you identify as:

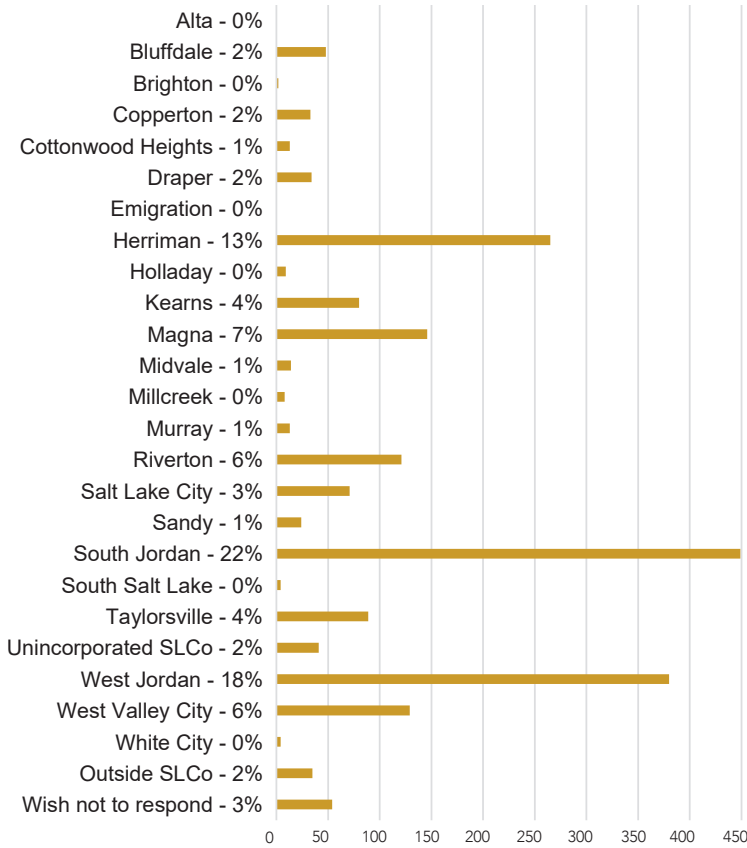


### Question 10: What is your current age?





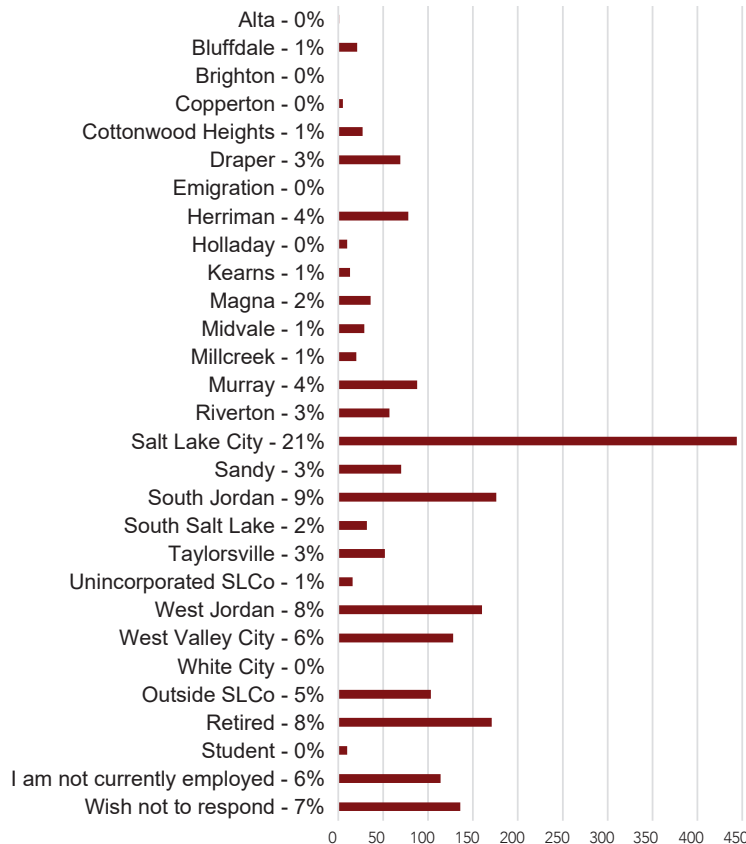
**Question 11: Where do you live?**



**Top five cities/places where survey participants reside:**

- 1. South Jordan - 449 Responses**
- 2. West Jordan - 380 Responses**
- 3. Herriman - 265 Responses**
- 4. Magna - 146 Responses**
- 5. West Valley City - 129 Responses**

**Question 12: Where do you work?**



**Top five cities/places where survey participants work:**

- 1. Salt Lake City - 440 Responses**
- 2. South Jordan - 176 Responses**
- 3. Retired - 171 Responses**
- 4. West Jordan - 160 Responses**
- 5. Wish not to respond - 136 Responses**