

2018 Community Survey: Open-Ended Response (373 responses)

In addition to continuing work on priorities from the 2018 City Council Policy Agenda of:

Developing more affordable housing,
Opening a sobering center,
Beginning an update to the Comprehensive Plan, and
Testing the market for high speed internet downtown,

are there other priorities that you'd like the City Council to consider working on in the next one to two years?

- The Bridge and the traffic in West Salem
- Building a bridge to West Salem
- Building a 3rd bridge.
- Building the 3rd bridge from West Salem
- Build the Salem River Crossing 3rd bridge.
- Respond to Luba so we can move forward on the bridge.
- Build a new bridge to west salem
- Yes - move forward with the 3rd bridge! The amount of housing & commercial development that has happened in West Salem and other areas of Polk County has been incredible in the past 20 years. 19% population growth in West Salem since 2000, with constant expansion north and west. Our current infrastructure CANNOT support the traffic generated by this growth. We need more options for travel, the bottleneck at Center & Marion bridges is a challenge each day for so many people. The reality is that the majority of jobs in Salem are east of the river. Polk County is housing people who have these jobs & other obligations which take them east of the river each day. It is the only route connecting both sides of the river and traffic between I-5 & the coast through Salem. This means we are traveling alongside semi trucks, log trucks, and other large vehicles, all day every day, because they have no other route but to drive through downtown Salem. Something's gotta give. I've heard that some City Council members are opposed to the current plan because of the cost, destruction of Edgewater businesses, or other reasons. If this is the case, then your job is to come up with an alternative plan that is agreeable. Your job is to find the funding. This is a city, county, and state level issue which makes it complex, but not impossible. Also, please build bathrooms at all our city parks. We love our parks but it's hard to spend much time, especially with young children, if we don't have access to clean facilities.
- Make a new bridge over the Willamette River!!!
- PLEASE BUILD THE THIRD BRIDGE!
- An alternate route to get across the Willamette River. A Bridge!!
- Add a 3rd bridge river crossing
- traffic solutions, not excluding another bridge, to alleviate the issues of traveling from the parkway to highway 22 during peak traffic times
- West Salem traffic congestion Third bridge

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- Prioritize seismic stability of bridges - particularly the smaller ones that are "hidden" by being under roads - or inform/remind the public that these bridges should be safe in an "up to X" earthquake.
- I would love to see the city address the completion of the Climate Action plan (included in the Strategic Plan last year). A climate action plan that foregrounds equity can both increase economic development for marginalized communities AND help keep Salem, and our planet, vibrant and healthy. Thank you
- 3rd Bridge - traffic over Marion Street Bridge is unreasonable for a city of this size. Adequate space for police station expansion in 5-20 years at a reasonable cost. City Water Quality and early notice of potentially bad water
- Build the third bridge.
- Planning and building an additional bridge across the Willamette
- Getting public toilets, even porta potties, and drinking fountains back in Salem. Open 24 hours, 7 days a week.
- Climate plan
- Addressing traffic control issues around new development and schools.
- City revenue/tax structure and a pollution plan.
- Homelessness issue and mental health services Bridge traffic
- Multimodal transportation infrastructure expansion
- I would love to see the city develop a Climate Action Plan to address the inevitable climate changes happening throughout our communities.
- I would love to see the city address the creation of the Climate Action plan (included in the Strategic Plan). A climate action plan that foregrounds equity can both increase economic development for marginalized communities AND help keep Salem, and our plant, safe and healthy. Thank you!
- Addressing the homeless situation
- Fixing the Water Dep't so that they don't shut off the water so often
- Expanding the capital improvement plan to include more miles of neighborhood streets.
- New Bridge to West Salem!!!!!!!!!! Make downtown safer and more walkable for families
- Addressing climate change.
- Start managing the over building of west salem, especially those horrid 3 story apt. buildings. What kind of quality of life is that? The charm and livability of west salem is ruined. NO BRIDGE, which only would help the developers build even more.
- Incentivize business growth in West Salem to de-escalate the need for west Salem residents to cross the bridge for basic needs. Something like a Fred Meyer or Target would make a huge difference, in addition to a hotel. Otherwise, put building an additional bridge at the top of your list. Addressing the homelessness issue is also a high priority.
- A third bridge in West Salem
- Another bridge.
- Building a 3rd bridge!! Stop approving building new homes in west salem. Even with a new bridge there are only a few ways to get down to the main streets traffic is horrible in our neighborhoods! And shopping is limited we need a waremart or costco.
- Build the Salem River Crossing/3rd Bridge
- More firefighters and police
- Provide more and better subsidies for low-income renters whose properties don't qualify for federal subsidies because the rent is "above market." Reduce mobile source pollution. Reduce downtown traffic and noise.

- A climate action plan to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and looking at developing publicly owned utilities and trash services
- additional bridge to west Salem and improved traffic
- The third bridge an traffic flow Wallace rd an edgewater- require more parking for all apartment being built
- Homeless shelters
- build third bridge from west salem to salem or keizer
- Building a third bridge.
- Spend all taxes from cannabis sales on homeless.
- I am hoping that the City will work on a Climate Action Plan, and continue to support actions such as the plastic bag ban. I would also like to see more resources go toward seismic upgrades and emergency preparedness.
- Adopt a climate policy and create a sustainability task force to help inform policy and projects.
- Traffic throughout town. Not just the need for another bridge.
- the environmental action plan
- Approving the next step in the third bridge regional process. Quit trying to obfuscate your opposition to the third bridge and it's 15 year process already underway by running around and trying to find alternatives.
- Putting together a climate action plan to strengthen the environment and reducing greenhouse gases. These could include prioritizing keeping trees, developing non-driving transportation alternatives, reducing waste, etc.
- Develop strategies/plans to encourage people to get out of their "solitary 4 wheel commuter bubbles." 1) Take mass transt 2) walk 3) bike 4) ride share 5) carpool 6) Put in place reverse flow during peak hours where necessary in Salem. 6) Work flexible hours. We are both in our 60s and we utilize the first 4 alternative transportation methods to get to work and do our errands on the weekends. In addition we both work f/tgovernment jobs in Salem and we work flex hours. We also drive a Nissan Leaf.
- prioritization of a Climate Action Plan
- Public transit, bike routes, public restrooms
- bathroom facilities for homeless put back the portapotties
- build that bridge! 1
- We need a climate action plan and a plan to continue improvements to public transportation.
- Third bridge over the Willamette.
- Build the bridge now!
- Create a Climate Plan
- Mitigating climate change now is the top priority if we want our children to have a future. I understand that budget will always be a constraint, but, in addition to long-term plans, what can be done right now to create a culture of sustainability?
- Deal with climate change issues and emergency preparedness
- Do more for the homeless, do a better job at communicating with minorities and the working poor, work on creating more temporary shelters for the homeless, like allowing people to live in RVs and providing safe places to camp
- BUILD A THIRD BRIDGE NOW
- Olease clean up the homeless population from the downtown city sidewalks and build the River crossing bridge.
- Build a third bridge!

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- I would like to see a climate action plan within the next 2 years. Time is running short for our planet and Salem needs to step up
- Build a new bridge! What's the holdup?? Traffic downtown and on Wallace is a HOT MESS!
- Build the Salem River Crossing 3rd Bridge. Now!
- climate change, living wages
- Completing a Climate Action Plan.
- Working with Cherriots to provide mass transit to extended areas of the Salem. Return full service to all of Glen Creek Rd. NW.
- Add the 3rd bridge or stop building in W Salem
- Homelessness
- New bridge from West Salem to Salem
- Provide incentives for commuters to ride transit, carpool, bike, walk, or change work hours to reduce traffic congestion during peak hours
- None of the above. West Salem bridge
- Housing the homeless.
- Addressing the homeless issue with solutions good for those people and for the safety of all citizens
- Bridge
- Please build another bridge connecting West Salem to the rest of our community.
- Build a third bridge.
- Complete a Climate Action Plan in the next two years
- A third bridge across the Willamette
- Traffic issues throughout Salem. All the new multi-unit housing is great for renters, not so good when it comes to traffic since they're all in places that cause problems (out Wallace, out Kuebler, etc.). If you're going to give permission to developers to build in areas with existing traffic issues then they need to put MORE money into traffic abatement than they already do...a lot more in fact. The city also needs to push employers (including the City AND the State) to not have everyone start and leave at the same time since that adds to the traffic issues.
- Traffic relief, specifically near the corner of Center street and Commercial street.
- Safety and congestion across the Marion St Bridge.
- Desperately need third bridge going in and out of West Salem and then beyond.
- - Need a Climate Action Plan - Create a value map of Salem showing net revenue/acre of all properties - Get a better idea of return on investment for city funding of projects (How much benefit does the city get from jobs created for people who pay taxes elsewhere?) - Encourage more small developers and incremental growth rather than multi-acre suburban single-family development - Investigate selling city municipal bonds locally rather than through big, international brokerages. I'd love to invest in Salem but can't afford to build hotels, etc. (check: neighborly.com)
- Tax corporations like every other state in the country. This would help take the burden off of homeowners. Some of whom can barely manage their mortgages. Set a reasonable limit on how much property taxes can rise every year. With the current trend trend people will flee because they can't afford their property taxes. I myself own my home Out right, but I'm now considering leaving Salem because of the recent property tax hike. Corporations need to pay their fair share.
- Completing an aggressive climate action plan and implementing it
- Building an additional bridge! We have to be able to get in and out of west Salem safely in case of an emergency. Those of us that work on the east side and live on the west need to be able to get to our kids. Its imperative that we build it now!

- We need to build another bridge in Salem. Thousands of people all over Salem are being impacted when an accident shuts down access and hundreds of people are delayed every day during commuter traffic hours. What is it going to take for all council members to make this a priority?? I'm tired of seeing our property taxes go up and not seeing results thousands of Salem citizens are asking for. The cost of a new bridge will only keep rising so BUILD IT NOW!!!!
- building the third bridge! Our community desperately needs another way across the bridge. Not doing something sooner has been short sided. We need to get on this... it impact not only Salem but other communities like Dallas and Monmouth. WE NEED ANOTHER BRIDGE!!!!
- Climate change. We have to start planning our city to function with zero emissions. We need electrified public transit, pedestrian zones, bike lanes, narrower streets. The city should be walkable
- The third bridge that has been talked about for the last 30 plus years.
- Building bridge for West Salem
- Third bridge
- Create a climate action plan. Revise the concept of unlimited growth and focus on enhancing the quality of life for all citizens.
- Creating a GIS backed map of every parcel in Salem showing the tax productivity of that parcel -- the revenue from it, and the costs of serving it (with costs calculated that include the best estimate of actual costs of providing networked services such as roads, water, sewer, police, fire, etc.) And a serious climate action plan.
- PLEASE...complete a clear Climate Action Plan in the next two years, without this we can't have ANY of the other priorities for very long, thank you
- We must have a climate action plan ASAP. Climate change is real; it is doing harm to our planet; we can slow the process. Just do it!
- Build the 3rd bridge as proposed now. Build it now!
- Complete the Climate Action Plan.
- Decrease homeless downtown. Hate the smell,junk,fighting anytime I go downtown. Stop letting them camp downtown.
- A way to reduce traffic on Wallace road. Another bridge or a fred myers / walmart and a medical center on the west side. Thanks for all you do.
- Shelters for homeless families. Getting the new bridge built. Low income housing.
- West Salem Bridge!!!
- More Street Lighting in the residential areas East of Rosemont and North of Edgewater
- Another river crossing to or north of west salem
- Climate action plan
- Complete a Climate Action Plan for Salem
- Promote and Build a new bridge! If you don't like the current proposal, promote another one!! I know the councilors have been sent other options by a bridge engineer who has built bridges all over Oregon. To not promote and not get a bridge done is to continue the traffic snarls where emergency vehicles can't through and where tons of extra pollution happens due to long longs of idling and stop and go traffic!!!
- Building a third bridge.
- Build Marine Drive, as indicated in the 2008 bond measure passed by voters.
<http://temp.cityofsalem.net/Departments/PublicWorks/TransportationServices/KSM%20Information%20Sheets/InfoSheetStrategicROWPurchase.pdf>
- Build the Salem River Crossing
- Building another bridge to west salem
- Transit oriented development written into city codes and ordinances.

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- Build a new bridge over the river. This should be one of the priorities. I am very disappointed with the city council. I watch all the meetings and the progressives have taken over the meetings.
- Build the additional river crossing.
- We have to have another bridge. No more building in West Salem until Wallace road traffic is addressed. I do not want to be the person with a medical emergency with no way to get to the hospital. Judy Mears
- Another bridge for auto traffic
- Road infrastructure projects to prepare for another bridge.
- BUILD AN EARTHQUAKE-SAFE BRIDGE TO GET TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER A N D MAKE NECESSARY STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO THE EXISTING BRIDGE (22) ADAPT IT TO WITHSTAND A 9.0+ EARTHQUAKE!
- The much needed bridge.
- Supporting more effective alternatives for our homeless and homeless mentally ill residents.
- 3rd bridge for West Salem.
- Building the second bridge.
- Staffing all fire stations 24/7 Opening both libraries 7 days a week and evenings. Free parking at library More free parking downtown, with time limits (30 min to 2 hours) Making downtown Salem sidewalks a smoke free zone (from the river to 12th street, Mission to Market) Look into the idea of boarding houses for the homeless and low income. Turn some of the closed big box stores into housing (Toys R Us)
- Salem River Crossing
- A 3rd bridge!!! That should come FIRST!!!!
- An additional bridge between West Salem and downtown Salem.
- Building the lowest cost option for a 3rd bridge. No realignment of hwy 22 bypass of downtown. Not needed or wanted. Just another option to pass over the bottlenecked bridge.
- Tickets in parks for dogs off leash
- These are all critical needs. I would advise strongly against wasting more money on the third bridge idea in the short term.
- Build the 3rd bridge! NOW!
- Build the bridge. From Safeway to 6th st—Clean up the streets that are eyesores. Makes some laws because there are So many junky looking apartments and ugly abandoned looking homes. Traps and hazards noticed and just scary, ugly eye sores. Need some kind of no parking zones at the end/corners of each of the blocks so people can see and don't have to inch all the way out. This isn't good for pedestriians or either drivers. All the stop signs down here sit so far back.
- Finding the best solution for the traffic in and out of West Salem- whether it is a bridge or something else.
- Build the Bridge NOW!
- Building another bridge into and out of W Salem.
- Build another bridge from west salem. This should be more of a priority than high speed internet..... Also, the rental market is slowing down and rental prices should start to drop. Salem has had a large influx of new apartment buildings, which will make the cost of older buildings go down. There shouldn't be a need to "develop" additional affordable housing.
- Build the third bridge to span the Willamette. Rush hour traffic is a major safety issue as well as any other time during the day when a stoppage occurs on our approaching the bridges.

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- Build a 3rd bridge! With accidents happening all the time, including a semi that made how many kids late for school it's ridiculous! The population in West Salem has grown significantly over the past 20 years and NOTHING has been done to alleviate the congestion.
- Build a 3rd Bridge
- Providing solutions for the homeless issue Exploring building an additional bridge into West Salem
- Build the Salem River Crossing 3rd Bridge.
- Another bridge.
- Bridge options.
- Building the bridge
- A different solution than a "3rd bridge" to solve the Wallace Rd. congestion problem. City planning to reduce traffic congestion for "out of control" developers. Frontage roads could help reduce the number of light intersections. Contact Google about the lane problems as directed on their navigation system... There are better ways to solve than a 3rd bridge.
- Build the Salem river crossing/ 3rd bridge.
- Complete the pending policy against free distribution of plastic bags by retail sales outlets, ban the use of plastic straws, and otherwise take action to reduce use of 'single use' plastics.
- DO NOT build a third bridge! Instead, work on other ways to lessen traffic congestion.
- Build a 3rd bridge that goes AROUND West Salem in the country and connects to Hwy 22, not dumps more traffic onto already congested streets or makes a highway through neighborhoods. It's regional, not just city. We NEED a bridge. None of the priorities listed do ANYTHING for the hard working people that keep the city running. A bridge would.
- A new bridge to west Salem
- None of the priorities above are more important than getting another bridge crossing built across the Willamette. Please put all the cities energy into getting the 3rd bridge built.
- A bridge to ease Salem traffic into and out of downtown
- You ask the citizens to prepare for this disaster or that (bad water, earthquakes, tsunamis...). Please do your part by getting a new bridge on the books!
- None of the 2018 agenda. The homeless should be priority one. Eliminate it by giving fines to people who donate to them like Eugene does
- moving forward on the Salem River Crossing. Respond to LUBA !!
- Build a 3rd bridge from Salem to West Salem.
- Move the Salem River Crossing Project forward and build the bridge.
- With the massive increase in homes and apartment complexes in West Salem, as well as growth in the outlying communities, how about increasing infrastructure, getting at least one new bridge and fixing the ridiculous funnel effect that should have been dealt with decades ago. How long are you people going to keep kicking this can down the road??
- Building a 3rd bridge over the Willamette that should be your 1st priority
- Building the Salem River Crossing 3rd Bridge
- Build a bridge to West Salem
- #1 A third bridge #2 traffic flow in downtown #3 get rid of homeless. Isn't it illegal to sleep in a park or on a sidewalk? Your "Agenda" makes me see very clearly that you have little interest in the real problems of the city you run. Potholes? Street and sidewalk maintenance You spend a lot of money sending jerks around to trim trees...cut their budget You have one of the highest paid mayors around... what does this job entail that it requires

a salary that is approx half of the president of the USA! Come on.... Your housing authority, which used to be a stellar high performing agency ran separate from city with mostly federal funds. It is now in danger of loosing their status and accompanying federal money.....you could get your city politics out of this and pull your heads out from where the sun doesn't shine and get them back in the housing business Quit buying everyone new cars all the time...don't you employ mechanics? I could go on. I'm sure there are hundred of things you could do besides tell us how poor you are. Break into your undisclosed bank accounts and do what your getting paid for. Signed someone who's property taxes went up 10%

- Build a 3rd bridge as a bypass from West Salem aka the whole Valley to the east side of the Willamette River.
- Increase our tree canopy to help offset rising temperatures during the summer and help to offset increased CO2 levels from the increases in vehicles.
- Third bridge.
- Build the third bridge.
- Find solutions to Salem traffic congestion. Develop and adopt an local public commitment funding mechanism to build a new Willamette River crossing.
- Build another bridge over the Willamette from West to East Salem.
- Build a third bridge.
- Build a 3rd bridge
- To help curb the homeless problem, find job education opportunities and more sources of mental health help.
- Building the third bridge
- Traffic: it's out of control. Redesign is critically important. Get people around the downtown grid lock and smoothly across the bridge and to Keizer.
- Another bridge connecting west Salem to N. Salem.
- Build the River Crossing 3rd Bridge!
- Another vehicle bridge to West Salem
- Building another bridge. Every time something big happens, it takes at least an hour to cross. There will be at least 300 more cars when the apartments on Linwood are completed, and even more than that with all of the new home construction and additional apartments on Riverbend.
- 3rd bridge for crossing the river
- build the Salem River Crossing 3rd bridge. I can't believe we're still not moving forward on this.
- Build the 3rd Bridge -- Salem River Crossing. Yikes!
- A 3rd bridge
- Fix the remanded land use actions of the Salem river crossing, and get that project to a record of decision of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Time is running out.
- Build the Salem river crossing bridge
- Traffic in West Salem.
- Build an alternative river crossing into West Salem. With all the new housing developments approved and under construction it will be impossible for everyone to cross the bridge in a reasonable manner.
- Build 3rd bridge over Willamette!!
- Build the third bridge!!!!!!!
- A new bridge in West Salem!!!
- Build a 3rd Bridge!

- Add another bridge to West Salem.
- Take the land use actions necessary to see what state and federal participation would look like as it relates to building the bridge. To do nothing is absolutely irresponsible of this council.
- 3rd bridge please!! To West Salem!
- Another bridge to West Salem, or at least a Target or Fred Meyer or other viable shopping in West Salem to cut down on bridge traffic.
- Build 3rd bridge for west Salem
- None of the 4 items listed above. I want the homeless out of the parks and out from under the bridge. Oh, how about safe drinking water. It's not your job to develop affordable housing. Keep me and my family safe, that's your job.
- an additional bridge connecting over the Willamette River
- Building additions to existing bridge or building an additional bridge.
- Build a 2nd river crossing (even though it's referred to as a 3rd bridge, it's really only a 2nd river crossing, since the other bridges are only one way).
- 1. Ban panhandling, it's not only dangerous for the transient but it slows traffic creating bigger backups than we already have and the vegetation dies from the foot traffic leaving an ugly mess. 2. Build a third bridge! The cost is going up daily. This will NEVER become less expensive and the urgency is NOW! If we don't get this built now then we are failing our future generations. They will ask why we waited when we could have built it for millions less than it will be in their time. West Salem is GROWING, the need will not diminish. Wake up and Make the tough decisions.
- A program to help homeless people get back to work, if they are employable. More exploration of an additional bridge from West Salem to downtown.
- Partnering with the Be SMART campaign and its volunteers to educate families and community members about practical ways to keep kids safe regarding guns.
- Build another bridge, it benefits our whole city and surrounding cities
- Yes. I think that building a third bridge should be a high priority to 1) help alleviate the current traffic congestion, 2) provide an alternative way to get across the river in emergencies, and especially 3) to have an earthquake-proof bridge when the big one occurs--as it will, and it could be at any moment!
- Reinforcing the Marion and Center Street bridges to survive an earthquake. I would prefer to see this happen before any plan to build a 3rd bridge is discussed.
- Bridge Crossing from West Salem to North Salem/Keizer
- 3rd bridge
- Traffic congestion mitigation, especially in West Salem and Downtown. Also, rapid response when emergencies close roads. Finally, emergency preparedness especially related to the expected Cascadian Earthquake.
- Historic preservation. Still too many historic structures coming down like YMCA, IKE Box, etc. Great cities have great historic buildings. Also, require new buildings in old areas to be designed historically. Example, Independence City Hall.
- Build the Salem Crossing 3rd bridge!
- Building a third bridge
- Build the Salem River Crossing/3rd Bridge.
- Building a 3rd bridge. The impact of not having a 3rd bridge puts the welfare of all Salem citizens at risk.
- another bridge from west salem

- Build the Salem River Crossing 3rd bridge
- Build the new bridge from West Salem
- Build another bridge
- Build another bridge!
- Build the third bridge! It's ten years overdue.
- Build the Salem River Crossing 3rd bridge!
- Homeless solutions The bridge- it would be nice if we could even have a civilized discussion, that would be a great first step towards building it
- Finishing the EIS for the Salem River Crossing
- Ending homeless, or at least addressing the issue the plagues our community because of the large amount of homeless in the area.
- Making State St between Commercial and Front a pedestrian square in order to promote walking, shopping and increase downtown entertainment. Like mini farmers markets, music etc
- Build another bridge please
- The 3rd Bridge!!! Why is this not on the list???
- Move forward on the bridge! End thr nonsense with councillors who are blocking it! Enough is enough
- Building the much needed Salem River Crossing - aka the 3rd bridge! The 5 individual councilors, Ausec, Hoy, Cook, Kaser, and Anderson, are standing in the way and holding an entire region hostage must stand down - they do not represent the majority of Salem.
- Build another bridge.
- Approve the Salem river crossing so this city doesn't needlessly waste 4 million dollars due to council's personal over community priorities.
- Get that third bridge over the river done before we cannot get over the river at all. Please! Make this a #1 priority. Build that third bridge now!
- Build the Salem River Crossing (3rd bridge)!
- Building another bridge
- Retrofit old bridges for earthquake safety. Solve the downtown bridge bottleneck with other alternates for river crossing such as: a new bridge for motor vehicles positioned away from the downtown area; a cross-river tram connecting to bus lines on both sides; more walking/biking bridges, perhaps with mass transit as part of them (like the Tillikum bridge in Portland); future city planning that places new housing on the side of the river where most employment is, or more employment on the west side. The Riverfront could use an on-the-water boathouse, too, in coordination with Salem Multicultural Institute, to house the dragon boats, also an excellent space for kayak and paddleboard rentals.
- BUILD A THIRD BRIDGE!!!
- We need the functional equivalent of a second bridge over the Willamette. This effects public safety, education (getting children to class on time) environmental issues (reduced congestion), etc.
- Third Bridge
- Third Bridge!
- A second Willamette River crossing
- Build a bridge now!!!!
- None of the above choices are priorities until a new bridge is constructed to ensure the safety and ease of travel for West Salem residents. Progress on anything else will be seen by this voter as time and money wasted. This is like worrying about how the lawn looks while the house is on fire.

- Begin to build another river crossing to West Salem (for citizen safety, emergency access and to protect water sources) and start planning the next one. Salem has the worst crossing to population ratio, 1/165, on the Willamette. The next closest crossing to population ratio is 1/81, for our population near-equal Eugene. The amount of time wasted and exhaust spewed while people wait to cross the river is enormous. This makes Salem look uncaring and unprepared.
- Build a third bridge.
- Living in West, I am very concerned about the traffic flow here and downtown during peak time a of the day. The quality of life of many citizens would be vastly improved by the addition of a new bridge, so not all traffic flow is going through downtown to the current bridge. It's takes me 30-45 minutes to drive 8 miles home each night.
- A second bridge into West Salem
- Another bridge north of Salem
- Build the Salem City crossing 3rd Bridge!!
- Building the 3rd Salem River crossing.
- Explore alternatives to Highway 22 and 221 congestion at Commercial, Wallace, Marion and Center streets. Re-examine other crossings of the Willamette River.
- Build a third bridge. Now.
- Build a third (and fourth?) bridge NOW!
- Build the third bridge
- Build another bridge to west salem! It's long past time!
- Salem third bridge. It is outrageous that one accident on the bridge could cripple traffic throughout the downtown and West Salem. I avoid downtown between 3-6 pm because I'm afraid of getting stuck in traffic. I have reviewed the minutes from the Congestion Task Force and I don't support your "alternatives". I don't support wasting tax payers money on adding lanes to the current bridges. That's not going to fix the pinch points downtown or in West Salem. You're still funneling everyone to the same locations and backing up downtown traffic. At least the 3rd bridge would funnel traffic to 2 locations and alleviate some of the backups downtown. Have you considered how much travel times will increase during construction? The cost of adding additional lanes will be about half as much for the new bridge with fewer benefits. Don't waste our money on solutions that won't work.
- Build a third bridge!!!!
- Build a 3rd bridge! Do it NOW!
- Another bridge into and from West Salem
- Build the bridge.
- Build a third bridge!
- Build the Salem Alternative River Crossing.
- Finish the EIS and get the permit to build the Salem River Crossing bridge
- Another bridge!!!!
- A new bridge into west Salem!!!!
- Build the Salem river crossing 3rd bridge.
- Build the Salem river crossing!
- Build the Salem River Crossing 3rd bridge

- You are avoiding the correct future for Salem, one that's liveable if the Salem River Crossing bridge is not built. Don't be stupid.
- Adding bridge(s) to reduce the bottleneck and congestion that happens in downtown Salem and West Salem. I am a resident of South Salem--this impacts the entire region!
- Build another bridge to West Salem. The daily back-ups, not to mention the hay truck incident are cause for action.
- Making the ferry into a bridge
- Build the 3rd bridge! This should be Salem's biggest priority!!
- Build the Salem River Crossing 3rd Bridge.
- Another bridge
- Build a 3rd bridge! There is absolutely no reason the Salem River Crossing project should be idling in perpetuity, it should be moving forward. West Salem and the surrounding communities are growing, thanks in part to the city expanding urban growth boundaries and adding more and more tax paying revenue without doing anything for supporting infrastructure. Time to get to work.
- Build a bridge across the river!!
- Build another bridge. So much growth in West Salem and all the other towns that commute to Salem. It's way past time for another bridge. It's time for two more bridges.
- For economic vitality, seismic sustainability and basic city cohesion, we need another bridge! I hope it connects to the north, I think it will help revitalize parts of north Salem and make downtown more walkable and bikeable.
- Building a new bridge to get out of the West Salem area. It's unsafe only having the Center Street bridge & my inlaws left W. Salem because they are older & concerned about being able to get to the hospital if needed...
- Build the bridge!
- Building a second bridge two and from West Salem. Increasing overall infrastructure for better, more efficient flow to and from I5 (thoroughway rather than city streets)
- Build a new bridge in West Salem
- So many people sleeping in the parks, under bridges, on the sidewalks & leaving so much garbage. Mental illness & addiction but more assistance is needed for them. And another bridge across the river is needed and very important for commuting
- West Salem bridge
- Another bridge crossing the Willamette, for cars
- Building a 3rd Bridge
- A third bridge
- Build another bridge. Please make it a priority as it affects downtown and the feeder streets from all directions.
- Build a third bridge to West Salem.
- Build the bridge..now!
- The ever growing housing crisis
- Building an additional bridge spanning the Willamette River.
- Improve traffic in Salem. Especially West Salem crossing.
- 3rd bridge crossing
- Build the Salem River Crossing 3rd Bridge.

- Build a 3rd Bridge
- 3rd bridge crossing. Our infrastructure is past due for additional ways across the river.
- Building a traffic bridge to west salem. Not another foot or bike path.
- Building the Salem River Crossing Bridge
- Traffic congestion on West Salem when the bridge is blocked.
- Right-price parking! end the parking subsidies. Also a Climate Action Plan.
- 3rd Bridge
- Congestion in downtown Salem and over the bridges.
- Building a 3rd bridge. Not the elevated connector from hwy 22 through front st. Brush college to keizer/salem parkway. Or glencreek across to pine.
- Preparing for the Super Katrina disaster when residents will be without phone, power, heat, light, food, water, and even homes, after the 9.2 quake. Complacency is commonplace and most people say they would "call the police" if they are without city services. Good luck.
- Ensuring staff resources and funding for the Environmental Action Plan that was incorporated in the Strategic Plan.
- Fix the LUBA issues and build the preferred alternative Willamette River crossing.
- Emergency Preparedness for cascadia subduction zone earthquake
- Making Salem more walkable and pedestrian-friendly, especially as the population ages.
- Enforcing the existing laws of the city, specifically stealing (shopping carts) and SRC 95.550 in the areas of Salem where we have been overrun with non Salem citizens who are sleeping, eating, defecating and trashing our city.
- Acquiring and renovating/preserving affordable housing, rather than an exclusive focus on building new. The most expensive housing is new housing.
- developing emergency shelter for the several hundred homeless in our city
- Focusing on economic development and improved transpiration options
- With a new Master Plan having been adopted, I would to see the City create a maintenance plan for Minto-Brown Park.
- Aesthetic improvements to Lancaster to make it more charming, similar to downtown efforts.
- Plastic bag ban.
- reducing dependence on the automobile
- Assure the viability of Kuebler by limiting development which feeds Kuebler traffic.
- Reconfigure State St between Liberty and Commercial to resemble 8th Ave in Boise which will stimulate more growth of dining establishments, bring more young residents downtown, foster more economic growth, yielding more tax revenue.
- Commuter Train between Salem and Portland
- No
- The biggest priority is to protect the public from the homeless. To do this, *enforce existing laws*. Currently, the police are selectively enforcing laws when it comes to homeless people. For example, they do not prosecute the following crimes: trespassing (under the bridge, on sidewalks, etc), public nudity (changing clothes in public), public defecation (urination or defecation in or on public property), theft of private property, (specifically shopping carts) etc. The overwhelming number of homeless breaking the laws is unacceptable. Enforcement of existing laws (i.e. arrest people with shopping carts off of shopping center property, arrest individuals engaged in trespassing, arrest those defecating in public spaces) is the highest priority. Otherwise, the City Council is demonstrating a total lack of commitment to the property rights of businesses and individuals, public health and safety, public sanitation, etc.

- Developing infrastructure to handle the over-development authorized by the city. Protecting the environment from the same over-development. Protecting Salem citizens by working with the County to stop the revolving-door process of massive "catch and release" for high-level felons due to 'capacity' at the Marion County Jail.
- Would love to see some improvements with transit options other than single driver vehicles. Our city bus system is lacking, and there is no other option. Would love to see options for commuting that don't involve driving cars.
- The community wide environmental strategy
- Expanding bus service into more even and evening hours. Also friendly for state workers.
- Stop spending time and money on long term plans and studies... Test ideas in small areas, learn from other local agencies, complete public plans in shorter timelines. When you ask for resident opinion and they see no change in their local reality for another 20 years -- city staff appears out of touch.
- Perhaps slow down the addition of new city services to reflect the current revenue and affordability. Concentrate on core services.
- Improved relationship with Marion County to better support the neighborhoods and schools east of Lancaster.
- Homelessness and downtown street living. Very destructive to the energy of the city and it must be beyond discouraging to downtown business owners/operators who end up cleaning the debris and human waste. Last night I saw an individual in daylight force vomiting repeatedly on the sidewalk and then drop pants to defecate on a business threshold. The individuals living on the street are encroaching upon city residents enjoyment of the downtown area.
- weekend bus service; addressing climate change
- Develop a Climate Action Plan as specified in the Strategic Plan Environmental Goal
- Expanding bike lanes and/or the idea of closing off parts of downtown to traffic (pedestrian friendly zones)
- Shelter program for homeless teens - those who don't have family and can't stay in adult shelters.
- Transitioning all city facilities to solar power, city fleet to electric cars. This would entail an upfront cost which would pay itself back in reduced future energy costs, elimination or drastic reduction of fuel costs, cleaner air, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Making the city safer for pedestrians. For instance major crosswalks should have the flashing lights similar to the ones near the library on commercial street. There is a crosswalks near Sprague high school that students regularly use to cross kuebler. During the morning hours students are crossing in the dark. Or on sunnyside, where there are many pedestrians crossing from woodmansee to WinCo. Both of those examples should have some flashing light signal. There are many more throughout the city where there are many pedestrians crossing.
- Re-forming the Marion-Polk continuum of care HUD program
- We need a plan for saving trees in our city and the surrounding area. We need a broad comprehensive transportation strategy that includes easy, timely bus or train service. We need smart planning for a sustainable future that includes less cars, less use of water, a ban on plastic bags, and forward thinking development that infills first.
- Complete the Union Street family friendly bikeway and make State Street more accessible for families traveling by bike between Riverfront Park and the Church/High buffered bike lanes.
- Services for homeless families especially in the winter
- Building another river crossing to alleviate traffic congestion
- Right-priced parking policy and removing parking minimums in code
- road and sidewalk improvements; it appears to be a low priority that only rises to the top when potholes develop and someone falls on a broken sidewalk.
- take measures to reduce GHG emissions in the City, including those from City operations, and increase carbon sequestration on city-owned property.

- I love the work of the City. I have read about and am in support of the HRAP program. I also support developing more affordable housing.
- Develop a meaningful plan to coordinate social services.
- If at all possible, to have residents and landlords maintain their properties; keep them safe, cleaned up in good condition. Aesthetics is important to attracting people to move to Salem. Maintenance is not as often a financial issue but rather that folks choose to spend money for other things. A landlord responded to my remarking that making rents affordable replied that it's a business.
- Getting the homeless off the streets.
- Work on climate change mitigation
- Mitigation and adaptation to climate change - radical reduction of city use of fossil fuels and incentivisation of the citizenry to do the same. If we don't have a livable planet/state/community NOE of the other issues matter at all.
- We can't do any of these things if we don't have the revenue to support the priorities. Paying for our priorities should be the top priority.
- Do as much as possible to make Salem a "green" city to help mitigate global climate change.
- Improve public transportation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.
- You think plastic bags create issues in our city and waste time dealing with it, maybe you should create laws to deal with the homeless. People are sick of the trash, feces and urine and it's a stain on our community. It makes us look like a really trashy city as visitors drive through. Plastic bags aren't the issue. Oh, ya...a new bridge is a must!!!!
- improving traffic congestion
- New businesses for more jobs
- Addressing the likely impacts of climate change.
- Council PLEASE oversee better coordination of local homeless services delivery so that HRAP, affordable hsg, etc get consistent competent leadership.
- Remove ALL of the LED street and space lighting. The intense blue light is highly toxic to the eye. Recent studies in the US, Israel and most recently Barcelona, Spain demonstrate a casual link between LED streetlights and dramatic increases in breast and prostate cancer! These lights do not directly cause cancer. But they do indirectly cause cancer by their impacts on the bodies circadian rhythm and immune function. Also, the on-off flicker from the lights directly causes headaches, migraines, and extreme glare. The impact from these lights will likely be a 50% increase in breast cancer and a more than doubling of prostate cancer in the city of Salem. This is a huge hazard. The city is responsible for the harms being caused.
- One: sobering center...as well as partner with non profit to develop a "one stop shop" to self sufficiency. Those "homeless" that don't want to participate, should be escorted out of the city. Two: jobs...however the private sector can handle it...as long as the city "yes" mentality... 3: infrastructure... streets and sidewalks. It would be beneficial for council to focus on only three things at a time...just saying.
- Provide rent assistance and supportive services for homeless families.
- Build another bridge to West Salem.
- More focus on providing integrated or coordinated services for homeless. No more studies or task forces.
- Proactive code enforcement to reduce blight and increase property values, thereby increasing the tax base.
- Recognizing and investing in ALL categories and levels of homelessness, not just chronic adults. Oregon has one of the highest rates of youth homelessness (minors and ages 18 - 24) and our capitol city only invested approximately \$20,000 in direct services for this minor age population last year. The Salem-Keizer school district alone has over 500 homeless middle/high school students, not counting those that are disengaged from the educational system.

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- Yes. The City Council needs to clarify and embrace its very significant role in the homeless services delivery system, to advocate for and support the reformation of the Salem, Marion and Polk CoC, and to bring and keep every member of Council up to speed on homeless public policy issues, so that they might better engage the public and City staff.
- No
- Expanded police and enforcement of laws