



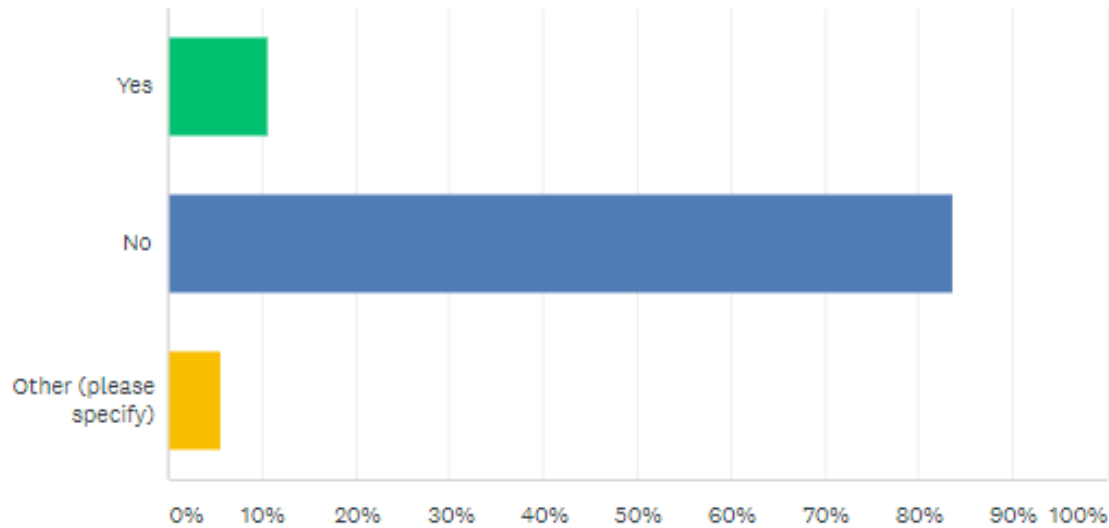
**APPENDIX B: DOWNTOWN  
TOPEKA CITIZEN INPUT SURVEY**

From January 25th, 2021 to March 1st, 2021 the City of Topeka received input from the public on the Downtown Master Plan. The survey asked residents of Topeka what new developments were considered as their highest priorities within Downtown Topeka over the next 10 years. The survey consisted of four questions and received 178 responses from the public. The following pages will detail the results of the survey.

### Question 1:

## Do you live or own a business in Downtown Topeka?

Answered: 178 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes	10.67% 19
▼ No	83.71% 149
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 5.62% 10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>178</b>

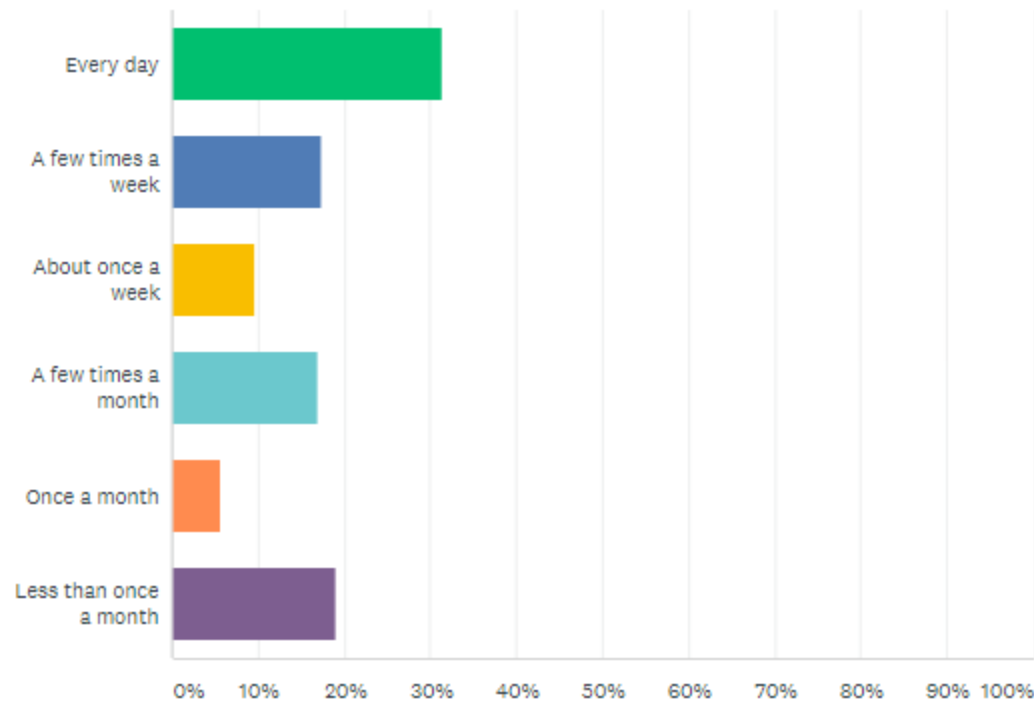
## Question 1: Do you live or own a business in Downtown Topeka - Other Responses

1/25/2021	Work
1/25/2021	North Topeka
1/25/2021	I work downtown Monday-Friday.
1/25/2021	I work downtown
1/25/2021	Office Lead for a business that leases space downtown
2/1/2021	Work downtown
2/5/2021	I work (se Madison) and "play" & sho (north & south Kansas venue) downtown
2/9/2021	Live in Topeka, just outside of "Downtown Topeka"
2/10/2021	Work
2/13/2021	I live in Topeka but not downtown

## Question 2:

### How often do you visit Downtown Topeka?

Answered: 178 Skipped: 0

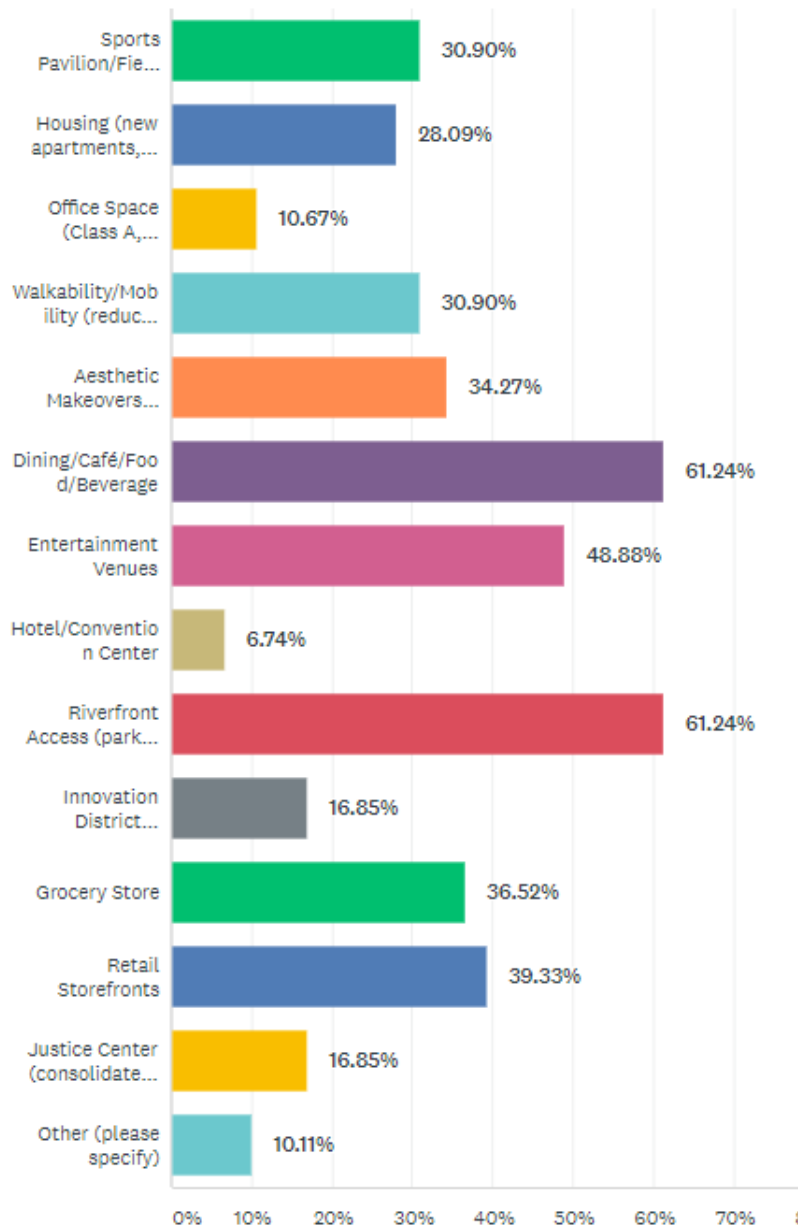


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Every day	31.46% 56
▼ A few times a week	17.42% 31
▼ About once a week	9.55% 17
▼ A few times a month	16.85% 30
▼ Once a month	5.62% 10
▼ Less than once a month	19.10% 34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>178</b>

### Question 3:

What new developments or ideas are your highest priorities for Downtown over the next 10 years? (Pick up to 5)

Answered: 178 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Sports Pavilion/Fieldhouse (indoor courts, ice, turf, tournaments)	30.90% 55
▼ Housing (new apartments, lofts, townhomes)	28.09% 50
▼ Office Space (Class A, new/rehabbed)	10.67% 19
▼ Walkability/Mobility (reduce vehicle lanes, safer pedestrian crossings, bike lanes, etc.)	30.90% 55
▼ Aesthetic Makeovers (streetscapes, building facades, pocket parks, trees, art, murals, alleys, etc.)	34.27% 61
▼ Dining/Café/Food/Beverage	61.24% 109
▼ Entertainment Venues	48.88% 87
▼ Hotel/Convention Center	6.74% 12
▼ Riverfront Access (parks, trails, kayaks, etc.)	61.24% 109
▼ Innovation District ("campus" for start-up/growth industries)	16.85% 30
▼ Grocery Store	36.52% 65
▼ Retail Storefronts	39.33% 70
▼ Justice Center (consolidated law enforcement and courthouse building)	16.85% 30
▼ Other (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a> 10.11% 18
<b>Total Respondents: 178</b>	

### Question 3: What new developments or ideas are your highest priorities for Downtown over the next 10 years? (Pick up to 5) - Other Responses

Limited homelessness in downtown area. It is unsightly and displeasing.

Soccer stadium / complex

Starbucks, Target, Home Depot,

For new and existing structures and fixtures to be run from clean energy. There is NO climate change plan whatsoever that I've seen.

Please stop all downtown development, this failure gobbles tax dollars for no reason, fix our STREETS, downtown is a rotting corpse.

Expansion of the commercial (non retail) entity that downtown already is. why continue to fight what it is?

Please give me my tiny T-Town Target, a grocery store/market, wine, meats, chees \*& veggies deli & beer brats & regular hotdogs bar and I'd be very happy.

I-70 exit directly onto Kansas and Topeka BLVD. Duh

Expanded outdoor markets

Community garden

Free Parking

Have law enforcement stop harassing those who live down town

SOMETHING for the YOUTH of Topeka

Safer access on and off of I-70

Update to the visual appearance of the fire station along I 70. Looks pretty dated.

Stop wasting my taxes. People would invest downtown if it were a worthwhile investment.

I think this is a waste of our tax money and we have other problems that require attention.

Improve/clean-up neighborhoods around downtown.

## Question 4:

Tell us what you think! Are there things you feel were overlooked? Or are you happy with the content within the plan?

Answered: 105 Skipped: 73

Date	Comment
Feb 22 2021	I prefer wider streets to keep traffic moving
Feb 22 2021	Quit wasting tax dollars
Feb 22 2021	More Restaurants
Feb 21 2021	Happy with your plan
Feb 18 2021	Curious about how this will be funded, and what will be done to improve the neighborhoods around downtown to increase visitors "feeling" of safety to explore downtown
Feb 18 2021	No. We have a rampant crime problem in Topeka that we ignore and a stagnant growth problem we have yet to address. I am not really sure what kind of government system we have here either. We have more bureaucracy here than we have sense. As good as these plans look, I have no faith in the part time professionals we have leading our community. Government leadership has mismanaged it's employees for decades. I am not sure I trust them to handle something of this scope. If we did the little things correctly, then perhaps I would have more faith. But as it stands, this will end poorly and only the people will suffer because of their inept decisions.
Feb 18 2021	This is all great in theory. The fact is everything has gone west to Wanamaker. The city has supported this. If you want downtown to work, get the state office buildings to pay taxes and, clean up the residence around downtown so you don't see the homeless or gang banger type, and get more shops and restaurants downtown.
Feb 17 2021	Overall, I think the plan is good. Main concern about the sports complex is the long term viability. If the intent is to attract a team to anchor the venue, there are major limitations. MLB have the most stable development system and they have even drastically reduced the teams they are supporting. I like hockey but the crowds for the Pilots were not all that great and I doubt it was a big money draw. I am a sports fan but I am not sure a sports complex downtown will be all that much help economically for a long-term. Too many around here are just as content to drive to KC area and the KC area (Lawrence included) won't migrate this direction. We could draw from the west to Junction City but that is about it.
Feb 17 2021	Would like a LEC. Desperately needed.
Feb 17 2021	Again, stop wasting my taxes. This type of nonsense has me looking for property outside of the city limits.
Feb 17 2021	Looks good to me! Excited for the changes!
Feb 17 2021	Seems to be lacking in safety concerns and parking issues. Great you get people there, but where are you going to park them? Garages eat up store space.

Date	Comment
Feb 17 2021	Happy
Feb 17 2021	I think this is a great plan, but think the corridor between Capitol and Train Station is unrealistic.
Feb 17 2021	What are you going to do to increase safety in downtown topeka, especially after dark? People won't hang out there if they don't feel safe. But a very nice design. I would certainly hang out there more if it was easier to get around. We have a very sprawled downtown and making it easier to get around via car, bike, walking is a great idea.
Feb 17 2021	special needs access
Feb 17 2021	Large employers so there are lots of people to shop and eat downtown
Feb 16 2021	Public transit seems to be overlooked. It's very possible that light rail would be huge attractive and beneficial to Topeka. Topeka already has a cute aesthetic, but it needs to be more intentional and leaned into more. In the status quo, the aesthetic seems more happenstance than intentional. This should also include cleaning up ditches, sidewalks, etc. Proud of y'allâ€”you're doing great! Keep it up, and we'll get there.
Feb 15 2021	Well laid out with visions for Downtown all can see. Hope we can do some of these things.
Feb 15 2021	The plan looks great.
Feb 13 2021	No, this money is better spent fixing the laughable excuses we call streets. Helping reuse some of the abandoned homes and businesses all over town.
Feb 11 2021	Minor league Baseball Park
Feb 11 2021	easier way to get between downtown and noto. the kansas Ave Bridge is pretty long. a short rail system or something? I dunno.
Feb 11 2021	We moved to Topeka a year ago and downtown does not have a good feel or look. I appreciate the initiative to improve the atmosphere and environment. Thanks
Feb 11 2021	When you have renters that can afford to live there with nice housing options, your businesses will thrive. Topeka is a great place waiting to blossom. Repaint the Wren. It is way too faded.
Feb 10 2021	So much to digest. Would be nice to see a video presentation. Otherwise, I like the idea of retaining as much as possible of original buildings.
Feb 10 2021	doesn't matter what you do because I can't get there from my crappy maintained neighborhood roads
Feb 10 2021	Its a lot to believe
Feb 10 2021	Not sure we need another convention space
Feb 10 2021	People who dont live in downtown pushing those who live downtown around
Feb 10 2021	Minority involvement in creating the plan.



Date	Comment
Feb 09 2021	I think more of an emphasis on how we can fix what is still broken in the city, the wealth divide, women's health services, housing the poor and low income. We have dynamic opportunities to change and embrace more social programs that will benefit the city over bringing in more Corporations that only want to see a profit off the labor of the people.
Feb 09 2021	Yes, but make sure that there is plenty of security gaurds
Feb 09 2021	There is a lot of run down housing in those areas that needs to be improved and we should not displace or move out the people that already live in the area.
Feb 09 2021	I have worked on Kansas Ave for about 21 years. There used to be many options for lunch or breakfast. All these empty buildings it's depressing. In looking at the plans. I see a lot of potential in the Tower development. So much unused space. The Kansas Ave draft is as well. I like the Van Buren draft. I'd think once these are developed you'd start on the other drafts. But I see Kansas Ave buildings full rather business, dining or retail is most important. Then Tower project. Finally Van Buren.
Feb 09 2021	concerned over the homeless situation. I don't visit some of these areas now also because they feel unsafe.
Feb 09 2021	it looks great! I'd like to see more retail stores though
Feb 09 2021	No fix the roads around Topeka.
Feb 08 2021	Happy with the plan
Feb 08 2021	None of the links (including those posted on WIBW) allow access to the plan currently from iPhone. I look forward to viewing them once that issue is resolved.
Feb 08 2021	Your questionnaire is skewed if you are providing scenarios or outcomes instead of asking what we think or want without pre programmed answers.
Feb 08 2021	I think it takes into consideration a lot of good things
Feb 08 2021	I think its a big waste of money!!
Feb 08 2021	Need a sports fieldhouse or pavillion
Feb 08 2021	You have to allow an I-70 entrance and exit directly from Kansas Blvd.
Feb 08 2021	Happy
Feb 08 2021	Plan seems to have a very aggressive agenda and timeline.
Feb 08 2021	I think the pre-COVID growth and progress downtown has been good, and I look forward to it continuing. Working to rehab existing properties, such as removing mid-century facades on century-old buildings would be great! In addition, having some sort of walkable, river access would be incredible.

Date	Comment
Feb 05 2021	I realize retail can mean lots of things, but I really believe we've missed the boat by sort of selling ourselves on the viability of downtown retail. Let's bring back shopping on my lunch breaks and Saturdays especially around various holidays and holiday seasons within our downtown environments - wishing us all good things with this!
Feb 05 2021	I wish there was a way to develop a outdoor market place similar to legends in order create more jobs downtown and to encourage youth to visit the area and help make a more "lively" atmosphere.
Feb 05 2021	Very happy with the plan. Would recommend getting rid of some of the old run down houses
Feb 05 2021	I would just like to emphasize my interest in sporting facilities in downtown to Topeka. Many kids travel every weekend to KC, Lawrence, Wichita, Salina and Manhattan for tournaments. I believe the easiest low hanging fruit to attract people downtown is with youth sports facilities. It also fills a need for the people of Topeka where it can be hard to find facilities for kids to practice and play as much as they would like.
Feb 05 2021	The idea of "ice" downtown is ridiculous. Not only is it expensive to maintain, but it creates scheduling problems. If it can't be privately built, then it shouldn't be built.
Feb 05 2021	It would be nice if we could go downtown and just feel like we could spend time leisurely instead of going downtown for specific reasons. The only places, for the most part, that are downtown are very specific. Theres next to NO shopping, not enough restaurants, no nightlife
Feb 05 2021	Get rid of the good ole boys network when it comes time to pass these projects out
Feb 05 2021	A sports complex would be a waste of money. They tend to cost more than they bring in. Also not sure sure what good more hotel rooms does for downtown. There are several hotels in the area with plenty of empty rooms. If downtown could attract more people to live there,
Feb 05 2021	You have overlooked East Topeka, Oakland, Central Topeka, and South Topeka. Why do we continue to pump money into this? We have already spent money on downtown to improve it. We were told that if we did, businesses would come. They have not (or if they do, they close up a 18 months later). It is time to put downtown on hold...10 to 15 years while we spend money on the other parts of town that need it. Where is the plan for the renovation of the Eastboro shopping center or the old center at 29th & California? White Lakes area? Further, there is no need to move the law enforcement center other than individuals are greedy for the land it is at. Unless you are afraid to have the police on the main road of downtown, they have a building with more than enough space, that would not cost anything to continue in and if need be, has the space for expansion. To move it is a waste. Downtown had its time...let us fix the rest of the city and then come back to downtown.

Date	Comment
Feb 04 2021	Racist plans shouldn't be paid for with tax dollars, make sure the citizens don't pay for that debacle. We do have more than one race here. The plan is overwrought and too expensive.
Feb 04 2021	You really need a night life atmosphere for the younger crowd too! If where going to university here there needs to be a place for the young adults to have entertainment too.
Feb 04 2021	Happy with the plan
Feb 04 2021	Extravagant
Feb 04 2021	To work with Topeka Metro and become worker friendly and figure out how to get less homeless people to ride around taking up seats. But a over all great plan lived here my whole life 49 yrs and this town has not be aggressive enough to make changes to keep citizens happy. I tell my teenager everyday to go to college in another state and move somewhere he has a opportunity to grow and have fun with a family.
Feb 04 2021	After spending 45 million on the already usable convention space in the Expocentre as well as TPAC and hotel ballrooms, are we really going to add another option in a market that struggles as it is to bring new conferences or events to Topeka? Seems like taxpayers competing against themselves should there be an added taxpayer subsidized mass gathering venue space in an area we already have that option. I'd like to see the old TPD building be used as more retail/small business space with low rents to create community growth. Like a strip mall type business area that's walkable from downtown.
Feb 04 2021	Noto would receive far more traffic and, therefore, financial investment, if north kansas ave was connected to south kansas ave via the kansas bridge.
Feb 04 2021	There is so much more that you could do. Clean energy sources have to play a role in this, or it is outdated before you begin. Downtown would especially be impacted by putting in solar roads. They allow you to add parking space for certain events, move parking spaces at will, turn streets into one way venues when needed.. the possibilities are endless. Why we aren't seeing this type of technology is beyond me.
Feb 01 2021	Really disappointed that it was necessary that citizens of color had to remind those that worked on putting this together that diversity, in all areas, is best for the growth of Topeka. Did we not learn anything from 2020?
Jan 30 2021	Feeling safe downtown is a huge issue. No one wants to walk around an area full of vacant and run down buildings.
Jan 29 2021	I lived a few streets over for years. As a single woman I would not walk alone. And parking isn't very good. For being by the TPD it's a pretty rough area. Creating things that locals must have money for wouldn't include anyone living close by.
Jan 29 2021	I think it is important that buildings in downtown be rehabbed rather than new buildings put up.
Jan 29 2021	Second story restaurant outdoor eating area/"boardwalk" along south riverbank with access to levee trail
Jan 29 2021	Modern Downtown Riverfront Casino and Convention Center that is held responsible to buildout several of the other civic items like riverfront parks, bridges, sidewalks, etc. etc. etc.
Jan 29 2021	I think expanding improvements made to Kansas Avenue to more of DT is great idea.

Date	Comment
Jan 29 2021	Historic features should be highlighted more, much has been demolished for the sake of progress, the City is overlooking why it is a historic district and was created as one way too much.
Jan 29 2021	I was just telling my husband on MKL Day as we traveled throughout the city showing our young boys that it's sad DTI doesn't look beyond the radius of 4th-10th and blvd - KS. There are entire neighborhood surrounding the potential of downtown that are trash. The city needs to look at the area as a whole and invest. Bring the people community and buildings to life together
Jan 28 2021	Update materials to be representative of the diversity of Topeka
Jan 28 2021	Embrace our diversity as an asset and strength. Where is the true representation of our community in the stock photos selected. Will the housing options be sufficient?
Jan 27 2021	The community should drive downtown development, not business adventures.
Jan 27 2021	This plan is very inspiring to look at and see what Topeka can be. I think prioritizing unused buildings like the Docking building and turning the existing building into a multi use place for retail, office, and restaurant would be fabulous. Would be so cool to have rooftop dining. A city's best marketing is the condition of its historic buildings. More outdoor spaces for dining, utilize alley space for breweries and movie nights. Less parking lots, implore people to walk, bike. Love the highlighting the crosswalks with a band of color or simple design. 2 bike lanes, a walkway and a car lane on the Kansas Ave. bridge is great! Keep that continuously throughout downtown, by adapting it as you have on the visual. An indoor venue for concerts would be great, thinking of Lawrence bars that host smaller shows, but draw a crowd. I also was thinking about where are the opportunities for collaboration in other parts of the plan outside the justice center. Partnering with WU in creating opportunities for students in Downtown is key. Collaborate with YWCA CSE on how to design a safe and inclusive space for victims in the justice center- consider a victim's needs priority. Beautification grants for those homes directly next to downtown to help keep established neighbors in their homes. To look at not just housing, but transitional housing like Cornerstone.
Jan 27 2021	The zones are a great idea. It makes sense from a consumer perspective as well as a planning perspective. It was helpful to see both long and short term goals, as well as how the areas all fit together. There was a lot of thought put into not just building but foot and traffic ways.
Jan 27 2021	Happy with content
Jan 27 2021	Parking Lots and Garages (paid or free) are not the best land-use for any downtown. I am pleased to see that Value Per Acre is being considered. Hopefully this is considered more when others comment saying we need more parking for private vehicles---not true, and not of value.
Jan 27 2021	Minority representation. It's very white looking.
Jan 27 2021	Are the plans inclusive to all demographics, or do they cater to young white professionals specifically?
Jan 27 2021	This plan is racist. It's clear, even in the choice of graphics, that people of color are not going to be welcome in this space. We are better than this.

Date	Comment
Jan 26 2021	Like the River South concept and the pedestrian link between downtown and NOTO.
Jan 26 2021	Re-building the infrastructure to support this plan will carry a high cost. Overall, I like the plan, I wish Topeka had more to offer downtown right now.
Jan 26 2021	Please continue supporting local businesses already in downtown.
Jan 26 2021	Think that the plan looks good--can't think of anything to add
Jan 26 2021	Please focus on livability and small-scale business development.
Jan 26 2021	Looks good
Jan 25 2021	Not sure
Jan 25 2021	There is no reason to go downtown except for one or two restaurants, otherwise there are no quality stores to go to.
Jan 25 2021	OK
Jan 25 2021	safe transportation for all socio-economic levels into downtown, not IN downtown
Jan 25 2021	Liked it. Put alot of thought into it. Would definitely support it.
Jan 25 2021	I am happy with the content, I do hope the law enforcement center and courthouse finally see some changes.
Jan 25 2021	I like the overall layout of the plan. Please ensure we deal with vagrants in the area. It lowers the visual appearance and having panhandlers is a turn off for an area.
Jan 25 2021	The Topeka Municipal Court needs a new building, I don't know why it seems everyone else gets upgrades and they get nothing.
Jan 25 2021	The Topeka Municipal Court needs to be updated. There are so many leaks in our ceilings, and not enough room.
Jan 25 2021	Downtown doesnt need expensive apartments, and those prices are expensive. The small municipal courthouse needs a makeover. It is old and needs a new elevator and courtroom. That office is small too, they need more people and space.
Jan 25 2021	I think the plan looks great. I think the focus should start on in-filling the many vacant lots dotted around downtown--especially in the Tower District and Kansas Ave. north of 6th. While I'm wary about a sports facility/convention center (we have the Expocentre), if the city works to get a permanent sports team, maybe it would succeed--arena football, hockey, or basketball.
Jan 25 2021	The Municipal Court is in need of a new building badly. It has been sadly overlooked and neglected. I will not be happy unless the court is given a new building that is up to date and functional for the people that work there. The court brings in a sizeable amount of the City's revenue and should not be left out of the renovation and revitalization of downtown Topeka.
Jan 25 2021	I 100% Support the Justice Center, this has been long awaited!
Jan 25 2021	A consolidated Parking Garage for State Uses