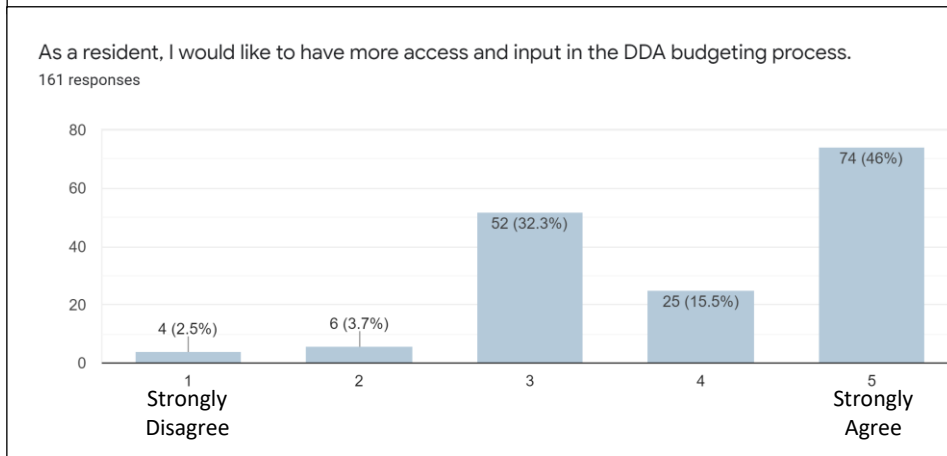
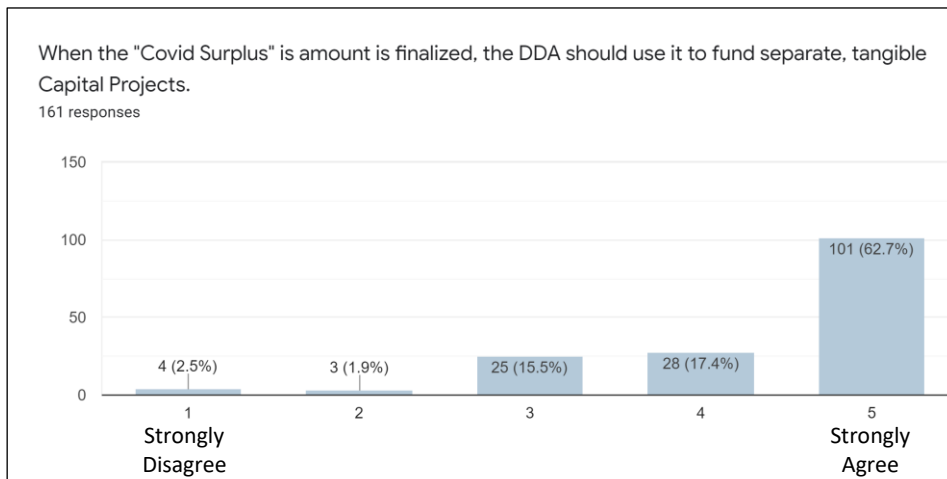
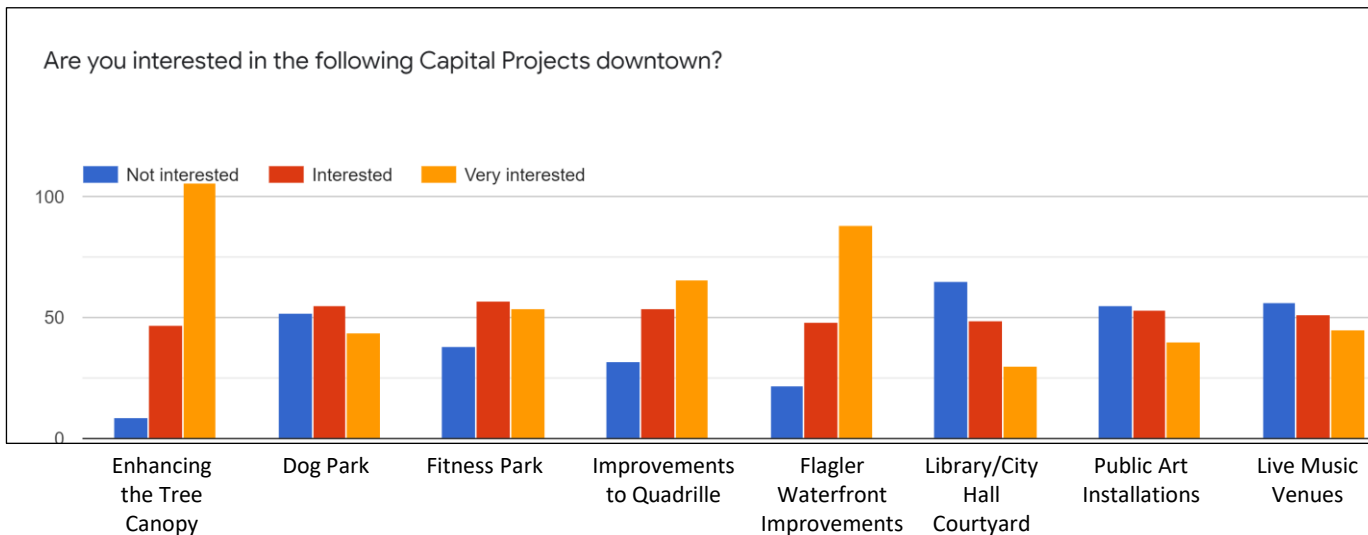




The WPB DNA sent out a survey on 8/9/21 asking members to share their feedback about Capital Projects downtown.

The survey consisted of 5 questions with two open ended questions.

174 responses as of 11:20am 8/17/2021



What other Capital Projects would you like to see Downtown?

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- A calisthenics park. They're timeless and simple. Sets of pull up bars, parallel bars, dip bars, etc. Lots of people getting into calisthenics especially since Covid.
- A carousel, skateboard park & arcade.
- A way for people to cross Okeechobee Blvd. more safely!
- Adding a children's playground to the great lawn
- An expanded route for trolley. We have to walk a block and a half north to turn around and go south downtown. Maybe more stops in front condos on Flagler. Would love a stop in front of Slade where it use to stop.
- Better lighting along Hibiscus.
- Better waterfront maintenance and cleaning. More trash cans on the waterfront near Clematis St. emptied on a more frequent basis.
- Bridge cleaning
- Canopy, canopy, canopy
- Carousel
- Children's playground. We have no swings for baby or tots!
- Classier barriers for events such as Sandi land. Automatic, adjustable barrier for the fountain. Sustainability focused items such as community recycling receptacles.
- Cleaning is so important.
- Cleaning the waterfront, Clematis sidewalks
- Cleanliness of our streets and safety
- Complete the corridor from Rosemary Square to Clematis.
- Connect and light the commercial areas from Clematis and North Rosemary with South Rosemary; plan for a walking bridge over Okeechobee and Rosemary; put the promised lighting on Alabama near Okeechobee; make Alabama two ways; and put a crossing light at Alabama and Okeechobee.
- Continue better cleaning of downtown, public areas and waterfront
- Continued better cleaning of downtown and the waterfront and public areas
- Covered Bus Stops! Shade Trees! Weeding and cleaning up Flagler. Green initiatives. Recyclable Art!
- Decrease volume and type of music on Clematis, Datura and the Myers. Make it a better and upscale place for local residents to live, families and elderly to enjoy, and not just rowdy, drugged up drunks.
- Dog park for different sizes
- Enhanced landscape planting--and maintenance--along the Flagler waterfront.
- Establish a beach trolley for residents and visitors to get to the beach.
- Expand DDA district to include extended trolley services to Belvedere
- Extend cleaning services to Meyer amphitheater park and alleys
- Financial support to the Circuit ride service so that it can return to be a free ride as it is in most towns and cities!
- Fitness trail along Flagler/ closest to the sea wall
- Fix the potholes along Flagler Drive!

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- Fixing roads, landscaping on Olive!
- I think there could be more way finders for pedestrians walking around downtown.
- Improve sidewalks in Narcissus between Clematis and Evernia and clean the streets early in the morning. Clematis St on Saturday and Sunday mornings are full of trash everywhere. I love downtown, but we need to clean it.
- Improve/redo alleys
- Improving the Homeless shelters so there are less homeless people downtown.
- Improving the west side of downtown! Clearlake and Australian avenues more pedestrian friendly shading activities east of TriRail. Also getting the loud polluting service yard of TriRail out of Downtown
- Increase safety and cleanliness of downtown
- Increased tree canopy (Gumbo Limbo) that is already at substantial size to create the shading needed for WPB. With this we must also include funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the trees by the DDA
- Increased use of solar lighting and electric car-charging stations. Outside of capital projects, enhance neighborhood transportation/trolley services by utilizing solar-powered or electric city-owned trolleys
- Keep the momentum going for more shaded streets. Replace the trees in Woodlawn Cemetery on the west fence that were downed by a storm some years ago. Push the county to improve the landscaping from the expressway to the first set of rail tracks. Why does PBG look so good and WPB so bad when WPB is the gateway to the PBCCC and Court House.
- Keeping buildings at a limited floor height., and maintaining a walkable, safe downtown.
- Keeping it cleaner and more police presence. Alleys are disgusting and need to be cleaned.
- Keeping the sidewalks cleaned of trash and stains
- Landscape the SE corner of Olive and Banyan. Eliminate the dirt trails around the power box. You could do this one for \$1K easy.
- Landscaping, flowers, aesthetic enhancements
- Less trash left by the homeless.
- Light rail, bus rapid transit
- Lighting
- Maintenance of waterfront/replace benches; make barriers for fountain and Sandi land pretty/not tacky plastic; projects focused on sustainability such as public recycling receptacles and water refilling stations. More efforts to activate the actual Flagler Drive waterfront. Also, increase maintenance, cleaning, security efforts.
- More lighting on Olive Ave. and street repair on Dixie Highway.
- More noise control from police as bars stay open until four. Signage would help noise issue.
- More on street parking

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- "More decorative fountains! Consider making it a goal to get a water feature or fountain in every courtyard, plaza, median or traffic circle downtown (like Norton Park median would be ideal). Fountains relax people...More attractive sculptures (not concrete cocoon like lumps). Please stop all the hideously ugly murals, most of the murals in our downtown are common and cheap looking, they aren't world class, they are world crass. It seems practically every town has giant wall murals now, it's not unique, stop copying Miami and please find something that could be unique to WPB. They're a dime a dozen and 3/4 of the murals in the city should be painted over. Stop allowing developers to buy out adding green roof tops. Painting a garage's top floor with a mural is a waste of paint and time, as hardly anyone sees it. Creating greenscaped rooftops or top levels of garages helps with global warming and that benefits us ALL! Also, add fountains in the clear lakes, what an impressive entrance that would be to the city to have giant geysers on each side of Okeechobee welcoming visitors and residents. Perhaps even add some in the bay area along Flagler, think how impactful that would look along the city's waterfront, and if lit at night, WOW! Another good spot would be to put a fountain in the intracoastal off Currie Park too. Tamarind from Okeechobee to Banyan needs some beautification work (but please, no street mural), plant a nature buffer to disguise/hide the tracts, and add shade trees to the street! Find a way to get the WPB Fishing Club building relocated, it is in a terrible location, perhaps a deal could be created so that it could be moved up to Currie Park where the boat launch is and where there is parking avail., get it out of the busy downtown area. Here is the final grand idea, it's a BIG one, so prepare to think like Walt Disney would and put on your imagineer cap. This would benefit downtown immensely, build a monorail from PBIA north across Belvedere, and either adjacent to or thru the Rooney's property, continue eastward thru the business commerce parks over or under I-95 thru the Grandview market area, north up along Tamarind and end it at the Tri-rail train station. The great thing about this is it easily connects the airport to the downtown, Conv.Ctr, Tri-rail & Brightline. Depending on station locations it could also connect the airport to the business hotels in the Australian/Belvedere area to the Conv Ctr. & Downtown, and the other train systems to our airport (A huge plus for business and tourism). That entire land corridor could benefit from this as well as downtown. Thank you for this forum to present some ideas."
- MORE outdoor seating and keep the street people away.
- More police patrols on weekend nights
- More retail
- More shade along Clematis, cleaner streets, and alleyways with more foliage - like the lush tropical landscaping covering Rosemary Square. Feels like an exotic jungle! Also a true waterfront restaurant (actually ON the water, not like ER Bradley's) would be amazing.
- More shade coverage at trolley stops etc. Also more benches through out the downtown.
- More shade structures
- Move the Meyer Amphitheater music to another location, keep noise level lower
- Nature...more shaded areas where we walk without the blazing sun on us!

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- Noise controls and crime controls. Improve the quality of arts and entertainment at the Myers. The +/- 400 tax paying residents living adjacent to the Myers should not have to suffer through deep base sound levels that vibrate through their buildings causing them to flee if possible and shut themselves in for fear of crime. Lower the sound level of music from certain restaurants on Datura and Clematis.
- Paving N. Flagler Drive!!
- Paving roads
- Please keep Meyer amphitheater as an open space!!! We do desperately need a dog park for many use the Amphitheater as one and do not control or watch their dogs. It is not always safe for residents when the DOGS roam!!
- Perpetual and ongoing presence of police coupled with an effective monitoring & removal of the homeless. Perhaps a large "transition" shelter north of downtown, providing clothing, sanitary provisions (showers, soaps), medical services by volunteers (medical universities), and most important counseling (volunteers from universities), part time job placements, etc.
- Playground swings for children on the waterfront
- Playgrounds for children.
- Protected bike lanes on ALL streets. More places to sit and hang out. A YMCA with a pool. Also, high school marching band parades (well, ANY parades really) down Clematis like all the time. Fun for them, fun for everyone else.
- Providing a safe home for the homeless
- Put street parking on clematis
- Really make Clematis city waterfront Park a spectacular downtown Feature. Add shade trees and a few seating benches along pathways to improve look — and keep homeless from camping there and pushing tourists away by sleeping anywhere between Amphitheater and Elisabetta's Restaurant. in park areas all along waterfront. It's our #1 tourist area and it really can be improved...thanks for all you are doing to improve our precious downtown!
- Regarding the fitness park, it would be great to have it in the green space at the waterfront. Maybe some new paintings on buildings that are pleasant to look at instead of political messaging. Visitors come to West Palm Beach to get away and vacation. Make it pleasant.
- Removal of the pergolas that provide living space for the homeless at the end of Clematis. Tax paying citizens do not use those areas because the homeless have taken over them and camp there 24/7. They should be replaced with something else that is not so conducive to camping.
- Remove tents at Avocado restaurant; enhance their outdoor seating Same for Pistache restaurant
- Remove trolley
- Rosemary street in front of 610 condo down to Publix
- Roundabouts and traffic calming for resident safety and enjoyment
- SHADE TREES!!! BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING.

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- South Olive Ave. and South Dixie Highway cleaned more often and garbage from waste baskets removed
- Speed camera on Okeechobee
- Street improvements that would slow traffic and improve walkability and cycling. Street trees, raised crosswalks, lighting, shade sails and other improvements along main and arterial streets to help pedestrians and cyclists stay cooler and safer day and night.
- Support for local businesses
- Take trolleys off the streets. One hit my car the other day. The streets are too narrow for them. They cause more trouble than they're worth.
- The downtown has become increasingly noisy due to speeding cars, revving engines and modified mufflers creating a unsustainable living environment! The downtown should be deemed a quiet zone where residential buildings are located, and enforcement should be a priority or else it will be doomed. This is not a capital project but one that needs attention!
- Touch up the artwork under the middle bridge.
- Traffic calming (speedbumps) in areas where motorcycles and loud cars rev and pick up speed (Flagler & Datura) and hire off duty police to stop this activity. Decibel reader installed in Meyer Amphitheater to measure sound from acts and bars on Datura — then enforce the laws.
- Trees
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- Trees. trees, trees! Landscaping. Waterfront landscaping needs attention and upkeep.
- Upgrade the tennis courts at Howard park
- Utilize at least 80% Florida native trees and plants
- Water spritzers along Flagler drive to cool off the walkers and runners.
- We need a fun dog park!
- We need to fill all the retail vacancy.
- What about the alleys???????
- When we traveled around the world on cruise ships, almost every city on the water had many restaurants right on the water. It was a great tourist attraction. I've always seen in my mind's eye a restaurant right on the intercoastal between the two bridges in downtown WPB. Even if it was just a small one-story coffee & wine bar. ER Bradleys is the closest to this, but you still have to look through traffic to see the water. There is something very European and special about sitting right on the waterway with an unimpeded view.

Please add any other feedback about the proposed DDA budget.

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- Allocate money for maintenance and cleaning the city!
- Allocate sufficient funds to be sure all trash is removed from downtown area.
- Appreciate the survey.
- Arrest those idiots on bikes and those on ATVs that terrorize downtown.
- Be prudent with funds for further needs as they arise.
- Better vetting of events that are allowed to rent the downtown areas.
- CLEAN UP THE GREAT LAWN AREA and waterfront, too much panhandling and unsafe environment
- DDA Budgeting should be more transparent. There should be more communication from the DDA regarding the budget process, and more input from the residents from what capital projects and improvements the DDA is spending our tax dollars on.
- Educating businesses downtown about DDA and how it can support us. We employ 50 people and no idea what is available.
- End the trolley- it's useless! Use the money for parks/greenery. No more building!
- Financial support to the Circuit ride service so that it can return to be a free ride as it is in most towns and cities!
- Fully support the notion of using the "Covid Surplus" rather than merely rolling it into operating reserves.
- Fund the Circuit ride service! Most towns and cities where they operate do this!!
- Green is good. Parks are good. Shade is good. Clean is good. No camping overnight is good!
- I do not believe the trolleys are worth the money. As downtown residents we fund the trolleys with our tax dollars but do not ride them. The majority of people who benefit do not live in the downtown. This should not be funded by the DDA but another City source whereas all west palm taxpayers contribute. Also, I do not believe the yellow shirt security personnel are worth the funding, This is a large expense without any authority. I am on the streets frequently and all I see are these employees in groups, talking, drinking and eating, socializing with each other, etc. What is their purpose? Take that funding and hire less personnel who have the authority to truly provide security--like police officers.
- I do not see that the Trolley downtown does anything for anybody.
- I don't think the downtown trolley really gets used.
- I don't think the trolley expense is worth the return. Low ridership, you can walk around as fast as taking the trolley. Long waits for a trolley to arrive.
- I think the DDA does a good job and has been responsive and pro active in addressing community needs.
- I would like to see a balanced budget with a 5-year horizon.
- It is fiscally responsible to utilize the "Covid Surplus" for projects rather than rolling it forward in the operating account.
- Living shoreline along Flagler east side of seawall

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- Now that we have the laws and social services to deal with the sad homeless crew along Flagler, we need to move these people into treatment and housing and off of our waterfront.
- Plant trees in the empty tree pits, plant beautiful flowers and keep up the landscaping. Pick the weeds, remove the litter, our downtown suffers from neglect.
- Please utilize to deter new homeless from coming to the area. Maybe some type of marketing.
- Policing the heavy trafficked is very important and the homeless problem constantly needs reviewing.
- Quiet zone in the downtown residential areas. Auto racing, backfiring and modified exhaust systems are blight on our downtown area! By the way, the Florida Code prohibits “anyone” from modifying a muffler to enhance the noise.
- Safety - homeless
- Since I've lived in the 33401 area for some 25 years, very little has been contributed to tree lined streets - let's move forward to provide for us locals this necessary element
- So far so good, i do wish we could incentivize some real retail to bring shops, bookstore etc
- Thanks for your survey and the opportunity to input. That is where many of the best ideas come from.
- The Meyer is the most underused space in our community/ it is time!!!!!!
- We need a proper dog park with separation of large and small dogs
- We need true cultural events at the Meyer
- We should concentrate on maintaining a safe, walkable, friendly “downtown” are
- We should think about having a yearly grant awarded to veterans for small business start ups or to expand/improve an existing small business. It could be a contest format with judges to determine who deserves it the most. What better way to give thanks for their sacrifices and at the same time stimulate business activity in downtown WPB.
- Well thought out
- Would like to see a 5 year plan with a balanced budget.