

**Public Workshop- Issue Identification**  
**Workshops held March 3-7, 2008**  
**Workbook results**

**I. Multiple Choice Questions**

<b>Land Use and Environment</b>	<b>1- Strongly Agree</b>	<b>2- Agree</b>	<b>3- Neither Agree Nor Disagree</b>	<b>4- Disagree</b>	<b>5- Strongly Disagree</b>
Rapid growth in the region is changing land use patterns and altering the look of our natural environment	72.4%	24.1%	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%
The overall appearance of commercial and residential development in the region should be better	45.3%	41.8%	11.2%	1.8%	0.0%
Mixed-use development (commercial with higher density residential) is appropriate in some areas of the County	39.5%	39.5%	15.0%	4.2%	1.8%
More commercial/retail development is needed	38.9%	28.7%	16.8%	13.2%	2.4%
More residential development is needed	23.0%	37.0%	19.4%	15.2%	5.5%

**Circulation**

I am concerned with the volume of traffic and safety in the region	51.2%	37.6%	10.0%	0.6%	0.6%
Pedestrian safety is an issue in the region	43.4%	33.7%	17.5%	4.8%	0.6%
There is a need for better public transportation service within the region	59.3%	22.2%	14.4%	3.0%	1.2%
A comprehensive walking/cycling trail system for recreational and transportation purposes is needed	69.6%	20.2%	7.7%	1.8%	0.6%

**Economy**

Agriculture is a vital part of our economy and should continue to be encouraged	69.0%	14.9%	11.9%	2.4%	1.8%
The region should identify land that could be developed for industrial development such as manufacturing and light industrial	46.1%	41.2%	9.1%	2.4%	1.2%
The region has great potential for tourism	41.8%	32.1%	17.6%	7.3%	1.2%
There are many outstanding economic opportunities in this region	28.0%	32.3%	26.1%	11.2%	2.5%

**Community Services**

The region needs to better address storm water and flooding issues	69.9%	24.7%	4.8%	0.6%	0.0%
There are adequate community and recreation centers and programs available in the region	13.2%	13.2%	16.2%	34.1%	23.4%

The region should acquire land now for future parks, open space, and community facilities	81.3%	13.9%	3.6%	1.2%	0.0%
This region has plenty of accessible public land	41.3%	25.2%	16.1%	11.6%	5.8%
Emergency/vital services meet my needs in the region: telecom coverage, 911/ambulance services, fire protection	19.9%	20.5%	24.4%	23.7%	11.5%

	<b>18-24</b>	<b>25-44</b>	<b>45-64</b>	<b>65 plus</b>
What is your age?	1.2%	19.2%	52.3%	27.3%

	<b>0-2 yrs.</b>	<b>3-5 yrs.</b>	<b>6-10 yrs.</b>	<b>11-15+ yrs.</b>	<b>Native Resident</b>
How long have you lived in Doña Ana County?	12.2%	15.7%	19.8%	37.8%	14.5%

	<b>Own</b>	<b>Rent</b>
Do you own your home or rent?	90.2%	9.8%

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Maybe</b>
Are you planning on moving away?	7.5%	78.6%	13.9%

	<b>Las Cruces</b>	<b>El Paso</b>	<b>White Sands</b>	<b>Fort Bliss</b>	<b>Other</b>
Do you work in any of the following locations?	42.5%	4.8%	4.1%	0.7%	47.9%

## II. Open-ended Questions

### The character of my community is...

20	<b>Friendly-</b> Warm and friendly; Friendly and informal; Friendly but stressed; Friendly but at the same time too complacent in respect to action; Residents know each other: they help you, you help them
17	<b>Rural-</b> Rural residential; Rural, sense of community; Rural- mountains; Rural, horse and livestock; Semi rural, horse properties of 2-10 acres; Low-density, has open spaces and with plenty of recreational opportunities; Open, developing some rural
15	<b>Varied Appearance-</b> Pleasant visually and located close enough to all necessities at this time; Pleasant (2); Pretty ordinary; Regular (2); Dull - there seems to be no character; Somewhat stark, could use more landscaping requirements; In poor condition, dirty, ugly degraded concrete; Unpleasant; A mixed bag and needs more upscale characteristics as we would find in Santa Fe, as an example; A sleepy, somewhat down trodden small town trying to grow up but with reluctance; Well maintained, scenic; Appreciative of the views and natural beauty and surrounding desert; Sunny skies and immense views
15	<b>Diverse-</b> Multicultural; Multiple ages, races, lifestyles; Mixed, meaning no one trait is apparent. No one characteristic; Culturally rich, culturally mixed; Really mixed- old, young, new comers, 3 or 4 generations "stewards" of aspects of village life being lost or plasticized throughout US!!; A diverse blend of environmental and cultural treasures that intersect at our crossroads; Varied - retirees, Hispanic, Indian
13	<b>Small-</b> Small agricultural and friendly community; Small city and semi-rural to light agricultural; Small town atmosphere, lack of cultural venues that are found in larger cities, lack of activities that are typically found in a university town; Small town; Small university town; Small with potential; Small, friendly, caring; A small city historically embedded in an agrarian area; A gem as a small city; Some small businesses on fringes; Close community established
12	<b>Agricultural-</b> Farming; Farmland; Country; Rooted in the river, mountain and agricultural corridors
10	<b>People-</b> Friendly likes outdoor recreation, such as hiking, horses, atvs; Tough people with a broadback; Retired, rebellious; Well-educated and minimally educated; Willingness to work-learn; Proud of our community; Working together for the betterment of the community; Lack a sense of efficiency in general, many do not ever think about what we should be aware of and want or need; Need more people involved with the community; Want a rural feeling in an urban environment
9	<b>Changing-</b> A community in a state of change; A community ready for a positive change; Change, this is a good thing; Changing, but stressed by uncoordinated development; Changing from agricultural and small to a huge bedroom community for WSMR, El Paso, etc. ; Rapidly changing from quiet, rural area to overly congested and controlled by special interest groups; Slow in change <do not raise taxes>; It used to be much more rural and laid back; Improving and changing
8	<b>Poor-</b> Poor and indecise; Poor, neglected, threatened; Low income, limited infrastructure, drainage/road/recreation/business issues; Lots of hope, few resources; Lacking adequate transportation, safety services and employment; Poor and middle class with beautiful natural desert; Las Cruces downtown is over run with crime and poverty

8	<b>Residential-</b> Sedate residential; Old residential; Low density residential; Residential with heavy truck traffic on Golf Club Road; Residential improvements, flooding, transportation; Home town
7	<b>Growing-</b> Growing; Helter skelter growth; Uncontrolled growth without proper comprehensive planning; Unplanned growth-development should include school sites, recreation areas, traffic controls to meet current and future growth; A great growing community- a bridge between history and the future; Sprawling
7	<b>Historic-</b> Old and historic; Charm of the old culture; Traditional with traditions being threatened; In need of enhancement, preservation and appreciation
6	<b>Desertic-</b> A desert and very calm; A desert full of natural beauty; A desert with a unique beauty of plants and animals; Desertic and very natural
6	<b>Family-oriented-</b> Very family-oriented; Mostly inhabited with mixed families
6	<b>Good;</b> Great!; Good quality of life; A great place to live; Livable; Good medical, excellent fire dept
5	<b>Laid back</b>
5	<b>Quiet</b>
5	<b>Suburban-</b> Suburban, similar to many new SW cities; Suburban area in large city (El Paso Texas); Suburban area w/ lots of trees, bike trails, and a golf course (almost snotty); Suburban/residential/small lots near shopping
5	<b>Transient-</b> transient and there is a lot of mobility; Very transient
3	<b>Developed-</b> New development; Being impacted by development; Dying under excessive development. It was a semi-rural, culturally rich, medium sized town when I chose to move here
3	<b>Hispanic-</b> Mexican culture
3	<b>Open-</b> Wide open spaces, active in preserving the integrity of the existing community and natural landscape
3	<b>Southwestern-</b> Southwestern mix of old and new approaches to life; Southwestern with Anglo, Hispanic and Native American cultures who get along for the most part and value one another
2	<b>Accessible-</b> walk to small parks and library, police and fire are near
2	Commercial
2	Dynamic- Active, golf
2	Little communication; newspaper
2	Middle class
2	Safe
2	University community
2	Urban
	Cops and Section 8
	Mesilla- charming small town - wild west
	When I find it, it will be clean, well maintained, and productive

## The best thing about my community is...

45	<b>Climate/Weather-</b> Mild climate; It's warm and no snow; Warmth; Nice weather; Great weather; We love the weather; Mild winter weather
36	<b>Open space-</b> Open areas to explore, like the land and mountains around City; Wide open spaces; Green open space
25	<b>People-</b> The residents; The warm, friendly people; Kind people; Great people; The mix of people; The people who care about where our City is growing and doing; People know each other- It's easy to walk around the community; Network of friends; Humbleness of people; Everybody is friendly and we live very happy here; Still mutual respect for and among community members; Community; Business associates
25	<b>Tranquility/Quiet-</b> Quiet; Very quiet; Calm and no traffic; Peaceful; Listening to nature without the noise of 18 wheelers and heavy traffic; My street is relatively quiet; That it is not fast-paced; Slow living; not too hectic; pace of living not frantic; " <i>Quietness-friendliness-simple living</i> "
13	<b>Affordable-</b> Cost of housing; Affordable to mid-income housing in safe neighborhoods; Low cost of living; Very inexpensive; Low taxes; Low taxes compared to other areas
12	<b>Desert-</b> Desert and challenge; Beautiful desert; " <i>The way the desert comes to life after summer thunderstorms.</i> "; Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park
11	<b>Environment-</b> The land; River; Clean air; No contamination
10	<b>Natural beauty-</b> Beautiful landscapes; Beauty of the mountains; Spectacular natural beauty; Beautiful environment; Geographic beauty, Rio Grande Valley and surrounding mountain drains and Chihuahuan Desert
9	<b>Culture/Diversity-</b> Cultural mix; Cultural diversity; Cultural opportunities; Ethnic mix and relative sense of equality; Tri-culture, vital renewal of Hispanic/Mexican culture surpassing borders; Community/coexisting heritages
8	<b>Mountains-</b> The Organ Mountains
8	<b>Rural-</b> Rural community; Rural country living; Rural type of area; Being in the country; Country, residential living; Open country; The rural nature; " <i>The opportunity to preserve a rural lifestyle, complete with my horses and chickens in a beautiful, beautiful area.</i> "
8	<b>Size of the community-</b> Smaller community; "Small" town; Small town feel and convenience; Town size was a choice for us; Being a small and rural community; Small city- therefore always see people you know; The size of the City, which sadly to say will grow, need sensible growth; Small town convenience but it may be disappearing; Size of properties
8	<b>Sunshine-</b> Great sunsets; Plenty of sun
6	<b>Access-</b> I can walk to library, food stores, park; To desert area in neighborhood/Mountains; To empty land for recreation; To public lands for hunting, exploring and hiking; To surrounding public lands; Access to the mountains, desert hiking; Access to open spaces; Access to open spaces, trails to mountains, state land, BLM, scenery- mountains; access to open space/recreation
5	<b>Population/Density-</b> Low population; Small population; Low density, not crowded, open land- at the present moment; Not crowded; Space, Room to breathe
5	<b>The best thing was ...</b> it used to be easy to get around; It used to be quiet; A small town environment; The rural feel and lack of traffic!
5	<b>The university-</b> NMSU
5	<b>Views/scenery</b>

4	<b>Agriculture-</b> Farmland; The aquifer, river and associated agriculture
4	<b>Family-</b> Family; My family and friends
4	<b>Safety-</b> Safe, know all folks; know my neighbors; Low crime; openness/safety
3	<b>Growth-</b> Vibrancy, economic growth; That we still manage to balance our heritage with growth
3	<b>Independence-</b> Freedom; No rules
3	<b>Nature-</b> Lots of nature; natural resources
3	<b>Outdoor opportunities-</b> landscape, mountains, desert, nature, hiking, biking, weather; Recreational opportunities; The proximity to great outdoor activities
3	<b>Privacy-</b> My privacy
2	<b>Active community-</b> A community that is ready to work for improvements for the future and is heavily already involved
2	<b>Arts-</b> Active arts community; Strong arts community
2	<b>Communications-</b> Communications have improved a lot
2	<b>Education-</b> Better education for my children; Getting an education
2	<b>Food-</b> The food and restaurants and my store standard grocery
2	Good library
2	<b>Sky-</b> big sky; Varied terrain with open sky
2	Very tasty and fresh water; The tasty water-deep water basins
	Archaeological and geological treasures
	Historical buildings, commercial
	Location - not far to national forest areas, a lot of public land
	Low traffic
	Mountain biking
	Museums
	Need more stores and public recreation for the youth
	Public and private facilities
	Sense of community and history
	The community as a whole and the public land availability

### The thing that needs the most improvement is...

21	<b>Infrastructure-</b> infrastructure; Infrastructure code enforcement; Improvement of existing infrastructure; Infrastructure, roads, sewer (2); Lighting (7), natural gas (6), electric utility service and drainage (4); Drainage infrastructure; Drainage on the roads; Drainage would bring more business; One single water company with better water treatment/filtration and pressure; Offer solar packages; Geothermal energy use; Wastewater system
18	<b>Streets/Roads-</b> <i>Roads, roads, roads!</i> ; All roads; Street lighting (2); Safer streets and traffic; In my area, the streets because when it rains it's a disaster; Street paving (2)
17	<b>Controlling growth-</b> Control and long-term planning for population growth; Planned and organized growth to benefit all; Controlled growth; Orderly growth; Ability to control development; Growth; Haphazard growth; Uncontrolled development; Avoiding growth that leads to decay; Less population density; People loving areas to death. Too many people will ruin why people move here; Growth management-road infrastructure; Control of development (3), developers, trails for walking, biking, horseback; Flexibility in City and County for development; Quality growth management and proper analysis of water resources
17	<b>Economy-</b> Economic development opportunities (2); Economic opportunity. People are poorer than they believe; Rid ourselves of the colonia status; Encourage local, small business development; Business; More business (2); To have more business so the people don't have to go to El Paso to shop; Car wash; Industry; More reasons for smart, young people to stay here
14	<b>Park and recreation facilities-</b> Community parks and recreation, eg. Bike trails; More parks and activities for children; Youth activities; Recreation for young people, need tennis courts, etc.; Recreational opportunities for youth; recreational facilities for young children, folks, students; Centers and recreational places for youth and seniors; More parks, green space for recreation; <i>Our parks. We need to maintain the area known as the Las Cruces Country Club as "open space, green space" as a public golf course, and/or premier park. To develop that area into high density housing and strip malls would be a travesty!</i> ; Pools; A need for a modern indoor swimming pool. The proposed regional aquatic center will not contain a swimming pool (therapy and splash only)
14	<b>Planning-</b> Long range planning; Regional and city planning; Vision, planning; Planning and control development; Planning for development which doesn't happen now; Planning and flood control; No development in flood zones; Planning for growth and infrastructure; Planning for parks; Planning with all community rather than primarily economic development organizations; Land use planning and sticking to it; Land use planning - farmland preservation; Local government and thoughtful planning for growth; Planned land use, water conservation, loss of agricultural land
13	<b>Public Safety-</b> More police surveillance (3); Police enforcement; Police response and protection; Orientation for youth in gangs and adults and families; More orientation for youth in gangs and about the consequences of drugs, alcoholism and violence; Crime; Safety (2); Need better police and fire protection for colonias; In El Paseo area - major parking lots are a scandal - so broken up almost dangerous to both cars and people. A heavy traffic area that people need
9	<b>Flood management-</b> Flooding and stormwater need to be taken care of; Flood, drainage and erosion control; Developers should be responsible for storm drains in developments; Plan for flood management and projects (water control) before development

8	<b>Jobs-</b> Low wages; Wages; Better paying jobs; Better and more employment; Professional opportunities outside of education, healthcare and engineering; Bringing in companies that will supply higher paying jobs to attract and retain an educated population and keep NMSU graduates from moving away; Work for people in the community; I would also say employment opportunities and money distribution. There's a huge difference in lower and upper classes, but no middle class.
8	<b>Transportation-</b> Transportation in rural communities; Movement around Las Cruces; Transportation to Mexico and El Paso; Finding ways so people can drive less; International airport needed- direct flights to major cities
7	<b>Appearance-</b> Some residential cleanliness; Clean-up the community; Clean-up/fix up older neighborhoods; Clean up <besides Betty McKnight>; Round down houses and empty buildings- downtown and surroundings
7	<b>Commercial development-</b> Helter skelter (unplanned) commercial areas; Invite commercial (quality grocery stores, services, etc.); We need stores better than Fiesta about whole food with quality and trader joe, we have too many Walmarts; Business/dime store, Target, clothing store; More community centers, stores, services within walking distance; Development of more services and shopping opportunities and arts/performing arts opportunities and entertainment opportunities
7	<b>Open Space-</b> Open spaces; Preserving open space, defining development requirements, connecting trails and arroyos; Protection of the natural environment as we grow; Preserve/protect open space (Citizens' Proposal), contain sprawl, improve traffic flow; Preserve most sensitive lands w/o stifling economic growth; Preserve open space; Retention of open space (wilderness for lack of parks, clean green energy options availability of local grown vegetables, investment in youth)
7	<b>Public transportation-</b> County-wide public transportation; Public transportation in Doña Ana and counties around; Access to public transportation
6	<b>Agriculture-</b> Protect agriculture; Preservation of agriculture; Preservation of agricultural land, control of development; Protection of the agricultural industry including river and ground water quality and drainage; Agricultural land preservation and enhancements related to that; Dairy areas
6	<b>Housing-</b> Affordable housing; Lack of affordable housing
6	<b>Traffic-</b> Traffic patterns; Traffic flow; Traffic infrastructure; Traffic noise; Ticket motorcycles etc. with no mufflers so that housing isn't useless within 200 yards of busy streets; Traffic safety
6	<b>Trails-</b> Securing open space and trails; Develop a multi-use trail system along the canals and river would be great; Trails and access to mountains and rivers and natural beauty; Walkways between developments; Hiking trail system; Trails for cyclists and pedestrians
6	<b>Water conservation-</b> Water management; Water needs routed so it can be used; Clear accurate determination of how much water availability there is or will continue to be; Force developers through code to put in gray water systems and water conservation plumbing
5	<b>Code enforcement-</b> Ordinances need to be put into place so that the Comp Plan and Vision 2040 can be the tools they were intended to be. Every developer should know upfront what is expected of from zoning to infrastructure to parks to sidewalks, etc. ; Spotty zoning; Stricter with animals; More strict with dry grass yard; Protecting laws and keeping to character
5	<b>Education/Schools-</b> Adult education center (City College)

4	<b>Attitudes-</b> The all too often very inefficient, arrogant attitude of city/county employees; Attitude of residents who take our wild areas for granted (and mistreat the land) including developers who do not understand this; Openmindedness; Quality/caring for what we have and planned
3	<b>Chance to improve quality of life;</b> Improved living conditions/roads for colonia residents; Functional communities that contain nearby services. A lot of newer homes are in large sections with no stores or gas stations or other services nearby.
3	<b>Environmental conservation-</b> Preservation of physical character (agricultural land, mountains); Retention of natural desert features; Wetlands creation with stormwater, restoration of riparian habitat along the Rio Grande
3	<b>Everything;</b> The whole community
3	<b>Infill development-</b> Focusing on development of a City center (heart) instead of the sprawl up Highway 70. Improve and renovate what we have; Stopping outside development, instead do infill development; Building on empty lots
4	Communication and public input; Participation of community; The openness of county and city government to citizen input and not just development; Public officials finding what people truly are interested in
2	<b>Comprehensive Plan-</b> Open analysis SO state, county and regional agencies on same page; Adhering to the Comprehensive Plans that are made; Developers stick to Comprehensive Plans
2	<b>Sustainability-</b> multi-modal transit, renewable energy, water reclamation, live-work-play-learn, recreate in every neighborhood; Sustainable neighborhoods
	Emergency services- 911, ambulance service, fire dept
	End of the ETZ/MPO tyranny
	Environmental, air and water improvements. Take out the chemical plant!!!
	Healthcare services
	Incorporation
	More social services
	Preserving assets
	Senior centers
	Sense of pride
	Services in transportation, water, recycling, conservation
	The dairy farms create a lot of health problems, and flooding is horrible.
	The restaurants
	Urban structure

### Why would you move?

19	<b>Career opportunities</b> - Work; Employment; Job; Job offer; Only for a job; Better wages; Economic reasons, higher paying jobs; Lack of professional opportunity; To get a professional level job
6	<b>Family</b> - To be closer to family; Change in family circumstances; Children out of school; Follow kids
6	<b>Growth</b> - Too much development; Destruction of the County with rampant development; If city growth goes bad; If this community becomes another Phoenix; Las Cruces is getting too big, too dirty, too polluted; Overcrowding potential; Too crowded; Too many people, not what it was; Want to live in a smaller community
6	<b>Would not move</b> - Can't imagine; In a casket; Dragged off
5	<b>Other places</b> - Northeast of ETZ Baylor Cyr.; Arizona or Texas; I like Las Cruces-but also Las Vegas and Silver City, NM; We miss the ocean; When I retire...to my cabin in Nogal
3	<b>Air quality</b> - effect on partner; Bad air quality
3	<b>Crime</b> - If City becomes unsafe
3	<b>Water</b> - Water issue scares me; Lack of environmental resources, eg. Water
2	<b>Character</b> - The character of area changed to a Pheonix; The character of area changed to big sprawling cities like Tucson, Albuquerque, Pheonix
2	<b>Climate</b> - It's too big, no snow; Cooler climate
2	<b>Culture</b> - lack of culture; Lack of cultural stimulation
2	High density subdivisions
2	Loss of open spaces/trails; loss of natural/agricultural resources
2	<b>Marriage</b> - Marriage/Other opportunity
2	<b>Seek innovation</b> - Lack of support/innovation; more innovation
	Flood out
	Get away-more land in property
	Land closers
	Military
	More established neighborhood
	Poor implementation of planning
	Retirement
	School
	Socialism growth
	Too old- nursing home

**Where in the County do you live (neighborhood or community)?**

9	Las Cruces; Las Cruces near Holy Cross School; Las Cruces neighborhood; Las Cruces, near East Side; Neighborhood in Las Cruces
8	Otero
6	Chaparral
6	Doña Ana
5	Dos Sueños; Dos Suenos Estates- East Mesa
5	Hatch
5	High Range; Las Cruces: The Ridge-High Range/East Mesa
4	Alameda
4	Anthony
4	East Mesa
4	Mesilla
4	Neighborhood
4	Talavera
4	Telshor Area; East Telshor Blvd; Telshor Hill, Las Cruces
3	East Mesa Equestrian Estates
3	Elks Club area
3	La Mesa
3	Mesquite; Mesquite historic neighborhood
2	Del Cerro
2	Downtown Las Cruces
2	ETZ- West Mesa; south of A mountain
2	Las Alturas
2	Las Colinas
2	Las Cruces, Country Club area; Old Country Club off N Main
2	NMSU
2	Outskirts of Mesilla; Outside of Mesilla neighborhood
2	Sonoma Ranch
2	South of Mesilla Park
2	University area; University Mesa
	"The Planets" Four Hills area, NE- Del Rey Blvd. and Highway 70
	Arrowhead Estates
	Britney Estates. South part of Las Cruces.
	Canyon Point Subdivision
	Chaparral Indian Hills
	Community
	Country Club on N Main
	Doña Ana County
	Doña Ana East Side of I-25
	Dos Lagos subdivision

East of Las Cruces
El Paso County
Fairacres
Farm area
Good Samaritan
Hacienda Acres
Holman/Blue Topaz
Jornada North
Las Altinas
Leasburg
Mayfield area
Mesa Development-old
Mesa La Jolla development
Mesilla Hills
Mirasol Estates
North Alameda (Mayfield High School)
North Del Rey in Pinos townhome
North Elks Drive (County)
North Valley
NW
Outside of Hatch
Palmas St.
Paseo Real Drive
Picacho Hills
Radium Springs/Fort Selden
Rural
Rural No. Valley
Salopek
Summit Chase
Sunland Park
Tortugas
Unincorporated
Village
Water Lane - Pecans
West Mesa Escarpment south of I-10
West Picacho

**Where do you work? Other:**

29	Retired; Retired from White Sands
8	Don't work; I am disabled; No; None
7	Chaparral
6	Anthony
5	NMSU
3	At home
3	Mesquite
2	Mexico
	County
	Del Cerro
	Doña Ana
	Hatch
	Mesilla
	New Mexico
	Otero County
	Radium Springs
	Rincon
	Santa Teresa
	TORC, Hatch, Anthony, Deming, Chaparral and Sunland Park
	Village of Doña Ana

**Are there any other issues we should know about as we proceed with the Regional Planning Project?**

<p>30 <b>Transportation-</b> Traffic; Traffic flow; Traffic planning; Traffic noise; Lack of new transportation issues- loop need solutions; Loop for traffic circulation; Build out of trans circulation routes around the city for better access; Transportation for farm seasonal workers among every one living in the Hatch area; Transportation between El Paso, Las Cruces and Albuquerque; Mass transit to El Paso; Rail transportation; Impact of ... railroad on future planning for roads and growth; Public transportation/Public transit (3); public transportation from El Paso to Chaparral; Public buses; Sidewalks (2); Bike lanes and sidewalks please!; Bicycle as transportation integrated into the road system; Paved roads (2); Roads; Public roads; Road improvements</p>
<p>19 <b>Water-</b> Water is key!; Water: what's the story?; Water resources!; Lack of water resources; Potable water; We need a real assessment of potable water availability; Water reserves are not accurately known. Availability of adequate supply of water. Conservation practices were not really included in the exercise we did; Water conservation (3); Salvage surface water; Where is our review of 40-year water plan for the City? Shouldn't growth be guided by our available resources to support it?; Water: please look into the sustainability of our region from a water and local agriculture perspective. There are many models of sustainability out there. Connie Falk is an expert at NMSU in this area. Please consult with experts like her or others. Thanks; Water usage is prime: how do we need to enforce existing regulations and/or write new ones to protect supply? Secondly, I hate, hate, hate developers scraping all desert vegetation. Could at least a "green belt" of natural vegetation be retained?; River: needs water for ecological restoration; EBID should be a partner in the process as they have the greatest potential to accommodate the demand for wetlands and other riparian habitat; A major arroyo preservation plan is needed to address stormwater, development and open space preservation; Existing arroyo plans that have been proposed should be implemented</p>
<p>16 <b>Economic development-</b> Economics!; Economic development is very important; The gap between needs and resources is large and growing. We need to address wants/needs, but also need to think about the economy and tax base; Believe in opportunity; Commercial business; Encourage green, locally owned industries and or businesses- thank you for the opportunity to give input; Sustainability; Sustainable agriculture is very important, encourage farmers economically; Need to set aside land for business parks near the University; Compatibility with the military requirements, might want to look at Office of Economic Adjustment website on available funding on land use studies; Development of nuclear power plant on WSMR with tie in to energy corridor; South County industrial development-Santa Teresa. Build it into the plans; Binational development involving Juárez, Santa Teresa and Sunland Park-involving major manufacturing and many 100,000 housing units and free trade zone; Boost county economy by highlighting history, agriculture, culture of area through tourism; Las Cruces has a large equestrian community- this is a resource which can be developed as a tourist attraction and preserved as a cultural value; There is no industry</p>

15	<p><b>Growth management-</b> Excessive sprawl: unnecessary in many situations; Prevent urban sprawl; Lack of planned growth; Spread retail out to where people live; Build new homes where things don't grow; Address existing areas needing improvement prior to allowing growth, protect historical or customs, do not add more problems without address current issues/problem areas. Allow growth reasonably and well thought out. Do not change to benefit a few but include those who are not represented or views addressed (locals); I believe the City and County should dictate how future annexations should be developed- not developers or landowners who are only thinking of their own profit; Limit property taxes- control development with supported infrastructure; Development should not be approved without money escrowed for infrastructure- roads, schools. Ex. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. should have been completed long ago; The rapid growth of the population of illegal immigrants adds tremendous burden to public schools and services; Please contact El Paso officials for the projection growths from Texas</p>
15	<p><b>Recreation-</b> Yes, we need more programs for the children and youths; Sports complex in Sunland Park, recreational facilities and sport fields in the rest of the County; Recreation centers (2); Develop specific ideas for locations for community centers (libraries, senior centers, sports venues); Gym (3); Parks (2); More parks, more pools; Need a municipal golf course, and/or a premier park; More green space; Many people come here as "snow birds" to participate in outdoor activities like cycling</p>
10	<p><b>Public Health-</b> A hospital (4); Level one trauma center at one of the hospitals; Access to healthcare facilities and services (2); Services to individuals w/ disabilities; Include aspects of how the built environment impacts the health of its residents. We want an environment that promotes health; Health issues</p>
9	<p><b>Housing-</b> Housing: residential improvement; Affordable housing; More affordable housing opportunities; Affordable housing, implementation by ordinance; Assisted living centers (seniors); Housing for farm seasonal workers among every one living in the Hatch area; No business permits in middle of homes</p>
9	<p><b>Public safety-</b> Safety; Gangs; Law enforcement; No law enforcement; More police; Emergency services (2); Emergency equipment; Police need classes in proper driving. How can the citizens be expected to drive safely, when they see officers speeding, tailgating, making illegal turns, etc.</p>
8	<p><b>Education/Schools-</b> Education (2); Lack of education; Job training (2); Improve skills throughout the workforce; Need to look for more schools because the population is growing with the same schools; School-siting is a complete wild card in this process, which drives development in unpredictable and unplanned ways; Need community college: education is the key to the future</p>
8	<p><b>Governance-</b> More responsive community government; A responsive Doña Ana County to the rurals needs; Downtown revitalization will severely impact my neighborhood. Thus far, all neighborhood input which was provided at City charettes etc. has been steadfastly ignored; Implementation of good plans by enough qualified personnel cooperating with the neighborhoods; The MPO have drawn lines on a map that allow the City to take personal property without compensation; The City/County should have a strong, enforced ethics code. The builders/developers/realtors/bankers exert too much pressure pn city/county officials/employees; Remember this is a border area affected by both US and M; The communities do NOT exist in a box- they share a huge "hydraulic system" and all issues of needs and service; Joint use airport - commercial flights and naval aviation training needs to happen</p>

8	<b>Infrastructure-</b> Lighting; Sewer; Existing [water] systems need maintenance and repair; Improve the water treatment plant; Storm water collection; Drainage (2) and a sewage treatment plant; Plan for building in energy production via wind/solar/biomass.
8	<b>Planning-</b> The ETZ is too large. 1 mile maximum, not 5; Lack of community services; Land use; Zoning issues and enforcement; Mixed use/high density development for preserving open space and reducing cost of living; I like the Albuquerque Centers and Corridors Planning Model; New Mexico rates poorly relative to other states: poverty, school dropout rates, health services. These characteristic should be considered in this study; If this is part of an overall plan, there should be markers and assessments along the years to see what changes and/or are we on track. Also, accountability on our plan by leaders to be; Time developers have to finalize and turn subdivision to the county; BLM plans regarding public land use in the county
7	<b>Include Otero County in this project-</b> How about Otero County?; Chaparral encompasses two counties- Doña Ana and Otero. We are a community. This plan only applies to Doña Ana and is divisive. You cannot plan our city without taking into [consideration] both counties; Collaboration with Otero County (Chaparral is divided between Doña Ana and Otero Counties)
7	<b>Preservation/Conservation-</b> Preserve farmland; Preserving natural resources; Land use- preserve open space; Wildlife:- need to plan for long term conservation; It would be nice to have ordinances that rewarded developers who left native vegetation in place (no mass grading!); Propose realistic program to cooperate w/EBID to preserve agricultural land and use ditches as recreation and alternative transportation.
6	<b>Trails-</b> Multipurpose trails needed; We need trail access to be preserved as development occurs so we can walk/ride/bike/ to open spaces, mountains, rivers; Planning for recreation corridors for biking, horses, walkers (non-motorized activity) throughout the county; There's a need for bike paths and walking/running paths throughout the City of Las Cruces; Connection of commercial areas to residential with adequate walking/biking trails; Review NM SCORP and Rio Grande Trail Plan
5	<b>Landfill-</b> We don't want a landfill in the midst of the town; We don't want the landfill in our community; When I say this it's because the landfill is a problem to the entire community and projects for the future; No landfill in Chaparral; Also to look into the contamination that landfill is provoking to the environment and community residents.
4	<b>Chaparral-</b> Chaparral needs to be incorporated; Dust storm control, wastewater system is not yet in place: High school needs to take their waste over the mountains to Vado! No development can occur without a sewage system; Vacant properties in Chaparral
3	<b>Colonias-</b> You should investigate colonia problems, loop holes, neglect; We don't want to be a colonia; Get rid of colonia status.
3	<b>Historic/ Cultural Preservation-</b> Preservation of historic areas; Protection for stretches of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro; Maintain native cultures/heritage
2	<b>Flood Management-</b> Flood effects in arroyo (rain surges) have never been tested since major construction; Flood protection
2	<b>Recent Vision 2040 public meetings-</b> You should have a secretary at each table, there are details that you might be missing; this was a difficult project because Radium Springs wasn't on the map and I kept mixing up countywide issues and specifics of area from Garfield to Rincon.
2	<b>Recycling-</b> Developing a recycling program for the community; We need curbside recycling

in which we can sell our trash to pay for the program.
Beautification and pride in community
Get rid of non-licensed, roadside sales, food, clothing, etc.
I spend half the year here
THIS IS THE UNITED STATES
Town of Mesilla is in the heart of county need to be part of the plan!
Yes- I know of no one else with my personal and professional knowledge of this region, where I have been consulting planner for over 30 years.