

#	2024 Community Survey Question 12 Responses	Response Category (Primary)
	<i>What aspects of Sumas do you think could use improving?</i>	
1	Overall improvement of curb appeal throughout the City.	Curb Appeal
2	Flood mitigation	Flood
3	sidewalks	Infrastructure
4	New roads	Infrastructure
5	Become less dependent upon neighboring communities. More flood prevention	Business
6	Roads, sidewalks. More local businesses	Infrastructure
7	More diverse businesses. Keeping sidewalks clear.	Business
8	Roads, make more of an effort to make sure people STOP at stop signs and no speeding and m	Infrastructure
9	Nothing	
10	Business increase such as more eateries and different varieties	Business
11	More small business	Business
12	CHILDCARE CENTER!	Business
13	Downtown buildings/ another restaurant	Business
14	It just looks run down. Home owners need to take more pride in their properties. Some businesses do too.	Curb Appeal
15	hardware/lumber store, more businesses, pedestrian crossing-update/lighting at front and badger intersections	Business
16	More road lights along roads and sidewalks. And hardware/home and garden spot (chs)	Infrastructure
17	Hovel rd bridge	Infrastructure
18	Activities	Business
19	Clean up and update storefronts on Cherry st, a fast food restaurant would be nice.	Curb Appeal
20	N/A	
21	Fiber optics infrastructure	Infrastructure
22	Sidewalks empty business locations cleaned up	Infrastructure
23	The Canadians blocking the intersections.	Border
24	Modernization - more than one service provider for different utilities	Infrastructure
25	Better flood prevention	Flood
26	Security	
27	ACCESS TO NEEDS	Business
28	Filling the empty building or get rid of them. They are a eye sore	Business
29	Restaurant options, gym	Business
30	Flood prevention	Flood
31	Noise from industry	Nuisance
32	More business' and roads	Business

33	I would love to see more zoning for further business development as well as some road and public works improvement. I know that the 2021 flood did major damage to our infrastructure and that continues to be repaired but we still have a long way to go. I also think that some city ordinances regarding curb appeal would be welcomed. Most residences of Sumas take very good care of their home and property, however many others seem to be growing a junk yard on their front lawn this is quite an eye sore to otherwise lovely neighborhoods.	Infrastructure
34	Help to rebuild after the flood.	Flood
35	More things to do	Business
36	The obvious - I understand the flood in 2021 was really bad - but needed is businesses - restaurants; bar/brewer/cidery; closed buildings cleaned up. This town has incredible potential. Maybe a dedicated fair / event / festival - yearly or quarterly. Something that brings people in and provides business and future opportunities.	Business
37	Communication from city hall regarding growth	Growth
38	Not informed enough or familiar enough to answer.	
39	Any business growth is good business growth	Business
40	Some Cherry Street buildings are derelict	Curb Appeal
41	Recreation	Recreation
42	Need more business. Looks like 10 buildings will be torn down when CBP will build a new Port at Sumas. If they are building a bigger Port due to not only to replace the old port but also due to traffic coming from Canada has picked up throughout the years. What does Sumas have to offer as for businesses with this traffic coming through. Blaine and Lynden both have got new businesses for their city.	Business
43	Flood mitigation	Flood
44	Flooding plan	Flood
45	accessibility to community services such as banking, super market, and improved public transportation	Business
46	Homes look run down. Yards need to be taken care of. Broken down vehicles parked in yards for extended periods of time. Clear the creeks out.	Curb Appeal
47	Light pollution, particularly around the rodeo grounds.	Nuisance
48	Affordable housing	Housing
49	Prices are not competitive, must improve flooding issue	Business
50	"Larger" Sumas Days --> Again	Events
51	Cost of living	Housing
52	Housing in our community is not good for seniors, too many steps	Housing
53	resolution to floods, noise mitigation, no banks	Flood
54	Solving the flooding problem	Flood
55	Streets	Infrastructure
56	Active flood control measures	Flood
57	Flood Control	Flood
58	Some road conditions, and the 'spot-flooding' in winter.	Infrastructure
59	Creek cleaning and dredging	Flood
60	Parking, yards, too many cars everywhere	Curb Appeal
61	no more garbage trains	Industry
62	Better flood control	Flood

63	Street & sidewalk repair	Infrastructure
64	Fixing the bridge on hovel rd.	Infrastructure
65	I think clearing snow could be better. After the big snow this winter the Canadian side was cleared promptly, but me and many others were stuck in our cul de sacs for 3+ days. Also, there are a lot of sidewalks in not-great condition, or missing ADA ramps.	Infrastructure
66	More places to shop	Business
67	more activity throughout the year	Events
68	More sidewlaks, bike lanes, youth center, coffee shop, book store, shopping mall, improved bus service, enforcement of by-laws so homeowners maintain trees, garbage removal + maintenance	Infrastructure
69	Walking Trails	Recreation
70	Seem to have too many policemen, for city size/needs, given Border Patrol + County, Some roads need re-paving, not keen on tree pollarding	Infrastructure
71	Affordability of Housing	Housing
72	Access to Industrial Elec Rates	Business
73	Larger/Regional Grocery Store	Business
74	flood situation, clean up Cherry & Curb appeal	Flood
75	Neighbors need to keep things clean. Lots of dirty houses that cause rats. Roads, sidewalks, more crosswalks. Would also like to see a youth center. I thought this was the plan already but no word since covid.	Curb Appeal
76	Don't Build a new customs building and/or shut down during construction	Border
77	Dedicated walking trails.	Recreation
78	Clean River and Ditches	Infrastructure
79	Streets especially Fisk st + spur	Infrastructure
80	Downtown.	Business
81	Good for Now.	
82	Storm water system	Infrastructure
83	Sports (soccer fields)	Recreation
84	Rail road crossing on barbo, Noise level enforcement of industrial businesses after 10pm	Infrastructure
85	growth & home maintenance requirements	Growth
86	Fixing the flooding problem Stop hauling load and load of gravel in	Flood
87	need more parks/playgrounds on North end of town	Recreation
88	Landscaping and we need more businesses + variety store with hardware supplies.	Curb Appeal
89	Commercial Business Development and Street Improvements	Business
90	Sumas pride, get rid of junk on yards and now on the streets, vehicles parked indefinitely, Cherry street clean up from weeds, vacant lots unkept	Curb Appeal
91	Quality of life, community events and resources	Recreation
92	The city of Sumas needs to stop acting like an HOA. The past notice of legal action for slow post-flood cleanup deserves a response. You do notice the City never mows by the bridge & notice the high weeds at the City yard. Relax with the rules! Certain people were targeted while others still haven't cleaned up - What gives?	Curb Appeal
93	Closed stores + Some home's yards cleaned up!!	Curb Appeal
94	Less industrial noise + pollution	Nuisance
95	Better upkeep on roads, sidewalks, store fronts, ditches + cleanliness. Dedicated walk trail	Curb Appeal