# Survey Results: Downtown Chanhassen

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**457**
**Total Participants**
425 of 677 initially invited (63%)
32 others
Margin of error: ± 5%

Applied Filter:
**Locals only**
Participants for filter:
**391**

**Response Time (hours)**

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Target Participants:
**All Chanhassen**

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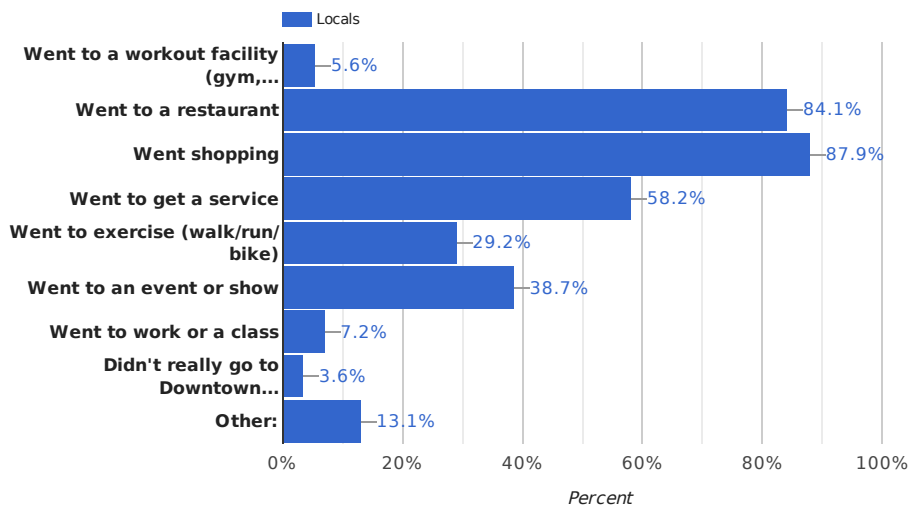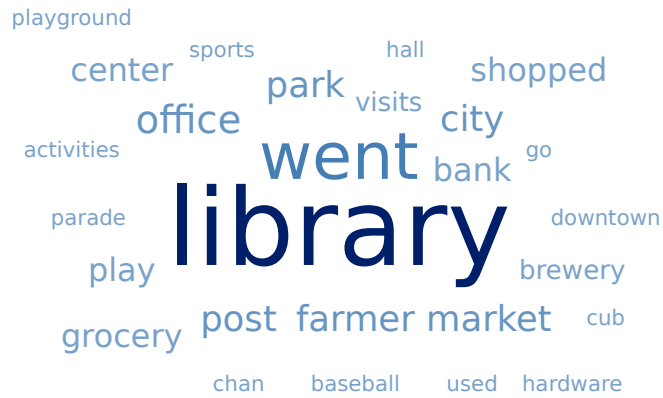**Q1** Downtown Chanhassen is about 110 acres in the general vicinity of Hwy 101 and Hwy 5 of Chanhassen, bound on the south by Highway 5, on the west by Powers Blvd, and on the east by Great Plains Blvd.

In the last 12 months, which of the following, if any, did you do regularly in Downtown Chanhassen? (Choose all that apply)

(390 responses by )

| Options | Locals (390) |
|---|---|
| Went to a workout facility (gym, yoga, pilates, etc.) | 5.6% (22) |
| Went to a restaurant | 84.1% (328) |
| Went shopping | 87.9% (343) |
| Went to get a service | 58.2% (227) |
| Went to exercise (walk/run/bike) | 29.2% (114) |
| Went to an event or show | 38.7% (151) |
| Went to work or a class | 7.2% (28) |
| Didn't really go to Downtown Chanhassen regularly/much | 3.6% (14) |
| Other: | 13.1% (51) |

playground

center    sports    hall    shopped

park    visits    city

office

activities    went    bank    go

parade    library    downtown

play    brewery

grocery    post    farmer market    cub

chan    baseball    used    hardware

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Grocery shopped

just a note but a visual would have been helpful to highlight what you mean by downtown

Mostly grocery shopping.

Went to Chan Brewery

Visited the library and city hall

Meetings at City Hall

Went to the library

Went to the library.

library

LIbrary, brought kids to/from school and activities

Went to the Library

Drive through to look at decorations

City Office

library, hardware store, hair stylist, rarely to Cub because it's in poor condition; L&B expensive

Went to bank

Festivals, library, egg hunt, parade, and playing hockey at rink

Went to the Library

Went to library, Bar, brewery

Went to the library

Senior Center and library

Library, post office

Farmers Market!!

library and post office

Grocery shopped

Only for Americana (our business bank) Cub Foods and Merlins Hardware

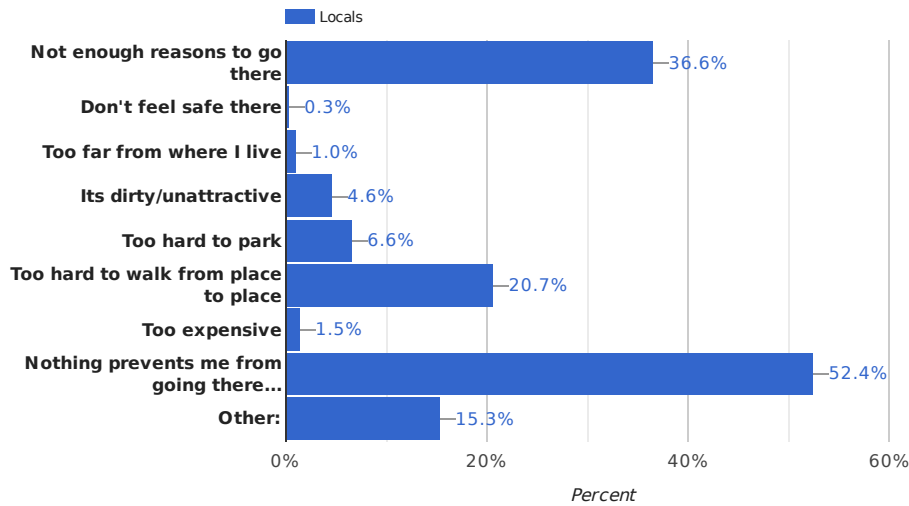library, using a park for non-exercise reasons (reading)

Used the baseball fields

Went to the skate park/Chan ES playground

Library, Farmer's Market

Great Plains Bkvd is the min street, is the library part of downtown?

Visited city center park for youth baseball

Library and Farmers Market

Library

Community event (farmers market, concert, July 4)

Library

Went to the Library

Play Pokémon Go; went to library and post office

Library

library

Chiropractor

Library

Need better restaurants, not just franchise-type. We go to Eden Prairie, Victoria, and Excelsior.

Sports practices and parks

Caribou

Library

Library

post office, library, bank, dentist,

library and farm stand

library checking out books; music at library;

Grocery shopping

Went to Library

## Q2 What, if anything, prevents you from going to Downtown Chanhassen more often? (You can choose up to FOUR)

(391 responses by )

| Options | Locals (391) |
|---|---|
| Not enough reasons to go there | 36.6% (143) |
| Don't feel safe there | 0.3% (1) |
| Too far from where I live | 1.0% (4) |
| Its dirty/unattractive | 4.6% (18) |
| Too hard to park | 6.6% (26) |
| Too hard to walk from place to place | 20.7% (81) |
| Too expensive | 1.5% (6) |
| Nothing prevents me from going there more often | 52.4% (205) |
| Other: | 15.3% (60) |

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| Too expensive | 1.5% |
| Nothing prevents me from going there... | 52.4% |
| Other: | 15.3% |

0%    20%    40%    60%

*Percent*

unique good pedestrian store chan doesn need
walkable feel like hwy sometimes enough
cub town parks lot go
walk social options groceries highway
excelsior downtown live poor
sidewalks crossing strip
attract office destination
place lack mall
traffic local
business street chain area main

Retired. Limit to what we can do downtown in terms of cost for restaurants, Chanhassen Dinner.

I live in Chan but it is too far to walk. I would like to live closer/walkable distance to downtown

Traffic getting to/in/out at rush hour

What constitutes Downtown is really the question

No real quality resturants or entertainment. Not a social environment. City doesn't have a vision.

Need more resteraunts

I wish downtown Chanhassen was less commercial and had more unique character - like Excelsior.

Poor behavior by drivers (risky left turns, running red lights) and overall congestion.

No parks or splash pad for the kids!!

Stay away at certain times of the day because of crazy traffic situation

Basics are groceries, hardware store, office supplies, pedicures occasional restaurant.

Unsafe for cyclists/pedestrians

Chan doesn't have a "downtown", or a High Street. Is a collection of Strip malls.

Highway 5 as a barrier

No central "downtown" area like excelsior or wayzata

Walkable and livable. I lived in the Venue for a spell and literally HAD to drive to Cub

Not laid out for walking and shopping. Just banks, liquor and smoking shops. Sad that the theatre i

Restaurant selection is awful

Need more things to shop, eat and do in general. We go to Eden Prairie a lot!

Lack of business variety

Sometimes lack of handicap parking but mainly because of health issues.

Not pedestrian friendly. No connecting sidewalks.

We live just south of Hwy 5 and the pedestrian bridge isn't super close and crossing hwy 5 is scary

n/a

Downtown is like a strip mall, it has no soul

The town is disjointed, lacks character. There is no invitingcentral place to go. Too car centric.

I bike the sidewalks at W 78th to get to places. A trail would help make downtown my destination.

It feels a bit disjointed

Not the shops I frequent such as woman's clothing, fabric, crafts, home goods

So much of downtown is big box, which is not attractive. In other words, giant parking lots.

Downtown area feelers

There isn't a "destination" downtown to attract me.

The downtown feels more like a series of stripmalls rather than a synergistic downtown

Main street socks. Told them when they built it.

Traffic! Too many hot spot intersections.

My reasons now are very tactical (i.e. grab carryout, shopping, or post office) vs social

Lack of destination outside of service oriented places

Not enough good restaurants

One negative to our city, there is no Main Street like Hopkins. With walkable sidewalks and stores

Too many chain businesses- prefer Excelsior's local businesses

Traffic

More restaurants, maybe a night club. Get the breweries downtown verses the edge of town.

Traffic is a nightmare. Dangerous situations, especially on Great Plains Blvd and Hwy 5.

Restaurants are mostly chains. Not exactly a group of shops that you wander down a street to look

Not enough good quality restaurants.

It just feels too commercialized with chain stores rather than unique local shops.

People constantly run red lights!!!

Total lack of options

Want more sit down restaurants

Other than groceries or banking, not much reason

Beggars on 101 and Hwy 5

Long stoplights at highway 5 are a deterrent

It does not feel like a downtown or at least what I think of.

It's not walkable, not a true downtown feel

Traffic is bad in downtown Chan and businesses are not close enough together to walk between shops

EDC to upscale retail offerings..cub and market square is VERY outdated and provide poor options

I already go frequently.
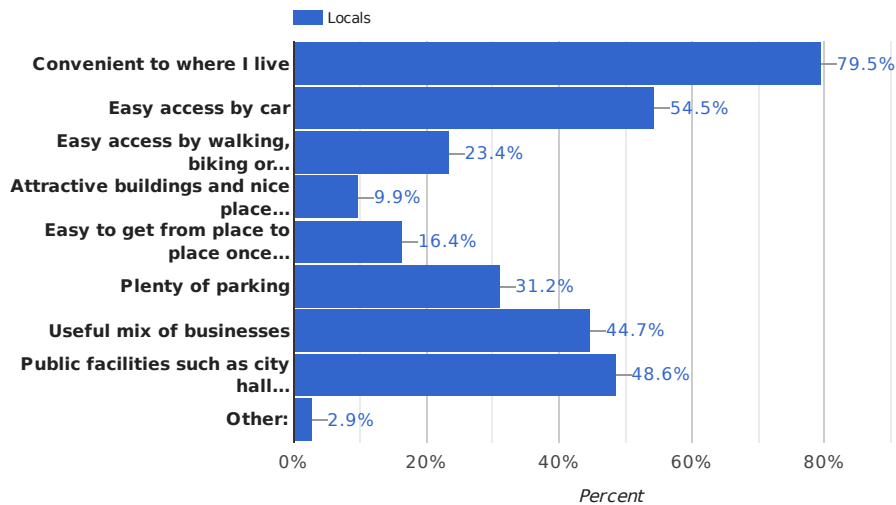
Crossing 5 is sometimes a challenge

Boring, no fun walking areas or shops

road layout is complicated and annoying, particularly by great plains blvd

## Q3 For you, what are the best features of Downtown Chanhassen now, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR, if any)

(385 responses by )

| Options | Locals (385) |
|---|---|
| Convenient to where I live | 79.5% (306) |
| Easy access by car | 54.5% (210) |
| Easy access by walking, biking or transit | 23.4% (90) |
| Attractive buildings and nice place to be | 9.9% (38) |
| Easy to get from place to place once I'm there | 16.4% (63) |
| Plenty of parking | 31.2% (120) |
| Useful mix of businesses | 44.7% (172) |
| Public facilities such as city hall or library | 48.6% (187) |
| Other: | 2.9% (11) |

Its nothing like spending time in Excelsior or Wayzata; probably have to tear down and start over!

The apartment building is unactractive

Chan really missed with 78th street - the parking lot placement unsightly, can't show off businesse

It's not cluttered with big or dense buildings.

Bank and groceries

Items 3,4,5&7 are missing.

The grounds around the library are attractive.
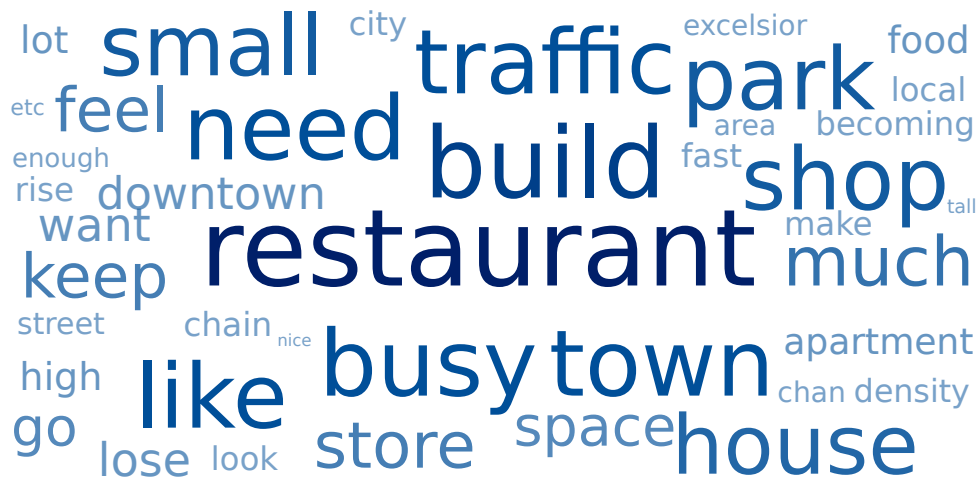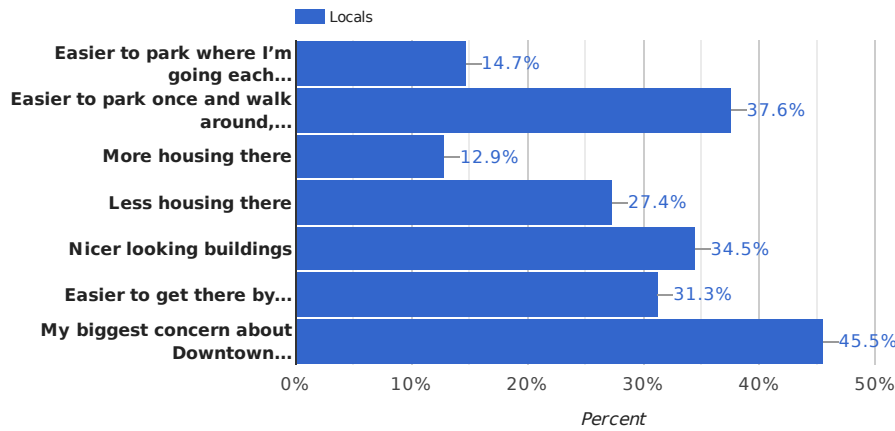
I try to avoid the so-called "downtown."

Community events

Lunds, Cub, US Bank, Pharmacy, stopped using Target

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**Q4**   Thinking of Downtown Chanhassen ten years from now, which of the following changes would be most important to you, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR)

(380 responses by )

| Options | Locals (380) |
|---|---|
| Easier to park where I'm going each time, with buildings more spread out | 14.7% (56) |
| Easier to park once and walk around, with buildings denser/taller/closer to the street | 37.6% (143) |
| More housing there | 12.9% (49) |
| Less housing there | 27.4% (104) |
| Nicer looking buildings | 34.5% (131) |
| Easier to get there by walking/biking/transit | 31.3% (119) |
| My biggest concern about Downtown Chanhassen changing is: | 45.5% (173) |

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Easier to park once and walk around,... —37.6%
More housing there —12.9%
Less housing there —27.4%
Nicer looking buildings —34.5%
Easier to get there by... —31.3%
My biggest concern about Downtown... —45.5%

Percent



Too many tall and clustered apartments/houses!

Bettet dining

Might b e interested in senior living downtown in a few years so we could walk to shopping, etc.

Traffic/loss of parking

Want more destinations - food, entertainment, etc.

To much walking and high end establishments

Greater ability to charge electric cars

Not a concern, but there is no Soul to downtown. No Central Park and center of activity/shops

Look at Victoria and Excelsior. More patios / restaurants. More boutiques

Increase in Taxes, Loss of Small Town and becoming nothing but buildings and empty building

The change will be in the wrong direction and will be something that looks dated too quickly

do not lose the small town feel with too much "big".......more affordable housing is imperative

All the chains, not a robust community center, not really like a downtown

No entertainment area

Business mix, parking, traffic; it will never be Wayzata or Excelsior

Another Eden Prairie/Maple Grove with too many chain restaurant/bargain stores

Congestion and traffic will be worse and accessing groceries, banks, etc. will be difficult.

losing the Dinner Theater

Keeping green spaces, environmentally friendly practices, and I am worried about overcrowding.

They don't listen to citizens

More buildings like the venue taking over. Traffic patterns getting out of hand

Things for kids to do! Splash pad, parks, and indoor playground would be AMAZING!

too much higher density housing going in. Also building height. The apts are too high!

Loosing unique characteristics and locally owned feel.

Lack of condominiums for purchase

It will be too modern and hard to park. I'd like it to feel more like Excelsior.

No cohesive plan on the aesthetics of what is going to be built.

Not having enough charm - we are a small town which we can keep, but need things to bring people in

That it will lose its small town lol and appeal

I don't know

Chan needs to keep the small town feel

Keep out the riff raff

None

No concern necessarily. It just isn't a downtown right now. I'd love to see it look like a classic

Chan needs more better restaurants.

Ugly buildings that are too tall and too many apartments and parking ramps to make it beautiful.

Nothing

Too much traffic and taller buildings - the aptmt by aldi looks out of place. Keep it small town.

Would like quality architecture, no tunnel car washes and no drive thrus

More housing and less 'entertainment' or restaurants or shops

Too many apartments

More businesses and parks.

A central downtown, picturesque, walkable area

Exclusion of people in lower income bracket, not enough diversity.

More traffic

Open, community space withe greenery and resilience built in.

needs an Original Pancake House

Don't want high density or tall buildings & concerned about crime as it moves further out to 'burbs

More restaurants and small stores would be nice.

The city government will mess it up. It's easy to drive, park & get around to the different shops

Hoping it can keep growing into a more typical downtown versus just a suburban group of buildings.

Shoving in too much of everything. If we are going to do something, make mix-use housing/retail.

it will be another Maple Grove. Traffic.

Want to keep the small town feel. The high rise apartment buildings take away from the charm.

NIMBY attitude that is holding back good development. More businesses will make the city better.

More fun places to eat, shop and events going on that will draw people in:

It becoming more crowded.

will loose small town feel, quaint. It is currently attractive & Manuverable, not too much traffic

Too much commercial or high density housing.

Better restaurants

Getting more big box stores. I'd like smaller businesses and more of them like Excelsior's

inadequate planning, city planners pushing agendas rather than allowing property owners to decide

Becoming like Eden Prairie or Bloomington (France Ave area)

What types and quality of stores and businesses will be in town

too many commercial buildings; keep green space, library town hall and ground level parking

More resturants

I like the small town feel.

Density for density's sake, without a strategic plan.

Make it walkable with, outside seating, open space, mimic Excelsior

The sidewalks are too narrow for bicycling along West 78th St. A bike trail is desired.

That it will be a strange mix of different types of developments

Adding a lot of apartment buildings and not enough parking

More traffic

Additional housing would be fine if done with class. Attractive landscaping and streetscaping.

There's not much retail for shopping. Don't add big apartment buildings in the downtown.

Need enough of a reason to go! shopping, groceries, restaurants, etc.

Downtown is a scrambled hodgepodge of stores. Too dysfunctional.

78th St needs to be four lanes in both directions

Density and more drive- throughs

losing the small town, low crime, and attractive environment

Inefficient main street

Losing its Main Street charm due to high rises and dense housing.

Growing too fast and losing its small town feel and appeal

City may be so concerned about the look and feel to the detriment of success of the businesses.

High rise buildings, more cars and less green space

None. It is perfect. No need to change anything.

I would like the downtown area to be more attractive/quaint, have more character

Bring back a movie theater.

how much can you cram into that space? Chan is becoming another Victoria. stop the "progress"

Getting too busy for regular grocery shopping.

There's no walkable street stores that are

Need to build? Cost to build. Increased taxes to Chan property owners.

Adding more restaurants and small businesses

Metro transit trains extending from EP bringing in more crime

Whatever it is, I don't want it to cost me more taxes.

Change

You will add more parking making it less people friendly.

Needs higher density and street front restaurants and shops

Not much for entertainment other than restaurants

Too many people, crowds

Becoming Excelsior when Excelsior already provides the pedestrian shopping experience

More restaurants and bars

Not planning how we use the space. There is so much unused parking and identical businesses

Too much traffic - overpopulation

There is no theme, no character, no main street. Chanhassen is a just cluster of stores.

Loss of green space, especially for more chain businesses.

Would like a year round structure for bathrooms, drinking fountain

Having more locally owned shops and restaurants to give a different offering than surrounding citie

It's becoming too overbuilt, too many competing businesses.

Don't want it to get too crowded with businesses and apartments

More restaurants

Traffic volume on existing streets during peak hours

None

Want to see the chain businesses be replaced by local businesses

Lack of shopping options compared to places like Maple Grove

that it will get over-built. I would prefer to have only a few buildings that are 6 story

Losing local businesses (such as hardware store)

Traffic and being too car-centric

I like Downtown. I'd hate to see taller/denser buildings or large apartment complexes go up.

Increased density often leads to more crime. Keep it open, clean and accessible.

Too much housing, and not enough nice business- I hate that Chanhassen is a strip mall town

Traffic. Speed on W 78th St.

Increase in traffic and crime

I don't want to see more fast food chains. It would make the area generic and boring.

It's not a place to stroll through. The retail shops are not in separate lots.

It is losing character if adding tall buildings for housing and no personality for businesses.

Too much traffic for getting in/out of lots & too small parking lots for traffic

I am pretty satisfied with the way it is. No need to change it.

We don't need high rise apartments.

Amount of housing and parking are just right as they are

Too dense of a living space

low-end stores (vape shops, nail salons, tattoo's) and low-end, subsidized housing

losing the small town feel, we are not an inner ring suburb, so we don't need to look like one

Too many apartments changes the environment of the town.

Becoming too commercialized and overdevelopment.

Aging businesses and not keeping up with current public desires (although this survey is good)

Nothing. Love the services, varied grocery options, and volunteer opportunities thru library & city

Dense housing making us into the next shakopee

We have an odd mix of buildings. It would be nice if things were more attractive, with more curated

increase variety of stores, restaurants, entertainment

Losing the theatre, losing the downtown charm and national chains taking over. Make is special!

A wave of National chains

nothing

Large apartment buildings.

population density. I like eating, shopping, concerts without the huge crowds of larger cities.

Better crosswalks would be nice

Loss of shade trees

Need better restaurants (e.g. Tavern 4&5, Winchester&Rye, Noble Lion,). No more franchise restauran

traffic safety and not routing extra traffic through neighborhoods

High rises going in

Too many fast food or fast casual restaurants. Turns Chan into Prairie Center Drive all over again.

More businesses

Adding lots of additional housing without more trails/open spaces

Parking lots really spread out with traffic issues, No entertainment options beyond dinner theater.

Prefer no more high rise residence buildings.

Not enough nicer sit down restaurants.

No more chain drive through food retailers

too dense; too little open space; more several story bldgs; a bunch of lttle strip malls

I am not concerned but I think of a downtown with restaurants, shopping, etc.

It's a challenge! The current layout doesn't promote visiting like an Excelsior or Hopkins

We need more unique stores and restaurants

Too much visual parking lot. It's not pretty

High density housing. No restrictions.

The entire city needs more sidewalks leading into downtown Chan. Plus safer bike lanes

It will no longer be like a small town.

Too many quick service dining and not enough restaraunts. Would love more of a quaint downtown feel

Wish there was more to do there

Primary streets not handling traffic volume effectively and crossing hwy 5 is a huge pain.

I really hope downtown will be more dense, have more original resturants/stores.

Loss of green space. Too built up.

More restaurants, shops, entertainment

Q5    Any other comments or suggestions about the future of Downtown Chanhassen?
(171 responses by )

place excelsior see retail house store keep
live restaurant park chain small
great lot make area nice need
build downtown love
town walkable
shop chan like go business street
want city let feel chanhassen
food space people traffic look please walk apart green

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I love Downtown Chan how it is mostly, please keep giant apartment buildings and housing complexes away! We need nature and trees and room for people, not just buildings.

Excited to see the changes that will be made in the coming years.

Would be nice to have more entertainment and parking

I would love to see more fun (not chain) restaurants and cute shops. And more walkability would be great too!

Stop building apartment building downtown. The current apartment building has many open units. No one wants to live on the railroad tracks. Let's get small businesses back into downtown Chanhassen, where people can shop around for an afternoon. Chanhassen also needs more restaurants!

79th street access/traffic is difficult to turn left at both intersections. Consider making it one way.

I would like a good family restaurant.

thank you for the opportunity to vote...

Look at best practices for fun and vibrant downtowns. Victoria, Chaska, Excelsior, are all fun places to visit. NO CITY NEEDS MORE APARTMENTS UGH! Please realize HOW EXPENSIVE housing is and keep it to a minimum. We need more restaurants and places with patio seating. We need more cute shopping boutiques. We need more coffee shops! Why doesn't Chanhassen have any (very many) of these? There are no " cute" places for these businesses to lease space from. Honestly just get an intern to do a competitive analysis of what other cities are doing well and where Chanhassen is missing the mark. (restaurants per capita , boutiques per capita, etc). Also Chanhassen really needs to make the city more family friendly. easy parking, easy walking, parks, splash pads, pools, indoor children's play spaces, etc.

We need more retail and restaurants in Downtown Chanhassen. I'm interested in what Avienda will bring to Chanhassen.

Don't feel there is consensus on a master plan. Been going on for too long. City planner and council has not done a good job.

Not looking forward to traffic disruptions and limited access to buildings with possible construction

The nicest thing I like about Chanhassen is the Library, Summer Concerts in the Park, I don't like how hard it is to drive some of the streets and make turns into businesses (scary). Poor planning on streets i.e. Chick-fil-Lay, Holiday gas station, trying to turn into Cub Foods or exit Cub Foods, the motorized skateboards that don't stop at lights or crossings, the bikers who choose not to follow driving laws with stopping at red lights. Before new things in Chanhassen I would suggest taking care of some of the current difficulties with getting around on some of the streets.

Sorry to say, I don't think its fixable without major reconstruction

More non-chain restaurants that offer slightly higher end food and drink menus

Would LOVE to see a Trader Joes!

More things for kids of all ages to do! And attractions that could be both during the summer months as well as the winter months!

We don't need to appease insane builders that want to turn us into mnpls. Keep chanhassen small and local. I want to raise my kids here not worry about a huge population.

Please consider nice condominiums for people wanting to purchase rather than rent and still be downtown.

We are grateful to be a part of this community! I would love there to be less development (like housing), and more resources used for creating green spaces, unique restaurants (ice cream!), investing in environmentally friendly practices (like planting native, pollinator friendly plants and managing invasive species such as buckthorn/garlic mustard), public gardens, etc. The current feel of Downtown Chanhassen is so commercial - commercial businesses, chain restaurants, etc. I would love for it to feel more quaint and more of a destination that I would be happy to spend the day exploring with friends and family - like Excelsior or Stillwater.

No more high density housing in DT Chanhassen. No more tall buildings in DT Chanhassen! This is not a mini Minneapolis and that is why I love Chanhassen.

I agree it needs to change. I hope Chanhassen still keeps its small town feel though. It should not be too modern. It should not look like EP.

We need more unique restaurants and stores, rather than just chains.

Along with the grocery stores, banks and local services - Make it a destination with interesting architecture, green space and unique retail and restaurants that are not big box or chain

It's hard to balance the needs and wants of thousands of people but keep the goal of a smaller town, nice place to love, friendly atmosphere in mind. Just because you can, doesn't mean you should.

Make it actually worth going too. Traffic flow/chaos needs to be improved for pedestrians/cyclists

I think with the spread it lacks the appeal towns like excelsior and Victoria have.

Keep it a small town feel - if we wanted Maple Grove, Eden Prairie or Apple Valley, we would move there. Don't let the Avienda businesses take away from downtown Chan.

Love all the walkability options - coffee shop, wine bar, more patio options, maybe a small open park

Too many apartments

We need a downtown like Stillwater or Excelsior

Free community wellness activities. -inter generational

I think modeling after a downtown like wayzata or excelsior (including a green space and more local restaurants) would attract locals and tourists and make it the most desirable.

A walkable downtown with plenty of trees is important.

Being respectful of the citizens living in the area.

Partner with other organizations to address as many components of urban ecology as possible.

I would like any changes to be very attractive with excellent design & I do not want to see higher density in Downtown Chanhassen.

How do we attract better restaurants? We literally never as a family go to downtown chanhassen to eat. I would argue downtown Victoria has better options!

Fix the roads!

Bringing back an Applebees or similar restaurant would help. Also having a breakfast restaurant option besides the legion would help.

Simple, fix the timing on the left turn light when going east on W 78th ST to east on W 78th St. The left hand turn signal often only allows 3-4 cars through at a time. If there is 4 or more cars, one might have to sit through another cycle of lights even though there are no other cars. It's a waste of time & energy (i.e., gas or electricity)

Please see that it includes lots of trees, grass, flowers, nature.

Tou need to push out more information. I've been out of town ever meeting or I'd go!

Not having multiples of the same businesses. More small business.

more variety of shopping (stores offering a greater variety of goods & services)

Please do not yield to those who want to forbid change and prohibit free-market businesses from opening. It is fine if they want to withhold any tax breaks the city might be asked to provide, but otherwise don't be an obstacle to development.

Please do NOT ban new drive up businesses (like Minneapolis wanted to do or actually did). I like living in Chanhassen.

I really dont think we want to add fast food chains etc. It would be much better to keep small businesses and good parking for the residents. Aldi is somewhat of an eyesore and the parking is not great. Looks a bit trashy compared to the rest of downtown. I think focusing on Green space and places people can gather would be the best option (coffee houses, specialty resteurant with attractive outdoor spaces)

Sidewalks on both sides of the street, and safer walking/biking corridors to get there from south of Hwy 5

Mor AFFORDABLE housing in the form of apartments and/or condominiums

downtown Chanhassen is not appealing. There isn't any charm and nothing giving me a real reason to want to go. Would rather go in to EP or Excelsior.

Take a lesson from Excelsior(minus their parking)... variety of retail and restaurants; architecturally attractive. We are fortunate to already have a parking ramp! No more groceries, banks, liquor stores, gas stations, fast food. Food truck "court" would be fun.

Chan is great the way it is, however I wish there was a directory of all the businesses in Downtown...like published in the paper. That would re-acclimate residents (including myself who is new/3 years living here) to all the choices and options.

I'd like to see Chanhassen resist the efforts afoot to develop like the rest of the metro suburbs. Maybe make Chanhassen more like what was done in Victoria. Nice restaurants (not all fast food), nice bookstore, coffee shops (not Starbucks/Caribou). Something more quaint to make is a pleasant place to visit and walk around in.

Take a look at Hopkins

Don't try to be a city you're not. Don't try to emulate other cities that aren't worth emulating. Think about how to keep Chan true to its identity, while pursuing a development path that is uniquely suited to us.

We need some brunch options

More bike racks so parking for various locations and businesses is easier / more convenient.

A Mainstreet with restaurants and shops would be ideal.

Please plan for more bicyclists in the future, especially with the popularity of ebikes. This includes trails and bike racks. How about locations for shared electric bikes?

Increase the library parking. Too often it is filled up with county vehicles, farmer's market and other special event parking. Improve the senior center so that it can offer more things.

It appears the town was designed for the benefit of retailers/retail developers in the days when people commuted to work, not as a place for people to live, recreate and work. There doesn't appear to be a master plan, just chunks of different strip malls, large retail establishments with too much real estate dedicated to parking thrown together to optimize car traffic flow without concern for the overall aesthitic or fostering a sense of community. The area around the library is nice. I'd like to see more of that. Concentrate parking, encourage foot traffic, provide places for people to eat, recreate, relace and congregate. I'm interested in participating in the design process. tomduenow@gmail.com

With 3 giant parking lots (Cub, Target, and Byerly's, it is not very attractive or pedestrian friendly. It has too much of a strip mall look, which is nothing special in my mind.

Allow for green spaces along the curbs and have some trees and plantings not just all concrete and asphalt.

Chan is populated enough to have great dining options with attractive patios.

It would be great to have more activities within downtown. Rock climbing gym, swimming pool or splash pad, pickleball courts, would be great options.

Downtown Chanhassen is a scrambled hodgepodge of stores. Too dysfunctional. Start over. Your vision should mimic downtown Hopkins and downtown Shakopee. Have stores that are walkable from street to street. Have apartments or townhouses on top of the storefronts. Have a central park that has a reason to visit. Built an outdoor venue to hold concerts and festivals. Stop the madness of chain stores scattered throughout the city. Parking lots should be behind the stores, not in front of them.

Downtown is the way it should be. Comfortably populated and used. We really don't need to become Excelsior where no one but outsiders want to go there because it is too crowded. If we start putting more condos and apartments there it will become too crowded with people and make it impossible to navigate in a vehicle.

The really tall apartment/retail is an eyesore. Just doesn't fit the aesthetics of downtown Chan that I'd like to see

Let's get more strips of beautiful nature/greens in between the asphalt/concrete to line the streets and sidewalks.

I'm not really sure how much can be changed in downtown Chanhassen. The infrastructure seems pretty locked down. I like that Chanhassen has a lot of parks, but other than Target and a few restaurants, Chanhassen does not really have a traditional main street vibe as things seem spread out in a series of strip malls. I love Chanhassen, and these aren't really problems per say, it's just the nature of our city.

Please keep renewable energy in mind, solar panels would be a great addition to our city facilities.

Keep Main Street with less dense, high rise buildings. Build those high rises by 212 or down by MN River.

Would like some quality restaurants and retail. Mostly all chain now that doesn't appeal to me

No more high rise buildings, we should strive to maintain the small town feel and historic locations. Don't feel that we need anymore fast food or apartment buildings.

The City should reach out in both a formal and an informal way to the existing businesses for their ideas as to how changes might affect their continued success.

I believe the goal should be to create a unique downtown vibe for Chanhassen similiar to the feeling you get when visiting Excelsior or Victoria. There are landmark restaurants and coffee shops in those cities that give it a social feeling where people want to be and visit. Downtown Chanhassen needs more character and a few solid attractions.

Would be great to get tunnel or bridge to support crossing highway 5 via foot/bike on Powers

Better farmers market vendors

Chanhassen is competing in proximity with very quaint downtowns such as Victoria, Chaska, and Excelsior, which all have walkability, character, and a good mix of retail/restaurants. Once you park in those areas, you don't feel the need to leave and actually want to explore. Chanhassen is where you go to run an errand, but there isn't anything keeping you there.

Have more of a Main Street feel and vibe

Don't need to change anything. Eliminate the moratorium. Let businesses develop on their own. It's easy to get around by foot, bike and car. The council needs to stop trying to fix things that aren't broken (rec center, city hall, downtown). You are wasting money, increasing taxes and creating controversy when you don't need to.

Chanhassen could use an actual donut shop and diner that's open all day

Drop any additional pickle ball courts and build 2 paddle tennis courts either downtown, at Avienda or at current Rec Center

Would love to bike but not sure where to lock up bike and it's not easy to navigate around traffic

It doesn't need to have an urban feel with more high rise buildings/apartments. Keep it suburban with a local flare.

An attractive, walkable downtown area is incredibly valuable. When I think of nearby places to get ice cream with the family and walk around a beautiful area, I think Excelsior and Victoria. (For less-nearby, I think of Stillwater). Whereas downtown Chanhassen is where I buy groceries and go to the dentist. However, the fact that we can walk to downtown Chan, and particularly the library, is one of the reasons why we moved from out of state and bought a house here.

Use common sense on what money is being allocated for. Please remember, many of us are retired and don't get pay raises.

I believe the City Council is on the right track, especially seeking as much as possible community input. We must do this right, the first time, so the our fine city can continue to shine as a vibrant and friendly city to live, work and play in ☺.

Chanhassen has a nice mix of differnt businesses and housing, right now it mostly reflects my families values which are conservative. I hope it stays that way.

Fix Market Boulevard so that it is wider in front of Cub foods.

Is like to see more affordable rental units.

Business on street level with residential upstairs.

I liked the Zupas proposal & dont see the west end of dowtown from Kerber blvd changing much.

Would love a community center like chaskas!!

I would like downtown Chanhassen to be a place where I can walk from place to place after parking my car. I would like more diverse restaurant choices, I refer to Chanhassen as the "food court" of Carver County.

More restaurants, more services, bike paths and tunnels or bridges over 5 and Powers

Would love to see a better layout for the future of downtown. So much unused parking. Bring businesses closer to the street and condense parking. It's a long term vision but downtown Chan could really benefit from a city planning overhaul. It's just too spread out to enjoy it all.

No more high density housing please.

Encourage small businesses, less chain restaurants/stores; keep a variety of staples like groceries, restaurants, more entertainment.

Dinner theatre needs to be remodeled, it is run down. Create a Main Street with storefronts like Hopkins

We have more than enough restaurants, grocery stores and liquor stores. Please don't let this become one more commercial hub, keep it a quaint city.

Keep it safe and walkable. Don't let it become overcrowded with too many businesses. Love the patriotic displays! Please continue to fly those American flags!

Include more artistic features including a brighter color palette

Get a KFC, White Castle, Pizza Hut in there.

Stop allowing so many chain businesses in

We would love a better mix of restaurants, retail (smaller shops) and other places to go. There are too many smaller offices on the main levels of buildings so near the dinner theater, for instance, there are not other entertainment Or nicer eating places to go or very few.

A town square Parking located behind --not in front of-- buildings. Buildings should be located close to sidewalks/streets. Include several EV charging stations.

Balance development while retaining small local businesses, minimizing negative impact to parks/schools, and encouraging sustainable development.

Several parking areas seem to be under-utilized, like the proposed Café Zuppa site. If done correctly, I'd rather see in-fill businesses than developing more raw land. But, serious traffic studies need to be a big part of any of of these proposals.

I would make 79th one way west to East. I'd make Great Plains one way northbound from 79th to the dinner theater. That would push the traffic leaving 79th to Great Plains to get on 5, and 78th to Market Street. 79th being so close to 5 is a problem and it seems like this could help and makes walking along Market safer. It's a terrible area for pedestrians. If we add two more apartments, traffic will get worse so changes will be needed.

Keep the 'town' feel of Chanhassen. We don't want to be Minneapolis or St. Paul, we're not going to be Edina, let's maintain a great city by keeping businesses fresh, the parks open and clean, easy traffic flow and maybe just a few more amenities.

We need nice restaurants, we could have a town that is vibrant like excelsior or victoria

Development could have been smarter in the 80s and 90s. Storefronts on W 78th St would have been nicer instead of 3 story professional buildings. Parking is not convenient. Please don't crowd it more, love the tree-lined streets.

I'd like to see Chan keep a "small town" type feel. I don't want it to be the next Eden Prairie. And I certainly don't want a light rail through there

More non shopping venues, with outdoor seating that isn't immediately facing hwy 5

I love downtowns with higher density businesses where you park once and walk between places (Victoria, Waconia, Chaska) - that paired with less franchises and more unique businesses/restaurants along with city amenities would be my preference.

Less chain restaurants and chain stores. That would just make it look like any other suburb. Would like to see more unique boutiques and more variety of ethnic restaurants. No high density housing.

Need to attract the type of businesses that have people walk from one store to another. Look at Victoria/Excelsior.

I love living in Chanhassen. I moved here from a little more affluent city suburb and with all the sidewalks, it's so nice to get out and walk!

Needs more personality. Needs better shopping options.

I am concerned with the plan for new high rise residential apartments, the traffic will increase significantly in a small area

It currently is a hodgepodge of clusters of businesses. Revitalize current clusters of businesses addressing traffic flow, easier access, islands restrict good flow. Some businesses have parking only for their business - I get it but also frustrating if you want to shop at multiple businesses in that area. Create a plan for Chanhassen... we are not Chaska, Excelsior or Wayzata.

There are too many similar chain restaurants. I would like to see more unique local businesses.

Appreciate a new movie theatre and surrounding restaurants and shops. Boutique area like West End, St Louis Park

rid the city of panhandlers along roads and parking lots.

People living in Chanhassen know what the downtown is, and I would assume, are okay with it. If they wanted a downtown similar to a closer in suburb, they would live in such a place. The charm of Chanhassen is its rural, small town feel with short building. Keep downtown Chan the way it is. Let the denser development grow out by the Avienda.

Continue to make it walking friendly. The stretch from Kerber to Powers is too "car oriented." The businesses are all oriented to parking lots and not the sidewalk. Think of the north side of the street in that stretch. There is no season when walking down that sidewalk is attractive.

I would love for Chanhassen downtown to feel more like Excelsior or even Chaska with local businesses and attention given to the look of buildings. It feels like missed opportunities. I also would love emphasis on more natural parks and green spaces.

More events and entertainment in the downtown area - make it a destination for more than the dinner theater - and limit the high density housing

Keep getting citizen input. Keep us up to date on thoughts for changes.

Appreciate the request for public input.

Downtown is a place for running errands. It's not a destination right now.

I support small local businesses

Red light runners is a problem!

Fewer large apartment buildings in the downtown area. More shopping and restaurant choices. Concern about long term plan to bring LRT to Chanhassen

It's time to spruce up downtown. Let's bring in more restaurants and small businesses, and have greater accessibility.

Please don't invite so many people in that the experience of downtown becomes more about how to avoid crowds than what to do when we get there. Right now the choices are great and we can go downtown on a whim, with no real plan and then decide if we want to shop or eat, etc. We know that we'll have a nice time, so we just go. When we go to a larger city we have to plan our excursion to avoid crowds and figure out where to park, all before we go, and that is not really fun. Also, bring back a theater, even a smaller one with just a few screens, it's really vital to a small town vibe.

More Walker friendly, more trees and safer crosswalks

At the moment I find Chanhassen is a place to do grocery shopping etc, whereas if I want to browse and look around at scenery, have an ice cream and go to restaurants, I choose Excelsior.

Already stated in other comments abut restaurants.

More sit down dining and varied businesses.

Have you been to downtown Waconia? How about downtown Anoka, Excelsior?

Please do not move in Cafe Zupa. It's a nice restaurant but unnecessary

With apartments going up, limited parking lots, increase number of cars…. Too many vehicles, roads and parking lots are not conducive to this increase. Aldi alone has made that parking lot and traffic flow very poor- although I love Aldi and it is my top choice for groceries.

Don't lose the small town charm and turn into all these high rise urban apartments

Would love a good workut facility

Traffic and interconnection, walkability to/from different retail areas would be key to improving it.

Focus on local food retailers instead of chains

Tunnel or bridge over railroad to access 5 while driving or walking. It would help with congestion. Thank you.

More unique restaurants/businesses

This is not downtown Mpls. Keep the buildings set back from street; keep the library as is with the current green space; no more multi story buildings; more open space;

It's a tough situation! I appreciate those that are seeking suggestions. Buildings, small shops, restaurants and social clubs close together and by a Main Street seems to be effective elsewhere

Please concentrate on making it a destination designed for PEOPLE, not CARS. This means walkability, buildings close together, small commercial units, connections to 78th street trails and other trails, plazas, outdoor restaurant seating, live music. Please no big box stores with massive parking lots. Possibly parking ramp at the edge of the walkable area that allows more vehicles closer to the action.

I would like Downtown Chan to have a more "organized" feel, like Excelsior, Hopkins or even Victoria. Everything is spread out. There isn't a central place to walk to shops. Also, there are not enough "non chain" restaurants and coffee shops. It would be great if it could feel like an area you want to spend an afternoon at.

Let's bring in different types of food than what we have, more boutique shopping

Do not let it become Hopkins or Eden prairie or Victoria.

I would like to see more adult events downtown

Need to calm traffic on market boulevard..lots of cut through traffic that makes it challenging for pedestrians

Downtown Chanhassen, and an indoor play park for kids! Something that can be utilized all year round. There used to be one before the pandemic, and then it closed down. It would be lovely to have some thing that had an indoor playground, indoor, pool, and outdoor pool, plus splash pad for summer time.

No more tall buildings like the Venue. To me, it's an eyesore and it's not affordable housing.

We need to completely redo our downtown. We are a drive thru and bank city. Zero character. We need shops, nice restaurants, bars, etc. Think a "modern excelsior."

Non-chain restaurants

Slow traffic down between Dakota Av and Powers blvd

We need more community spaces where we can all gather. Green spaces are important too.

None

Slower car traffic or better car traffic flow would make it easier for pedestrians to move around. In general I like the area and live close enough to easily walk or bike

I hope the future downtown will be dense, have more resturants/stores, housing, and be a destination people from surrounding suburbs come to. An example would be West End in St. Louis Park (boutique stores and resturants, nice apartment complexes, dense, walkable, and a place people come to meet up). Chanhassen has a great opportunity mix the density of a downtown with a green space/mall where events can be held.

Again, mostly loss of green space, downtown,and all around the city. Just because there's space, doesn't mean you have to put a building on it

A community center with a pool would be a nice addition.

It's nice that it's easy to get around and it's not too crowded. But it would be better if there were more places to go. Love the library and the Indian restaurant. Would be a more pleasant place if there were fewer strip malls and if it were more walkable. Excelsior is nice, but it's very crowded and congested.