

Written Comments Provided by Household Respondents and Key Informants

Community Economic Issues

- Some residents lack skills to achieve financial success which promotes community success...areas of concern...HS graduation rates...immigrant populations.
- Promoting educational training to meet the skill needs of future workers
- A lot of single income families raising pre-school children
- Health care crisis- lack of insurance
- No buses to travel
- I'm the only lesbian in my neighborhood
- A couple of families are larger than their town houses, but may not be able to afford larger dwellings.
- Local taxes being used on projects that could be done at later times. With out being a tax burden
- Too many Mexican that don't speak American.
- Many migrant workers and illegals in the area
- Cost of living is way too high for the wages the people get in Greeley
- Not much job opportunities for people over 50 to become employed
- Hard times for neighbors getting a job
- Living on fixed income
- Not in poverty, however, the jobs out there are not keeping up with inflation, so people are just getting by and are not able to save for retirement or education for their children.
- High cost of living
- Living in a condo...most residents are retired senior citizens
- Lack of major high tech industry
- Lack of job training and cultural barriers
- Out sourcing of jobs out of our state and the country
- Lack of social security for people whom really need it
- We all go to work- I'm finally retired...sold beauty shop in 1999 after 30 some years
- I live in a rural community and there is no economic opportunity for young people.
- Improve overall economic quality of life in the city
- School dropout
- Lack of jobs paying a livable wage
- Affordable medical insurance
- Dearth of good paying jobs
- Cost of housing prohibitive for many
- The amount paid for a job is the issue in many instances
- Wage disparity

Community Economic Issues (cont.)

- Cost of living: rent, groceries, gas, etc....increasing yearly
- Lack of basic skills to perform jobs
- Increase in taxes
- Teen pregnancy
- Lack of health care
- Employers are wanting so much experience that the person jus starting cant find a job.
- Lack of affordable housing and affordable rent property...lack of emergency housing
- Income level meet cost of living...and this si lower/middle class neighborhood
- Affordable housing
- Farming neighborhoods always have major economic issues for those where farms are small. There are many corporate agricultural enterprises in my neighborhood.
- Lack on insurance
- Park and recreation...quality of schools...services to elderly...mental health
- Funding for higher education
- Crowded homes because no one has a job.
- Wages is low for this area. We need more companies in this area to grow and provide employment opportunities for people.
- Older homes in neighborhood...unable to maintain homes
- Keeping up with the rapidly increase of living
- Transportation for the elderly who reside in their homes
- Money management
- Gang activity
- Lack of “high” paying jobs for degreed individuals. Low paying service jobs are plentiful
- Health and the ability to pay for health insurance and doctors

Household Economic Issues

- No money to afford medical expenses
- There are zero job opportunities in Briggsdale, unless you are in education or farming or ranching
- Not enough support from our government
- Medical costs
- Having adult children. Depending on parent for financial aid b/c they don't earn enough for “B” + “C” but make too much for social service programs
- Health insurance
- Majority of population 65+ years of age
- Child support is pathetic
- Family members work both full time and additional part time jobs to maintain moderate standard of living
- Affordable, safe daycare

Household Economic Issues

- I feel as Weld County has really poor wages, it is sad that people around our county get paid so much more for a job that can be done in Greeley and the person is Greeley gets paid pennies.
- Lack of medical, dental and vision
- Lack of child support
- Lack of affordable housing and rental units

Community Educational Issues

- Special programs needed for gifted/talented charter schools and disabled students
- Shortage of “experienced” teachers that truly care about the success of our Hispanic students
- Developments not paying its way causing over crowded schools
- Racism and unqualified teachers, administrators
- To much time off for students re: teacher work days
- Education is second rate to sports programs....our workforce is under educated for the future.
- Quality of education
- Parents not involved with children
- Depends on whether you refer to secondary or primary education...we no longer have a high school in our community. The consolidated high school to which the students are bussed has problems at every level. Local primary schools are doing fairly well
- After school activities
- Overgrowing and lack of equipment is an issue in schools located in poor areas...Also the division in schools between Latinos or between Mexican-American and the Immigrant community is a major issue...Also many immigrants have no education beyond grade school.
- Not enough care for kids with special needs
- Class room sizes increasing due to population expanding
- Drop out rate is a problem
- Poor discipline in classrooms
- Achievement disparities by race and income
- Difference between schools in neighborhoods Jefferson compared to Monfort etc...in treatment
- English language acquisition= major issue...schools extreme poverty= major issue...West Greeley not in Dist. 6 boundaries
- Ensuring the competency of students in the basics of reading, writing and math...Ensuring cultural/bilingual needs are being met.
- Not enough electives that are the same as other schools
- Need preschools desperately, Montessori, Waldorf etc. Both public and private
- Inadequate elementary music education in public schools

Community Educational Issues (cont)

- Everything has to be bilingual. How about everyone learning English, the language of this country. If you can't speak English...GOOD BYE
- Lack of teachers
- Seriously unpaid teachers (under funded, teacher compensation)
- School Funding
- Hard for the teachers to control the drugs that are on campus. Both of my sons were effected by this.
- Lack of schools in area
- Drop out rate high at Roosevelt High School. Teen pregnancy big issue
- Never enough money- administration spending issues
- Teachers underpaid, under supplied. New people move into community, school district, and feel that they can demand this and that from teachers, and staff and yet the newcomers don't come out to vote or take part in community events, we used to know our neighbors.
- To many Mexicans wasting tax payer money.
- About 50% Mexican population but only minor issue
- Change school hours/senior high later classes
- Cameron school is listed as one of the poorest schools in grades.
- Air quality is bad in some schools. Florescent lights are bad for kids too.
- Too many children for too few teachers
- Why are other schools so much more advanced than our school (East Memorial). My niece went to Shawsheen from E.M. and was way behind.
- Dropping music and art in local schools
- Language barrier between teacher and students
- Pompous teachers and administrators
- The schools have too many problems to be listed here
- Bilingual teaching policies in schools
- Lack of communication to parents from school staff within the public school system
- Not close to school
- Poor teacher pay and recruitment
- Minority drop out rate are high
- Pay of employees and support of the people
- Technology
- Passing children on to future grades when they have failed in math or reading or language etc. With out requirement for summer school
- Computer equipment, gym equipment, books
- Middle school counselor should not be allowed around children at Highland M.S.
- About half the students in our school come from out of district. If it wasn't for out of district students, the school in this community wouldn't be open
- Quality education in Ft. Lupton re. 8 school district
- Poor education and lacks discipline students use vulgar and obscene language
- Growth and its impact on public education...over crowding, school facilities, transportation...Schools are being asked to do more with less

Community Educational Issues (cont)

- Causing a pluralistic educational environment to enable all cultural classes of student to grow academically
- Poor prioritization by education leaders
- Readiness to begin school (kindergarten)
- Achievement gap and lack of cultural understanding
- All of these are issues that always exist in every school district
- Johnstown/ Milliken trying to work together
- My child does not attend the schools in the district but I do hear from very crowded. There is no one on one with students
- Lack of parental involvement
- Not enough teachers for overcrowded school
- High drop out rate...Too many alternative schools and nigh schools. We are focusing on the wrong issues and need to focus on accountability and responsibility of the family.
- Unsafe schools...gang related problem...causing their students to be fearful
- Foul language...disrespectful conduct, drugs in schools, bullying

Household Educational Issues

- Getting enough money that will pay both my education and money to live...house payment, food, utilities, etc.
- School Funding
- My children are now grown and moved out. I suggested they leave the area for more access to jobs and entertainment and schools for my grand children.
- Overcrowding, lack of “good” teachers
- They lose a lot of good kids in high school. I had a straight A student till he went to H.S. they are not doing enough for them. I have seen many kids give up.
- Low school supplies
- Inability to get into higher education b/c of soaring costs
- I feel that with so many minority people in our schools the children don’t get enough adequate education
- Not enough support for higher education in Colorado
- Financial aid needs
- Discrimination in school for health and learning differences
- Teach kids English
- Transportation- had many bad experiences with school bus drivers in dist. 6
- No educational oppportunities for migrant workers, Aims closed GED programs on Ft. Lupton campus, poor local school district, insufficient early child hood programs.
- Lack of good school choice underperforming schools
- Difficulty understanding how to get higher education many loopholes to adhere to. Not adequate information and guidance to educational oppportunities.
- Under education of our future workforce

Household Educational Issues (cont)

- Language in school is dependable...nothing done regarding it
- IGA's w/ counties- cash in lieu land dedication. Lack of legislatures to impose impact fees on developers for adequate school facilities
- Standardized tests such as the CSAP
- Difficult for single parents to return to school, and maintain household

Community Environmental Issues

- Ambulance sirens at all hours of night...full blast
- Seasonal flooding, but some work was done on 34th St. hopefully that will end the problem
- County road condition
- Mosquito spraying
- Wasting water or over watering
- Habitat destruction
- Seems to be a lot of cases of cancer...More than other areas?
- Barking dogs
- Construction noise, I-25 air pollution triggers my asthma
- The stench from the processing plants
- Notice more air traffic overhead
- I believe that new development should be required to keep some kind on ground cover on the open lots instead of letting the dust and dirt blow away.
- People run stop signs and drive too fast
- Trash from new housing developments. The rural neighbors see unsightly trash from new home construction.
- Shortage of water
- The migrant workers have a tendency to throw their trash out on the roads in the rural areas
- Traffic pollution
- Mosquitoes
- College students causing too much noise and disturbances both inside and outside
- Cars, trucks, motor cycles-speeding down 35th ave.
- Junk cars...lack of yard upkeep...junk in yards
- Lots of cars not from neighborhood
- Greeley does not have a recycling program
- Junky yards...unkept vehicles w/ no license tag...trash from old vehicles
- Need more recycling
- Recycle
- # of vehicles parked on lot
- Too many traffic, neighbors teenage...gas and oil wells employees...we need Rd. 23 surfaced with asphalt
- Speeding
- Population growth and availability

Community Environmental Issues (cont)

- Gangs/violence
- Park construction has not kept up with development
- Toxic pollutions on lawns
- West Nile
- Graffiti and vandalism
- Mosquitos
- Dry weeds...unkept yards
- code enforcement, lack of upkeep by landlords
- non-agriculturally friendly/ too much traffic- drivers rude to equipment operators Hwy 66.

Household Environmental Issues

- Odor issues
- Due to the chachacha music at all times of the night, while Americans are trying to sleep, and rest for work the next day
- Over use of pesticides and herbicides by some members of neighborhood
- Junk in lots
- Graffiti and vandalism of personal property
- I have a concern about renovation of the north side
- Smells very very ugly in evenings and different times not a Monfort smell, just plain poop smell.
- Neighborhood trash generated by schools

Community Health Issues

- Always an issue for all communities
- Issues with eating unhealthy foods. Bad diets. It would be nice if our community and neighborhood would focus more on healthy eating
- Vaccinations for babies
- Toxic mold/ indoor air pollution
- Not enough medical staff and doctors that help tax needy
- Uninsured people
- Teen pregnancy
- Not enough for junior and senior high kids to do this neighborhood or community to stay out of trouble and away from drugs. Especially for the single families who have a hard time coordinating after school activities. Better with new rec. center.
- Lots of low income families with children in desperate need of dental and vision care. Weld County health and other clinics are too full in Greeley to make room for surrounding small towns to go to. And even clinics charge something and people can not afford it.
- Dust from county roads causes asthma related problems

Community Health Issues (cont)

- Hospitals and American tax payers paying for illegal Mexicans health problems. Diseases brought into America.
- I hear near by spousal or child abuse
- Mobility
- Affordable medical care coincides with economic issues
- Some residents have fallen and are injured some are elderly and not very well
- All issues are a major issue in all communities
- Teen pregnancy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Dusty road
- Dusty road- road 23
- West nile
- People are coming to our area to make meth in portable labs
- West nile
- Lack of mental health facilities/ professionals to address mental health issues. NRBH is understaffed, under funded and overworked to effectively address these issues
- Growing number of uninsured...Ability of medical facilities to provide urgent care
- Poor mental health services

- Lack of affordable medical insurance...lack of pre-natal care...immunizations not current.
- High cost of insurance...high rate of uninsured residents...shortage of culturally competent services...shortage of dental care for low income residents
- Drug costs
- Insurance
- Lack of affordable insurance
- Caring for the elderly
- Transportation to hospitals for doctors (non emergency)
- We are a rural community, agriculture-based, Farm accidents are the largest cause of health problems
- There are a couple of elderly families that are in ill health

Household Health Issues

- No Insurance/ too expensive
- Many jobs in this area don't offer health insurance; therefore many people don't receive adequate care such as physical or wellness care.
- Since birth of our baby, she had medical problems at birth and I have had numerous health issues
- Affordable health care
- Health care coverage
- There are no doctors out here closest medical is in Greeley

Household Health Issues (cont)

- Caring for elderly and ill parents
- The cost for all health care for every one is way out of line. But I believe this is a national problem not a local one
- Affordable health care
- Medical bills and prescriptions are too high
- I recently got my niece and nephew...why is it so hard to get Medicaid quickly to address medical issue...these kids haven't seen a M.D. for a while
- Doctors practicing in clinical settings don't seem to care at all about patients
- Allergies are a problem, air pollution doesn't help
- Cost of medical insurance tremendous
- Prescription drug costs
- Finding knowledgeable specialty doctors
- Doctors not being mindful of time you have to take from work
- Access to health care; the fact that many use the Emergency unit with the Hospital as their primary care is of great concern
- Limited mobility
- Sunrise discrimination with some people. Have to go down to Ft. Lupton because of this.
- Indoor air pollution toxic mold remediation information

Community Housing Issues

- Not enough housing for chronically, mentally ill folks
- Worry that new apartment complex at firestone blvd. and oak meadows blvd. will bring high volume transient lower income population in neighborhood with high volume of young children. Wish rent would higher or condos there...so more "ownership" of property.
- Concern of increase in taxes
- Low-income housing very scarce in this area- partly due to society believing that low income people are dirty, disease ridden and will ruin any new housing.
- Lack of town board experience and insight into annexation and housing development. Ignore citizen input/or avoid it all together
- Workers have tendency to rent a home and then many people or families move in.
- Developed by the Mexicans who bring their life style into America, looking for Americans to give every thing for free.
- We have a couple of neighbors who choose to live trashy
- Finding a contractor who can build correctly
- UNC is ruining the off campus marked for the private landlords. They are building too many ugly dorms
- Cost of housing in Greeley is too much
- High housing cost leaves little income for property upkeep
- Vehicles on peoples property that are not licensed

Community Housing Issues (cont)

- Many families are for the first time in their life facing financial crisis, substantiated by record foreclosures...Lack of support services i.e. financial counseling
- Abandon houses
- Housing diversity
- Quality of housing that is affordable
- More housing developments being built closer to plain areas
- Some lack knowledge/ skills/ tolls to purchase a home. Financial education needed.
- Senior housing
- Regarding pets
- Housing such as assisted living...Medicaid bed shortage
- Homeless, but very little is being done to help

Household Housing Issues

- Tough to make ends meet on 1 income
- Utility cost keep rising but my income is ruff.
- Water and gas rates are extremely high
- Too high rent
- Not having say in privacy fencing
- Access to housing for homeless families
- Lack of available contractors for repairs
- New homes are too expensive...old homes are too expensive for Greeley wages

Community Leisure Activity Issues

- Would be nice to have bike paths...they are working on firestone trail
- Funding to build more recreational facilities like a swimming pool for leisure/family use
- City and county support for community events
- Lack of activities for teenagers
- Lack of senior of facility
- No swimming pools, recreation facility
- Safe places for "Latch-key children" to "hangout"
- Not much for kids to do. Community finally built a swimming pool but its 2.50/day which is too much for income level of large part of population. New people can afford it w/ their 250,000 homes so there's another separation of classes.
- If its not destroyed by Mexican gang and disfigured by Mexican gang paint, its just destroyed due to American jealousy and hatred.
- Parks where children can play and ride their bikes
- Lack of free outdoors
- UNC abolished the Garden Theater concerts which was attended by hundred of people of all ages as well as families
- No park...kids always playing on road

Community Leisure Activity Issues (cont)

- Family for parks
- City pools too small...not kept well
- Wish more places allowed dogs...Dogs motivate me to use parks and exercise but dogs aren't allowed anywhere
- There used to be concerts at UNC, but for the last 2 years they have been eliminated. We really miss them.
- Lack of communication regarding upcoming activities...dint know a majority of events have occurred until after its over.
- Not enough activities for young teens
- Funding for leisure activity
- Need more neighborhood activities
- Activities for youth
- City growing West and South, without development of any major parks like Bittersweet
- Lack of appropriate and accessible recreation and activities for people with disabilities
- Lack of places for wedding and
- Brown or unsafe play and park equipment
- I think that a lot of the classes offered for children are done during the week which is fine but it seems that the people that organize events forget that most parents work til 5:00. Activities need to be offered at a time for working parents
- Not enough small businesses with long term survival
- Leisure area for teenagers
- No activities or events for youth to participate in
- In the country, there's no parks on trails to go walking. We have to go into the town for any of the above activities.
- Rural America does not have the luxury of the above leisure activity
- Senior citizen don't have much opportunity in the community to do things

Household Leisure Activity Issues

- Upset that pro sport tickets are so expensive...We are middle class and can't afford to go to games...aren't taxes supporting Invesco Field?
- Lack of camping spaces in the forest.
- Severe lack of indoor leisure activities...like indoor pool, indoor courts, indoor table pool, indoor child activities
- Lack of places for wedding and quince aneras which allow people to bring food
- Rec. center in Ault
- Not enough time to pursue leisure activities, must work too much to be able to afford average life
- Not many safe activities in town for children
- Kids in high school don't have much to do

Community Safety Issues

- Weld County roads are the site of disproportionate share of deaths...alarming given the population
- Speeding traffic
- Amount of auto deaths
- Public safety struggling to keep pace with growth and increased demand for services
- Don't like that mountain view fire is closing...I think the tri-town fire will service a higher volume than it can handle
- Sand and gravel truck traffic on farm roads. Speeding trucks on rural roads.
- Increase in crime is direct reflection of increase in population. Law enforcement needs to join the 21st century but money is again an issue
- People driving without license or insurance
- Traffic speeds and signs
- We have been burglarized many times...stereos out of cars, not proper lighting in neighborhoods.
- Drivers using Mesa Verde drive as a highway 30+ miles per hour as opposed to a residential street where children live and play in the street- someone is going to get hurt, I believe it is a major issue.
- Need signs and speed bumps, lots of vehicles speed and lot's of kids playing on road
- Police often don't get to disturbance calls in time to be effective
- Kids play in street even after dark...5 mall children not taken care of
- Gangs and crime have become a serious problem in Greeley. There's no neighborhood that is left completely unaffected.
- No gang intervention programs and gang activity is increasing
- People who drive our public school buses
- Crop dusting in vicinity
- Our neighbor was robbed twice, Police say they have no control over the break in due to not catching the suspect.
- Our community is located in the east edge of Weld County. The sheriff department doesn't want to come out to investigate thefts in our area
- Safety of streets highways, to many DUI's
- Meth labs are having a traumatic impact on families, neighborhoods, and communities. They created major health and safety issues
- Lack of neighborhood street lighting. Response time of Greeley P.D. when called...sometimes takes days
- Young people driving crazy, unsafe playing area for children
- Speeders/ university drunkenness/ DUI
- People drive to fast in neighborhoods
- Speeding
- Police brutality is a common problem...I have heard of several stories stating this is an issue that needs to be looked at more closely.

Community Safety Issues (cont)

- Hispanic gangs in the East side of town are a huge problem but citizens of Greeley don't see it

Household Safety Issues

- Occasional graffiti on fences
- Guns- people being shot
- Neighbor's house broken into
- Young people in street, walking, and wondering around neighborhood
- Not aware of any but know groups exist in Greeley. Police know this better than any body
- Groups intimidated the East side residents; therefore they have to be quiet or else

Community Social Issues

- All issues every community is concerned about
- Several programs now in place to help (e.g. bright beginnings) but teen pregnancy and poor pre-natal care still a major issue
- Student drop outs
- Lack of parks with supervision
- There is discrimination about age and being a lesbian. Not just Hispanic vs. white, lets face it I've lived here all my life. The Hispanics are getting what they want when they want it. When is it time for the white people? Gay, Lesbian, Straight...all white.
- I worry that the educational school teaching is below the good ratings. Fredrick was voted the lowest last year. This effects the social environment.
- Separation of upper and lower classes. Old timers vs. new comers
- Small towns have the same social problems as larger cities just no resources to help.
- Language barriers Spanish/English
- Lack of bi-lingual proficiency
- Loud music in the neighborhood sometimes til after 10pm
- Lack of affordable elder/disabled care
- Affordable child care coincides with economic issues
- Non English speaking people are a major issue
- Family support and help for families trying to prevent youth from falling into the juvenile justice system
- Every one too busy working to socialize in this neighborhood. All middle-aged parents except me I'm retired now
- These are issues within the community not family
- Entitlements (TANF) application processes are too complicated for many to understand and therefore follow through for many families is difficult
- Unwillingness to address competing tax statutes- weakening the fabric of our communities' social infrastructure

Community Social Issues (cont)

- Child in meth homes and meth usage
- There are programs (free) to teach English so the immigrants can get jobs, how about some free Spanish classes so the natives can get one
- No rehab center for drug abusers, the city council has decided to out source treatment centers from our city neighborhoods to “a farm somewhere” as one of our intelligent council members stated about deciding to not let the Rainbow House open
- I feel that teens get pregnant so young b/c they introduced and told it is ok to have sex, just use protection. What ever happened to having self respect, morals and saving themselves till marriage. Parents need to be made responsible for their kids not dressing like they are 20 yrs old when they are 13 yrs old, they need to get rig of the make up.
- I moved into this community partly b/c of a strong covenant situation. The combination of low interest rates, adjustable rate mortgages, and little dorms combined with “Diversity” has closed culture classes regarding the covenant.
- Parent intervention
- Under education of our future workforce

Household Social Issues

- With all the drugs and dealers and gangs the safety of all Americans is a large issue.
- Everyone should learn English. Cost of duplicate language is not a necessary expense. This is not a racial comment it is economic
- Trash from other neighborhoods filter into ours
- Not being able to afford health insurance and medications
- Social security disability
- Greeley has agencies that help out people of low income plus other agencies or churches.
- Lack of diverse social programs for gay/ lesbian youth and adults
- These question should only be asked of people who need these services. Otherwise your results are invalid
- There is too much discrimination towards Hispanics in Greeley, all level of economic mobility.

Community Transportation Issues

- Would love lite rail along I-25 through Denver to Tech Center
- Road and sidewalk repair needs to be done
- Kids don't stop on sidewalks @ driveways @ habitat for humanity on 23rd Ave.
- Need more transportation for handicapped or elderly or others who don't drive
- Deterioration of roads and highways is the direct result of limited funds at the state levels. The future of highway funding is bleak. Growth will add to the dilemma. Levels of funding alternatives need to be identified and implemented...The general public needs to become aware of the transportation issues

Community Transportation Issues (cont)

- Money for projects, city, county and state
- Transportation of children from school to after school programs
- All streets in Briggsdale are dirt/ gravel. We don't have sidewalks or crosswalks.
- Lack of future growth planning for traffic
- Side streets are narrow sometimes hard to travel with cars parked on street
- No posted speeds or requested patrol. Unsafe intersection not addressed. Confusion over who is responsible for road maintenance and improvements, county vs. town
- Mass transportation to Denver and DIA needed
- Too many gravel trucks
- Speeds along WCR 59 from H.S. into Keenesburg and especially in front of Elementary school way to fast. There is no enforcement at all unless Weld County sheriff is sitting right there
- Construction work that leads to accidents
- People driving through neighborhoods at high rates of speed- we have a lot of children playing
- Not enough routes or pick up times to adequately get around growing Greeley. Or having to walk a mile after getting off the bus to get to an appt.
- Speeding...no speed bumps on 26th ave ct and we need them...have little children in danger
- Speeding is a definite problem
- No signs for slowing, children at play, no speed bumps, lots of speeding cars= accidents
- Roads in West Greeley are not able to handle traffic i.e. 37th St. 47th Ave. 20th St. 10th St.
- Deteriorating roads
- Need better scheduling of handicap bus
- No taxi service in Greeley...road construction tends to be lengthy and not done in an efficient manner
- Traffic issues, bad drivers and rude drivers
- Inconsiderate drivers, the 'me' attitude drivers, and the he-- with everyone else
- Greeley needs to do something about the out of control growth
- Unsynchronized lights on 16th Street
- Poor snow removal...Drainage issues and ditches in intersections lack of merge lanes at major intersections
- Living in a condo association is different than the usual neighborhood. However I hope my answers have been helpful...Greeley isn't perfect...but it's a very nice city to live in.
- Wide range of age and people driving...wide background of people driving in Greeley
- Lack of alternative traffic corridor esp. East to the front range
- Accidents involving trains and cars
- No stop or speed limited signs
- Very long bus routes to and from school

Community Transportation Issues (cont)

- Some people drive through rural areas at an excessive rate of speed. They have no consideration for farmers or ranchers who move equipment down the roadways. I have been “flipped off” and “cussed at” by drivers that think they own the road
- Time to complete road projects i.e. 35th ave. by 20th st.
- Lack of affordable county transportation for elderly and disabled
- Appears Greeley often keeps roads closed or dead ending that are desperately needed to decrease congestion on collectors. Hills from Greeley West to 47th - all traffic directed through curving dark stretches of roads in Fox Hill, 17th Ave. leading to mall requires 23rd Ave. to bear all mall traffic
- Lack of public transportation
- Police are quite efficient for a small community
- Route system and sometimes the length of wait for the next bus
- Why are so many drivers so inconsiderate...need for night time buses
- The public transportation is o.k. but b/c not available on Sundays, seniors and others are without transportation and limited
- Poor road conditions in the Dacono area...our streets are horrendous to drive on- need to be replaced very badly
- Poor city transportation
- Unpaved streets
- The roads in Greeley are pathetic. They continue to use cheap labor to do cheap work on the streets. The auto repair shops do quite well in Greeley, every intersection has a ¼ inch metal panel sticking out of the concrete. Constant construction, but no quality streets yet.
- Speeding is an issue, seems the cops are never around when people are speeding 37th Ave. in Evans is a prime example...30mph but people travel at 50mph.
- Snow removal not efficient...streets need sanded...gutter, curb, sidewalk maintenance.
- Road rage...seems to be increasing in Greeley- probably related to growth
- Sometimes the “washboard” roads can be dangerous when driving on these country roads
- Drinking and driving...not obeying the laws...passing on the right...turning right on red when posted not to...cutting people off making turns...no blinkers...speeding on Hwy. 66...tailgating
- No paving in Evans

Household Transportation issues

- Greeley has a very good bus system
- No curb cuts for wheel chairs on 16th St. between 28th and 35th Ave.
- I feel guilty driving so much...no other alternatives.
- Afraid to travel through the Mexican gang ruled streets
- Public transportation is worthless. It takes too long to get where you want to go, when you want to get there.

- Cant afford repairs on personal vehicles
- School bus route too long

Do you have any other issues or concerns about your neighborhood or community that you would like to mention?

- An urgent care facility would help. Nearest one is in Longmont
- It seems that there are more cancers and M.S. etc...in this area has there been any studies to see why if not there should be...The community needs to be kept up better and be more inviting visually. Less trash and more plants than weeds
- More businesses would help 1. tax revenue in firestone 2. eliminate long drive into Longmont
- Getting tired of Hispanics taking over. They need to learn English and speak it. Bi-lingual stinks. I would have applied for more jobs; but at the bottom of as said "bilingual a must" isn't this reverse discrimination? Greeley is becoming a city that supports reverse discrimination...remember English.
- I would like to see our community become leaders in improving the way Greeley is looked upon, not followers of cities (Loveland, Fort Collins) If we are going to build something, make it the best around and pay for it.
- Neighborhood has no cohesiveness, no way to meet people.
- Jerk neighbors that cause my family grief
- Growth plans are out of control. No more open space, all houses
- Live in county, unable to vote on any town issues, only state and federal. But do not want to be 'in' town.
- Mexicans seems to be under every rock...more Mexican flags than American
- I am concerned about industrial companies moving in and either mining the gravel in the area and causing our wells to go dry or development companies subdividing the farm land and digging too many wells.
- This survey is not for me-it should go to a family with children who are more involved in the community then I am- and are younger
- Water drainage along WCR 59 is poor at best. Water can stand for days...this creates a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

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- Compared to other communities, our water bills are outrageous
- When there is a complaint it will be addressed but there is never a follow up
- I can't believe you have to speak Spanish to have a job in Greeley. Some people that wait on you can't speak good English or don't understand.
- Young children running around with no parental supervision day and night
- People in neighborhood who do not care about their yards. Lack of water is a problem on grass but they could cut their weeds and pick up trash
- School environment and safety
- Too many people living under one roof. There's like two or three families per household, living together.
- Gangs go through neighborhoods and break into cars
- Property values and taxes
- Need more dog parks
- New markings on highway into mobile parks are very confusing 3500 35th S. Ave.
- Greeley needs to attract companies with higher paying jobs so we can continue to live in the neighborhoods we've chosen. Underemployment is an issue.
- Our neighborhood is an older one. Hispanics are moving in and their culture brings old cars, junk in the yards, lack of upkeep, and totally different way of looking at neighborhood values. Also, white low income groups are noisy and drive recklessly on our street endangering all of us, esp. children and animals and old men.
- How businesses grow will affect housing and open space
- We are fortunate to live in the neighborhood we have chosen, but many people live in areas that have significant issues. The community as a whole struggles with most of the issues I indicated were of minor or no concern to my household. As a person involved in my community I know first hand that our community does a poor job with children's issues. Transportation and ease of biking is especially poor through out town

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- The Hispanics tend to keep to themselves. I'd like to see more of a union between Whites and Hispanics.
- Growth- which will lead to more crime, pollution, traffic, congestion and so forth...while taking farm land out of production and future problems with adequate water supplies. This growth, for the most part, is being spurred on by developers that are not even a part of this community so they really don't care about the effects a development has on an areas as long as they make a lot of money from it, then move on to develop the next farm
- I do worry about Greeley's rapid growth...there are not enough parks and swimming pools, and the crime rate and traffic are big issues...There is also a very serious racial problem in Greeley and it would seem that pandering to a certain culture is only contributing to the problem
- Single-Family houses being used by numerous college students, most of whom are not related to one another...with numerous vehicles
- Would like to get to know neighbors...no contact is done with each other
- What we consider community issues are not really community issues. We live where we do cause it is cheap and the house is remodeled and the yard in fenced. We can afford culture, recreation, travel because we don't live in a home that is expensive or large. The trade-off is being in a neighborhood of low income, little education, slum landlords and Hispanics. Luckily it is a quiet neighborhood. We are Colorado natives and Weld County natives. The influx of poor, uneducated, Spanish speaking people is not welcome. Crime has increased, traffic accidents have increased, their teenagers are confrontational, the younger ones are disrespectful and out of control. The conservative republicans keep the wages low so that their profits remain high. We shop frequently in Ft. Collins at specialty stores like Wild Oats and Whole Foods. This community is not progressing even if it is getting larger. The extremes are incredible between the haves and have nots. The school board makes incredibly stupid decisions and the schools are failing our kids. Straighten out the education first and eventually all other aspects will improve. Start by getting rid of the bilingual nonsense.
- Planning for growth and development of Greeley- mainly there are or will be adequate services for community members of all ages. Transportation public and management of traffic is what is becoming a congested situation.

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- I just think its odd that we have rules about weeds...cars broken down, cars wrecked, tires flat. Our city is really beginning to look bad. Should have some codes to have people not park 6-10 cars on lawns. Have way too many people living in a house.
- Child support guidelines must be addressed to provide proper support for children. Also, the non-custodial children should not be victimized so that the absent parent can prosper. We must address current child support and laws concerning whether non mandatory overtime is included in determining child support. Every dime the non-custodial parent earns should be included in determining child support.
- Area growing too fast...new construction continues while many homes are for sale...smoking ban in bar is ridiculous...non English discrimination
- When I was growing up in the community, there was no concerns about theft or vandalism...In the past three months we had two tractors and a house vandalized.
- Would like the community to focus on the strengths of people and the different cultures so we can all work together to better the lives of families which will strengthen our community
- Feeling safe while out on the road...Noise pollution...stereos in cars, loud exhaust noise in cars and motorcycles...why do people have to accelerate so fast, especially with a loud muffler
- Water rights
- There exists a tremendous no trust issue between the Latinos and the Whites
- Some are against Wal Mart coming into our community. I am for it, I am a senior and I am losing my eye sight, so my driving is limited and I can get my medications cheaper at Wal Mart
- Police could do better at community relations...community officials should have "small town" activities, picnics, ice creams socials, bbqs, parades, 4th of July celebration
- I live on a cul-de-sac of eight houses, and my only concern is that neighbors don't get along due to braking dogs, parking of RV's, these types of things. It gets uncomfortable when everyone wants people to "choose sides"

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- Water supply is well- when electricity goes off there is no water...sometimes for several days. Since it is very old system it tends to not meet clean water standards but there is no money to upgrade. County and State wont help as it is considered a privately owned well
- Communication- not able to speak Spanish
- We live in the country; therefore the questions did not fully apply to us
- The gap between the “haves” and “have nots” continue to widen. This issue is both an economic and social one
- Illegal or/and non documented individuals/ workers and the inability to serve them or incorporate them in the community. If not, other solutions are required
- Weld County is having an influx of low income housing that is drawing a certain socio-economic population. This naturally relates a bog on all systems and situations such as daycare, crime, increase of substandard housing etc.
- Lack of funding in human services areas will greatly affect not only the Greeley community but the entire Weld Co. community before long as there will not be places for people with develop mental disabilities, mental health issues, drug/alcohol issues and the elderly. Because of funding cuts these services are maxed out and this community is out of options to provide this in need.
- Committed to working with dedicated leader and community member around the county to make our neighborhoods and cities the best and safest places to live, work, recreate and raise a family.
- There is a real problem with a lack of cultural awareness in our community. There needs to be more opportunities for ethnic groups to learn about each other and form relationships rather than all the finger pointing that currently happens. It would go a long way to help breakdown stereotypes from both sides to have social relationships.
- Lack of method for community member to have voice...many do not know the systems and do not speak out.
- Weld county is changing rapidly and I'm concerned that some areas (such as traffic and roads)
- Drug exchange center

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- I do not believe that my community really incorporates our Hispanic population in decision making or programming decisions.
- Homeless people are coming in to town from Denver.
- The Weld County food bank does a good job, but often the families need more help on a more frequent basis.
- Our church is in an area 10th Ave. and 15th St. where there seems to be many transient people at times we're concerned for the resources available and for the safety of the neighborhood
- WE have just moved into our house at the beginning of July...so far we have not had any problems with crime or disturbances...we have not had a chance to really get to know anyone in our neighborhood yet so it is hard for me to accurately answer the questions in this survey.
- The community needs more public police activity on traffic issues...speeding, improper lane changes, aggressive driving
- This community has concerning issues which I'd be happy to discuss
- A little more effort by Police to drive through the neighborhoods, meet some of the residents and keep up with neighborhoods activity...a class for gang members and their families on what happens to those in crime...holding young teens accountable for their victims
- My main issue is the average cost of new or developed housing is much greater than the average income. Greeley must bring in business that pay a higher wage around 40,000 per year...Windsor recognizes this...Greeley has brought in the stores...Now bring in the jobs so we can spend in the stores.
- Renters in older neighborhoods bring down property values
- Car thefts and gang activity are a concern
- This area is having a housing development vs. farming issue in South Weld County. People moving to the developments have no tolerance for farming operations i.e: livestock, manure odors, weed control, pest control, or property rights. This is causing agriculture vs. development conflicts.
- Too much growth, not well planned. Too much traffic noise, congestion. Too many unsupervised teens driving and getting into trouble.

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- We need a Rec. Center in Ault to keep kids out of trouble. Give them something positive to do.
- Road improvements at least on main streets
- It seems that only services? is done in the newer parts of town and forgotten in the older parts. One would be the code of enforcement often I have mentioned a garage which is falling down and my concern is child safety and yet nothing has been done.
- The police seem to pick on the Hispanics more then the other races in this town
- The city of Greeley needs much improvement...the city council is quite out of it when it comes to issues affecting Greeley. There is still hope, but Greeley must begin making numerous changes, which nearby cities have already done years ago to meet the needs and demands of the 21st century.
- Schools and education are very concerning as is in the lack of adequate funding of higher education. If you run the state wide list of excellent schools NOT ONE is in Weld County. Even Adams County has at least on. What is wrong with school dist. 6?
- Greeley is a very prejudiced town, you learn to live with it. The police dept. is very prejudiced. This is a problem that will always exist. You are more than likely to be pulled over than a white person. Simply cause you are brown. The problem here is Greeley is a social problem...on everyday living problems, who knows it seems the police close there eyes to this kind of stuff. Prejudice is in the schools, some more than others, some not at all. When you learn to live with prejudice and close your eyes. Greeley is a good place to live. At least you can eat in the front of a restaurant! And drink out of any drinking fountain and sit at the front of the bus.
- Its sad we cant leave our garage doors open anymore
- We need higher wages for jobs
- A lot of people have drug use problems
- Poor driving habits, everywhere...public school teachers don't care enough about kids
- Need more trails, to walk/run and more bike trails

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- I enjoy living in Greeley...the city has grown since I moved here in 1989. My main concern is discrimination that still with us. The letter to the editor- some people in the community show their ignorant in regards to discrimination.
- Rising medical costs / lower coverage by insurance...lack of public transportation...lack of shopping close by
- I would like to see our neighbors caring for each other. As there are many disabled, people driving alone, if there could be an exchange of telephone # to check on each other occasionally. I would love to have a “neighborhood watch” There are a lot of nutty people, who would benefit from such a program. But that us just a thought on my part. It does not take much effort on one part to take a few minutes per day, week, or month.
- Car break ins...most windows in the cars being broken out
- Lack of supporting services for in crisis youth/ Gay? Lesbian youth and adults
- I have been doing a lot of study and research on the family. I think it is crucial that our community understands the importance of family structure and the importance of being responsible and accountable for their actions. I will assist in what ever way I can if this program is moving in this direction.
- Just all the building of hoes, that seem to stay vacant all the houses for sale why? That people are always in a hurry why? Slow down
- It would be nice to have some street lighting on some of these roads
- I answered your questions- however I really did not understand what exactly you wanted
- Noise from Hwy 66.- neighbors vehicle noise...light pollution, vehicle emissions...not being able to exit out of your driveway...speed limits on roads...the Harleys on a nice Sunday afternoon
- We are very concerned about the recent violence on 17th ave. between 34th st. and Hwy 34. Our son’s school has been locked down twice due to neighborhood violence in that area. There have been shootings, gang activity etc. what is being done?
- I believe fir the most part, Greeley is a good community to live in. We have lived here most of our lives. We have watched people come together to help others in a crisis

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- Achievement levels of education for Hispanics is bad...gangs in Greeley...schools that are not achieving to CSAP standards and why...overcrowded neighborhoods in the East side of town...poor jobs and low pay...the overall level of Greeley compare to Ft. Collins etc. other towns...The Greeley stampede has not challenged the present name to reflect the city of Greeley...Why isn't it that Greeley can not attract good jobs?
- Increased gang activity...increased trash in neighborhood...no covenants