



TANQUE VERDE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Project:	Pima County Comprehensive Plan
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Community Conversation Results

Background:

A Community Conversation was conducted in Tanque Verde, Arizona at the Tanque Verde Lutheran Church on December 10th, 2013 as part of the Pima County Comprehensive Plan Update *Pima Prospers*. 18 community representatives and residents were in attendance. Participants were split into groups and asked: “What is important to your community, what would make it a healthier community and/or what would you like to improve?” The groups were then asked to prioritize their responses using different colored dots.

Analysis Methodology:

Results compiled at this community conversation were analyzed according to a predetermined point rating system to minimize analysis bias. The point system consisted in assigning a value to each dot. The value of each dot is provided as follows:

- Green dots = 5 points
- Yellow dots = 3 points
- Red dots = -2 points
- Comments not rated = 1 point

Based on this point system, each comment was translated to Excel tables for tabulation. Each comment was then categorized, and analyzed according to the number of points per entry.



Results:

Tanque Verde representatives participating in this Community Conversation provided 44 comments related to the County’s Comprehensive Plan Update. When rated and categorized, the three most important issues were Infrastructure, Economic Development and Jobs, and Open Space and Wildlife Habitat. The chart below outlines the total number of comments, and the total number of points earned by each category.

Tanque Verde Results			
Category	Number of Comments	Total Points	Percent
Social Services	3	22	4.4%
Parks / Recreation	3	38	7.6%
Government / Public Process	5	30	6.0%
Infrastructure	12	155	31.2%
Open Space / Wildlife Habitat	5	59	11.9%
Energy	0	0	0.0%
Water Resources	1	20	4.0%
Land Use	5	3	0.6%
Community Character / Design	3	54	10.9%
Green Building / Sustainable Development	3	40	8.0%
Cultural Resources	0	0	0.0%
Public Safety	0	0	0.0%
Economic Development / Jobs	3	60	12.1%
Communication	1	16	3.2%
Air Quality	0	0	0.0%
Arts /Entertainment	0	0	0.0%
Total	44	497	100%

Infrastructure

Infrastructure represented 31.2% of the total points assigned by the Tanque Verde participants. This category had a total of 12 comments. When rated, the highest value within this category was 27 points. The top five rated comments in this category include:



Comment	Points
Improved bike lanes and sidewalks (connecting communities and amenities - rec. areas (parks, schools))	27
More roads and bus options in/out of Tanque Verde	25
Improved roads - smoother / maintained	20
Crosstown freeway	19
Maintaining our infrastructure (don't let it go to hell)	16

Economic Development & Jobs

Economic Development and Jobs represented 12.1% of the total points assigned by the Tanque Verde participants. This category had a total of 3 comments. When rated, the highest value within this category was 26 points. The top comments in this category include:

Comment	Points
Increase economy, better paying jobs, better education, facilities to attract the jobs	26
Help existing businesses	18
Cooperating with small business owners (planning projects with input from business owners to avoid negative impacts of CIP projects)	16

Open Space and Wildlife Habitat

The Open Space and Wildlife Habitat category represented 11.9% of the total points assigned by the Tanque Verde participants. This category had a total of 5 comments. When rated, the highest value within this category was 21 points. The top rated comments in this category include:

Comment	Points
Keep existing open space for wildlife and people	21
Preserve open space and conserve wildlife habitat / riparian	21
Maintain wildlife corridors	12
Ensure that open space stays open space	4
Open space to accommodate community activities	1



Summary:

The three most important issues to the participants in the Tanque Verde area were Infrastructure, Economic Development and Jobs, and Open Space and Wildlife Habitat. Other important categories discussed at the meeting include: Community Character and Design, Green Building and Sustainable Development, as well as Parks and Recreation. Please see below for a complete list of comments provided at the December 10th Community Conversation.

Comment ID	Comment	Green Dots	Total Green	Yellow Dots	Total Yellow	Red Dots	Total Red	Total Rate	Category
1	Public access to information	3	15		0		0	16	Communication
2	Keep rural feel but still have multimodal connectivity	2	10	2	6		0	17	Community Character / Design
3	Encourage community gardens, sustainability, social coming together	3	15	5	15		0	31	Community Character / Design
4	Design standards to fit topography	1	5		0		0	6	Community Character / Design
5	Increase economy, better paying jobs, better education, facilities to attract the jobs	5	25		0		0	26	Economic development / Jobs
6	Cooperating with small business owners (planning projects with input from business owners to avoid negative impacts of CIP projects)	3	15		0		0	16	Economic development / Jobs
7	Help existing businesses	1	5	4	12		0	18	Economic development / Jobs
8	Increase gas tax to pay for improved roads	1	5	1	3		0	9	Government / Public Process
9	More incorporation, annexation - keeping tax dollars in the Valley		0		0		0	1	Government / Public Process
10	Greater collaboration between Pima County and City of Tucson especially where abutting		0	1	3		0	4	Government / Public Process
11	Ability to pay for existing infrastructure without taxes/bonds impacting incomes	1	5		0		0	6	Government / Public Process
12	Better communication with public on priorities for road projects		0	3	9		0	10	Government / Public Process
13	Keep street lights to minimum here for dark skies	1	5	2	6		0	12	Green Building / Sustainable Design

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14	More water harvesting (public and private) especially as so many here have wells	2	10	0	0	0	0	11	Green Building / Sustainable Design
15	Dark skies	2	10	2	6	0	0	17	Green Building / Sustainable Design
16	Improve coordination between land use planning and wastewater system	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	Infrastructure
17	Encourage/ require new utility transmission to use existing roadways / ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Infrastructure
18	More concise planning of major streets and routes	2	10	1	3	0	0	14	Infrastructure
19	Crosstown freeway	4	20	2	6	4	-8	19	Infrastructure
20	Connect the two sections of Snider Rd.	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	Infrastructure
21	Improve bike transportation	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	Infrastructure
22	Stop sign at Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop	2	10	0	0	0	0	11	Infrastructure
23	better road maintenance , lower wear and tear on vehicles and better impression for visitors	0	0	3	9	0	0	10	Infrastructure
24	Maintaining our infrastructure (don't let it go to hell)	3	15	0	0	0	0	16	Infrastructure
25	Improved roads - smoother / maintained	2	10	3	9	0	0	20	Infrastructure
26	More roads and bus options in/out of Tanque Verde	3	15	3	9	0	0	25	Infrastructure
27	Improved bike lanes and sidewalks (connecting communities and amenities - rec. areas (parks,	4	20	2	6	0	0	27	Infrastructure

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28	More commercial areas for commercial, entertainment, medical, office		0		0		0	1	Land Use
29	Efficient use of land, higher density in city, less in outer areas -pima county		0	1	3		0	4	Land Use
30	No more drug facilities		0		0		0	1	Land Use
31	Concentrate arts and activities in the city		0		0		0	1	Land Use
32	No more mining and sand and gravel operations	1	5		0	5	-10	-4	Land Use
33	Maintain wildlife corridors	1	5	2	6		0	12	Open Space / Wildlife Habitat
34	Keep existing open space for wildlife and people	1	5	5	15		0	21	Open Space / Wildlife Habitat
35	Preserve openspace and conserve wildlife habitat / riparian	4	20		0		0	21	Open Space / Wildlife Habitat
36	Ensure that open space stays open space		0	1	3		0	4	Open Space / Wildlife Habitat
37	Open space to accommodate community activities		0		0		0	1	Open Space / Wildlife Habitat
38	Expand on recreation options for kids in existing/ new parks (skateboard/ equestrian)	3	15	5	15		0	31	Parks / Recreation
39	Maintain natural areas in parks, not just developed areas for lighted active recreation	1	5		0		0	6	Parks / Recreation
40	Support existing libraries, parks, community facilities		0		0		0	1	Parks / Recreation



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41	East side animal care center in addition to the west side	2	10	3	9	0	0	20	Social Services
42	More hospitals outside of Tucson		0		0		0	1	Social Services
43	Library study areas		0		0		0	1	Social Services
44	Maintain groundwater levels for riparian habitat	2	10	3	9	0	0	20	Water Resources