

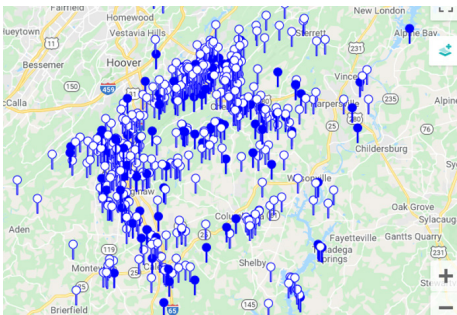
# shelby county

## Comprehensive Plan: Survey Results



### BACKGROUND

Across the county, survey participants want the same things.



2,095  
Total participants

49% participants  
Incorporated areas


51% participants  
Unincorporated areas

The survey was open from August 17th to December 1st, 2021 and full results can be seen at [www.PlanShelbyAL.com](http://www.PlanShelbyAL.com)

### ECONOMIC VITALITY


Participants are interested in economic growth.

Question 12: How should we retain existing businesses?

 41%  
provide infrastructure to support existing businesses

 35%  
invest in quality of life improvements

Question 29: Where should the County prioritize investing in tourism?

 82%  
Oak Mountain State Park

 76%  
new parks & greenways

“Keep Shelby County revenue in Shelby County through investment in the resident businesses.”

### QUALITY OF LIFE

Participants enjoy the County’s strengths but are concerned about traffic congestion (85%) and rapid growth (75%).

Question 4: Top 2 Strengths

 85%  
quality of public schools

 80%  
family friendly atmosphere

Question 5: Quality of Life Challenges

 69%  
vacant businesses

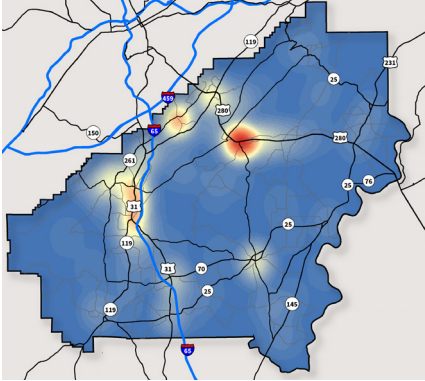
 68%  
availability of cultural & entertainment options

“We are very happy with the school system as well as the ability to walk and enjoy our neighborhood.”

“I think economic growth is fine in Shelby County, but services and roads are not keeping up.”

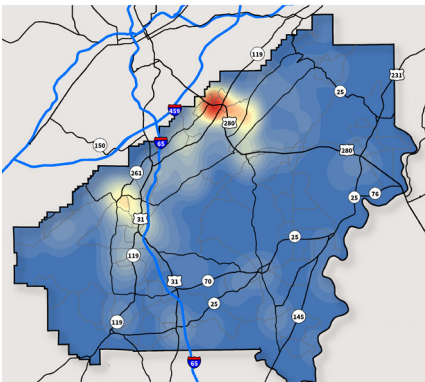
# FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Survey takers want to see new development encouraged at growing commercial nodes and along major corridors...



\* Areas highlighted in yellow & red illustrate where residents want to see more development

...and discourage additional development in larger cities with perceived congestion and around environmentally sensitive areas.



\* Areas highlighted in yellow & red illustrate where residents want to limit development

“Redevelop large single use development (office parks and shopping centers) into mixed use town centers/neighborhoods.”

“We need to balance growth and maintenance of green spaces.”

“New growth is great, but we can’t leave existing spaces to decay when they should be being revitalized... green spaces and community areas within neighborhood pods keep people and communities connected.”

## Question 8: Desired Future Development



parks, trails, recreational amenities



shopping, dining, & entertainment



prefer no further development



traditional single family homes



greater variety of housing options



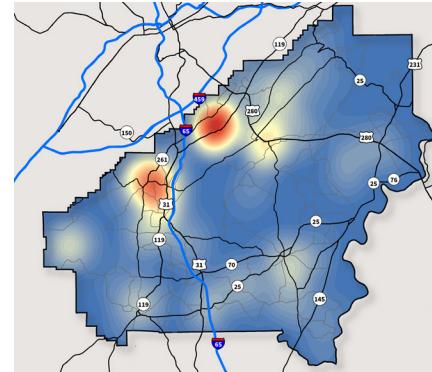
professional office spaces



manufacturing & industrial space

# PARKS & TRAILS

Parks and trails are highly popular, and more are wanted (see figure below).



\* Areas highlighted in yellow & red illustrate where residents want to see more parks & trails

## Question 18: Desired Recreational Amenities



improved facilities at existing parks



new off-road paths & greenways

“I’d really like to see some off-road paved trails for biking...A nice, paved path longer than 5 miles would allow for a nice ride through our beautiful county.”

“Connecting the trail systems across the county would be amazing.”

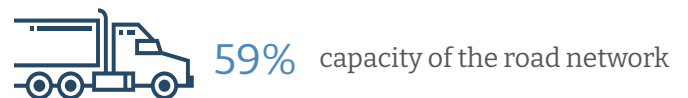
# TRANSPORTATION

Residents are most concerned about traffic congestion and roadway maintenance, especially along major corridors.

## Question 24: Desired Transportation Investments



## Question 9: Challenges to Economic Growth



“The largest issue facing us is lack of adequate roads and traffic management.”