

St. Augustine Parking and Transportation Master Plan

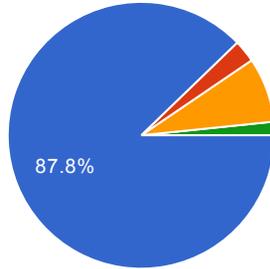
Feedback Form: June 14, 2016

Following are the comments received via the first online feedback form. There were just under 1,300 responses as of June 14. *Note: Numerical data is general; no statistical significance is implied.*

Summary

1284 responses

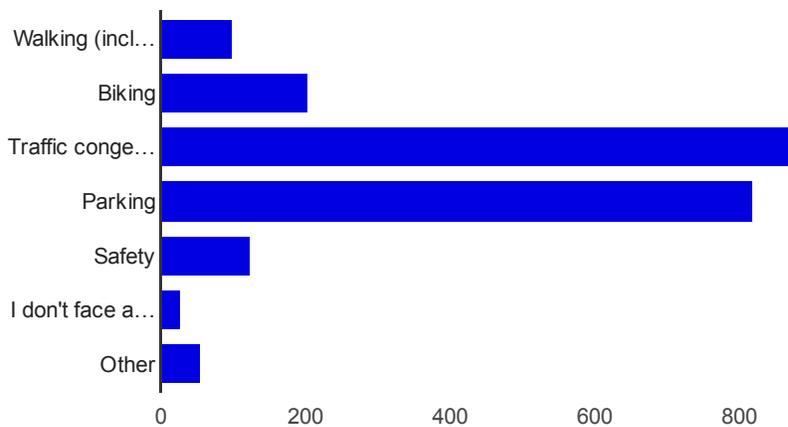
I am a:



Year-round resident	1127	87.8%
Seasonal resident	35	2.7%
Frequent visitor (2 or more times per year)	101	7.9%
Occasional visitor (fewer than 2 times per year)	21	1.6%

Mobility

How would you characterize your greatest mobility challenge(s) in St. Augustine?



Walking (including use of aids such as wheelchairs)	100	7.8%
Biking	204	15.9%
Traffic congestion	879	68.5%

Parking	819	63.8%
Safety	125	9.7%
I don't face any challenges	28	2.2%
Other	54	4.2%

What does a city with good mobility look like and feel like? (Feel free to describe another city you've lived in or visited.)

Savannah

Savannah

Boston

Portland

Public transportation

Washington DC

San Francisco

Pedestrians have safe crosswalks. Easy access to parking for cars.

N/A

I live in the Uptown neighborhood. My opinion is...A comfort level with biking around- right now I feel like I take my life into my hands when I bike down San Marco/Avenida Menendez. And I certainly would NEVER bike around here with my kids along. I also think the residents are being overlooked in favor of tourists. I think that parking and congestion issues really affect us and make it difficult for us to get into Downtown and also to get out of our homes.

Better placing of traffic lights and assistance from police during rush hours at lights, Jacksonville does this in high congestion areas and it makes a huge difference

Look at how old European cities have adapted traffic needs in historic areas. Look to Savannah and Charleston, too. Heck, even Williamsburg does it better than us.

Denver

Paris

Seattle

Unsure

x

Portland

Toronto

St. Augustine

Adequate parking

A clear traffic flow and parking. Williamsburg makes St Augustine look bad,even with their atrocious parking and traffic.

Orlando

San Diego

Walkable, inviting, safe, diverse food and entertainment options.

Traffic lights that are coordinating so there is smooth flow.

Easy access to parking

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Easy parking for locals to get to restaurants

More parking

Well thought out and placed parking. Mass transit optionsctgatvtaje cars off the streets. More areas reserved for pedestrians.

Adequate parking

More options for transportation for locals

savannah ga

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More parking

Good parking options or good city transportation like über

Roads with multiple lanes with ample parking

Lots of walking, beautiful spaces, diverse spaces for restaurant, museums and retail

safe and constant

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Move in traffic without facing created hazards ie bicycle, motorcycle, skateboard, golf carts and other obstacles in traffic which violate traffic rules.

city

Safe and accessible

Our city has great mobility, once you've found a place to park.

A city with plenty of parking for tourists and public transportation to move them around which in turn allows for local residents to travel through without getting stuck in constant traffic.

Roundabouts with continual traffic movement

MOOSE WYOMING

Better public transportation options. More people walking and less people stuck in traffic.

Finding a parking space. Moving traffic without extensive back ups.

Outside parking and pedestrianized

Mass transportation, ample parking, few sightseeing transportation vehicles, emphasis on residents not tourists, better use of police enforcing traffic, parking & jay walking laws....to name a few.

Liveable and not really congested with traffic, all types, while being safe to walk, bike, skateboard, etc. Parking available.

Free or inexpensive public transportation, ie trolleys that locals will use. Parking garages or lots OUTSIDE of the historic district with trolleys providing transportation to the sites. consistency with the pedestrian signs- some say cars must stop, some don't, tourists assume they will at all and step out in front of you. Also FDOT needs to make the walk symbol not light up when drivers have an arrow if possible.

Two places recently visited have made an impression. In Mydtic, CT., parking takes precedence over adding venues. What good does it do the city or the tourists if there's all these great things

to do but you're angry over parking before you're even out of the car. In Woods Hole, MA., there are "Employee Only" parking lots at no cost. The closest thing that St. Augustine has to either of these philosophies is The Fountain of Youth and Old Town Trolleys. Whites, who doesn't appear to be hurting for business, just recently started charging employees to park - why? St. Augustine Historical Society's "Oleest House" parking lot is another example of parking made available to guests but I don't know if the same can be said for employees.

Portland, OR: safe excellent bike lanes and public transportation cut down on car traffic, the city is not inundated with tourists

Savannah, GA

One with lots of parking options and public transportation.

Transit options that are safe and interconnected. I have never been to a city where I was expected to find a parking spot at the destination. Additionally creating desirable ways to walk and bike are key elements.

Dublin, Ireland, London, England, NYC, Columbus, Ohio

more pedestrian only space downtown, satellite parking, more public transit....

A place where locals can enjoywe don't bother going in town and we can walk there because it's too crowded. 2 hours to wait to eatnot worth it.

Affordable, reliable, frequent public transportation from outlying parking areas and handicap accessible parking/ drop off/pick up close to area hot spots

Not sure

Free flowing traffic w/ traffic lights, not Bridge of Lions opening/closing every 1/2 hour!

Parking lots

Not really sure. This is a small town with lots of visitors and people moving in all the time.

Palm Coast is an excellent example of an area that has really worked on designing bike trails and bike lanes that offer both ease of mobility and safety. When I want to go for a long ride I will often drive out of St. Johns County and into Flagler County to ride bikes because it feels so much safer.

the ability to park AWAY from the center of all the action with shuttle service into the heart - like at a ski resort town. Park at the base of the mountain, shuttle takes you up to the ski village, then back to your car at the end of the day.

Safe multi-modal/ Transit oriented development/ Complete Streets

They provide reasonably priced parking nearer the center of town.

Savannah GA

Drivers of motor vehicles driving within the speed limit and always being courteous to pedestrians, bicyclists, skate boarders, etc.

Ability to have safe, accessible roads for pedestrians, bikers and vehicles. Public transportation (which I think St.A has gotten much better at).

Vancouver, British Columbia

Bike lanes. Accessable public transit that isn't cost prohibitive.

Kutztown PA had many shortcuts for drivers. It also had one Main Street, but cars could detour through smaller streets. So, I guess we need more side streets or another exit to US1 besides

King and Iberia.

The ability to access town in a timely manner without unnecessary delays or inconvenience.

The ability to move about as a pedestrian without worrying about being run over or having to run and dash between cars that are lost, absorbed in the sights which are unfamiliar to them, and have no idea where they are going. The ability to step back in time and absorb our history, preserved and accessible without the rigors of modern times.

Sidewalks EVERYWHERE

Good public transportation. Good flow of traffic except for "rush hours." Parking garages closer to your intended destination.

Bike lanes, good flow of traffic

Off-site parking lots for those visitors going into the downtown area. Keep the tourists/visitors out of the congested downtown area and provide shuttle services in to town. Provide downtown parking for local residents that would like to support downtown businesses. Synchronize traffic lights to allow for better traffic flow.

I like downtowns that have a lot of bike racks and marked crosswalks - we're doing well on that front. There should be clear directional signs for one-way streets, turn lanes, public parking and the like so that visitors don't have to drive 3 mph trying to figure out where they are. The parking meters are CLEARLY MARKED when they stop collecting, and that is a pet peeve here. The '8-5, free on Sundays' is not clear and we spend a lot of time stopping visitors from paying needlessly. PLEASE get upgraded training for the bridge tenders - each evolution at the drawbridge can take up to a minute or two longer than necessary and adds to the backup of traffic. Thank you for adding traffic control officers at Hypolita & St. George during Nights of Lights; we need one at Cathedral & Charlotte for people crossing from the Plaza.

Good main arteries on the outside....golfcarts, bikes and pedestrians in the inside. The golf carts transporting people around is a great idea.

Hilton head

ability to limit traffic - offer alternatives - respect tax paying neighborhoods from ever increasing traffic

Well designate bike lanes that protect from distracted drivers. With all the festivities just create a parking area and bus people into the city and access by vehicle is by permit. A lot safer for pedestrians and the like not having to compete for the limited space. I have watched over the years as the amount pedestrians and traffic has increased ten fold. I avoid the city during peak times and the holidays. Not worth the frustration.

Minimal congestion. Plenty of parking. Free shuttles from parking areas with stops through out downtown.

Designated bike lanes, lighted pedestrian crossings frequent enough to discourage Jay walking
Plenty of parking. Easy access to downtown area. Correct timed traffic lights. Special events spaced out. Not all in same weekend!! Turn lanes for large retail stores to elevate traffic buildup!!

Ease of movement. Our traffic signals are poorly timed!

Inner points are free for cars, ample public transport and easy park facilities so you can get into the centre. Share bike solution freely available. Increased inner city parking charges and toll

systems to encourage use of share/public transport from the perimeter lines. Parking permits for residents inside the "no car" area Less pollution and a safer hub. Oslo, Copenhagen and even London have understood this. It should be difficult and expensive to use a car - St. Aug can divert all traffic via US1 and over the 312 to the Island. Save the downtown area for tourist cruising

A city with designated bike lanes or paths is a city with good mobility! I want to feel safe when I ride my bike and I hate feeling like I put bicyclists in danger when I drive my car.

new york city presented a parking challenge when i visited from the burbs. visiting by bus was a breeze.

Not so many yankees living there

more walking streets like st, george cars rerouted from bay front around town park on edge of town

Fernandina beach

Na

Downtown should have more streets that are closed off to cars. More pedestrian/foot traffic on side streets similar to Williamsburg VA restored area. Parking Garage outside of town that shuttles folks downtown--somewhere along rt16 or rt1 would work. On the island, The numbered/lettered streets could have brick crossways at the more popular streets to visually show pedestrians where to cross (perhaps low speed humps if speed becomes an issue like on Mickler/A street). On the street lamps they could add historic looking laps at about 12-14ft high, so from FA's to maybe the mini-golf place, you are visually telling people that this is the strip that you can walk, shop, eat, drink. I think some folks are just driving around adding to the traffic b/c they are just looking where they could be walking, same concept as a boardwalk--it tells you "here's where to walk, shop, eat, drink" Now...I enjoy driving and am the president of the Volkswagen club here in St.Aug so i also drive old cars. Some of the frustration is that everyone is using the Road and not the sidewalks. Joggers running in the street parallel to a perfect, unused sidewalk, the bicyclist whom we already give 4ft to when driving now have to go around the jogger, causing the car to cross the yellow lines. Perhaps remove the grass strip between the curb and existing sidewalk and widen the sidewalks, making it more like a promenade (like cape may. Mickler from A to Pope) so folks are "directed" to use that to limit the distractions for drivers. A parking garage on the island might also help as well a "Drunk Bus" as many beach towns have (Rehoboth). You can ride it all day and takes you from restaurants to bars, (which pay to have it stop at their business). This reduces the number of cars (traffic) as well as gets the intoxicated driver off the road and makes it safer for everyone.

Less stopped traffic; forward movement of traffic on streets (Savannah)

Safe bike paths to get from downtown to the beach, Traffic lights for pedestrians crossing Anastasia Blvd., Bridge traffic reduced using traffic officer to direct at busy times.

A lot of parking options, especially for tourists. Less congestion. More parking decks!

San Antonio, TX

A city with good mobility has several options to get from one place to another. Safe bike routes, public transportation, park and ride options, are all part of creating a mobile-friendly city.

Safe bike lanes, barriers to protect pedestrian areas, better coordination of streets for car traffic,

directionality.

Less cars

The ski towns of Colorado. The hotels and city provide convenient free public transportation.

Charleston or savannah

Eliminate long backups and dangerous crossing situations. Allow free flow.

Public transportation, easy and safe bike accessibility and plentiful parking

Savannah easier to get around and safer.

Copenhagen

A city with good mobility has plenty of parking options. Either with garages or ground lots. One of the main issues I have is when there is parades the LEO's do not know how to direct the flow of cars and block off the correct side streets.

We live 5+ miles south of the city off route 1. We would love to walk or bike from home into the city or across the 206 bridge to the beach, but we don't feel safe doing that. If we had walking/bike paths that connected us to the city from the south, we would have less need to bring cars into the very congested city, or onto the beautiful beaches. I envision that people would be able to bike a loop from the city, down the west side of route 1, across the 206 bridge and up A1A. Walking/bike paths along US1 would need to be buffered by a strip of grass and not directly on the road shoulder. The speed limit is too high and there are too many cars frequently changing lanes.

More crosswalks, public transport

Plenty of parking lots that are open to the public. Ex. The school board lot could be used on weekends and after school hours

Sat augustine 10 years ago

St. Augustine 20 years ago. The streets were so much less congested and there was room to share the road in the downtown. I don't mind parking a distance from my destination and walking, but trying to navigate downtown on bicycle has become increasingly dangerous. Shady areas for respite when walking is essential for our hot climate.

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Safe bike lanes, better prior planning.

Clear places for walking, driving traffic

More bike lanes and sidewalks

Ability to park without it taking up to an hour. Traffic is fluid and moves.

Portland, San Diego

Parking lots are out of the center of the town with shuttles available and plentiful. Public transportation is readily available. lanes wide enough to handle cars and bikes

Hilton Head, S.C.

Bike friendly

St Petersburg has used a number of solutions including elevated pedestrian crossovers, pedestrian activated crosswalk traffic lights, etc. They still have issues with parking though.

Multiple places to park and areas designated solely for walking/biking.

The ability to go about daily life with workarounds for tourist congestion. Additionally, better and

clearer forms of communication regarding speed limits for those visiting, especially for those sightseeing and traveling significantly slower than posted speeds.

Free flow of traffic....less trailer trains.there used to be a couple and now they're everywhere! better amenities for walkers.....such as more benches along walking areas....so people can enjoy the vistas or just take a break.....

Clear inner streets of cars downtown. Make them walking

Pedestrians have right of way in all circumstances even when they are breaking the rules and car drivers know it. Here cars don't stop even when pedestrians are in marked cross walks with no pedestrian crossing signal and where cars are supposed to stop to let them cross.

Bridge is like being in nyc

Traffic flows freely with an abundance of free parking to encourage people to shop and enjoy restaurants and museums.

Traffic -- pedestrian and vehicular -- moves safely and efficiently during all times of the day. Enforcement of traffic laws is strictly enforced. The presence patrol officers is evident to ensure personal safety.

Siting through no more than one red light at a stoplight.

Pedestrians zones

Traffic flows relatively free. There is always plenty of cheap or free parking. There are always options to avoid slow and obstructed traffic (two lanes in both directions).

One that has good sidewalks that are uniform and accessible for walkers and handicapped, W/C and hoverchairs. One has good pedestrian crossings that are night are lighted by lights that light up when people are using them (University of Florida has them on their crosswalks on campus. People stop because they flash while they are in use for walkers, bicycles, etc.

Mobility pet peeves: FIX THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL at the curve of Avenida Menendez and the Castillo parking lot. The TRAFFIC SIGNAL coming out of the parking lot is for pedestrians only and yet cars use it to cross onto Avenida, and to turn north right into pedestrians walking. It's an accident waiting to happen regardless of what FDOT says. FIX the turn lane going east on King so that TRAFFIC really must turn left onto Avenida, and not use it to jump into the BRIDGE OF LIONS traffic. PUT A NO TURN SIGN on that lane's access to the BRIDGE at Cathedral Place, too. FIX MEDIAN HEDGES on Anastasia Boulevard on the south side of the median as they are too high and bulky. Traffic trying to turn on Menendez Road is at risk as is the traffic on the next median north of that one. You cannot see eastbound cars in the inside lane at all until you are about to turn yourself. Bad planning. All of these issues are mobility issues too for everyone not just walkers and disabled. Thanks for asking!

Very walkable and with shuttle services (not tourist trains) to get around for farther distances.

Good public transit. Bus, ride share options lime.Uber are great at helping aleviate these issues.

Not sitting in hours of traffic to go 1-3 miles, especially to go grocery shopping.

Knoxville TN-they have lots of public parking garages

parking near but outside the city center, walkable central business district

Protected bike lanes, free shuttles from parking lots outside the cbd.

adequate parking to be able to shop and enjoy downtown.

Ridgefield, Ct.

Plenty of off and on street parking both free and pay. Certain areas would benefit to have restricted use for tour trolleys and horse & buggys.

organized flow of traffic

Traffic flows smoothly with lights timed correctly and all vehicles moving at or near the speed limit, so they aren't impeding traffic - i.e. trolley trains going 10 mph causing traffic backups.

This happens often on Bridge, Riberia, and near the winery during peak times when employees are leaving work.

Savannah, georgia

good parking and walkability- bike lanes and pedestrian friendly areas

Bike lanes , pedestrian lanes,

Easy to enter, park, and move about from there via walking, bus, trolley, subway, etc. Prefer lots of opportunity for walking safely about once parked.

City wide transportation via a tram, trolley, etc. Parking on the outskirts of the downtown area and plenty of areas for pedestrian and bikes to maneuver safely around the town

Some cities have pedestrian crosswalks that prevent turning traffic from nearly running you over and screaming at you after you got a signal to walk

Traffic flows because people know where they are going.

A place where the CITIZEN'S needs come first.

More accessibility and better traffic direction

Effortless and seamless - easy-to-follow map kiosks, intuitive locations, parking is convenient and shuttle service is understood. Think Disney World's attention to details for moving people - not that we should be like Disney, but the attention paid to the entire experience is smooth and not at all burdensome. Parking is part of the experience, but shuttle service is provided at no additional (visible) cost.

We need other 'main road' options to get from the north end of town to the south end, such as Holmes Rd and Old Moultrie. Those roads need to be able to handle more traffic than they can now so the locals can avoid US1 which is usually congested with visitor traffic.

No huge backups on major arteries such as King, San Marco and AIA at the bridge. Reserved on street parking in downtown residential neighborhoods. Reduction in cut-through traffic in downtown neighborhoods.

Safe for pedestrians and bikes , while maintaining traffic flow

A city with good mobility has a variety of means of getting places including walking, biking, driving and mass transit.

More parking, and someone to direct traffic.

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For a city of St. Augustine's size and layout, central parking is the key. The existing parking decks are OK but expensive and not necessarily in the best location.

Looks open with many lanes, separate lanes for turning, and feels open little congestion, manage number of visitors and events.

More than one parking facility located in various locations

Peaceful, calm.

Public Transit (moving many people with one vehicle). Smooth , LEVEL and wide sidewalks. (where possible) CLEAR SIGNAGE - more than just DOT signs with Hwy Names. (Let's discuss the Parking Meter signs which confuse tourists and locals even...FREE on SUNDAY should be in LARGE LETTERS.)

Tallahassee, FL

More crosswalks

I like that in Charleston, SC horse drawn carriages move over for vehicular traffic.

No Yankees (Savannah GA.)

Wheelchair, power chair and walker access of residents and visitors: to include ramps at corners of course but also a sidewalk wide area of macadam or concrete along brick roads where tourists are most likely to travel or to provide more access for disabled residents to attend city functions. Perhaps similar to the new curb less flat surfaces on Hypolita etc.

Bar Harbor Maine is a huge tourist destination, yet it is spotless and never congested

Room for pedestrians, bikes and cars. Too many special events. Extreme Traffic in north city through uptown where I reside is now the normal. Not just on San Marco but US1 as well. John Reardon has a good idea using old DMV property just inside city gates for satellite parking.

First, I think a city that has a plan that works is SUPPORTED by it's residents. Management has to get our residents to agree and work with the City Manager and Commission. Honestly, people with agendas need to be put in their place. I feel anything at this point will be a failure due to an US vs. THEM mentality from the residents. Fussing about too many tourist is ridiculous! It's their money that really keeps this city going and growing. I sincerely hope and pray your plan is accepted and works exactly as you planned it.

Free fowing traffic

It doesn't have trolleys and carriages slowing traffic, rather designated lanes and hours of operations that avoid peak traffic hours

Any city where you don't have to drive if your destination is less than a few miles. Focus needs to be on bike lanes and walking to alleviate the congestion.

Being able to actually drive your car downtown OR to the beach, find parking and enjoy the place where you live.

it would be a city that respects multiple types of community transportation incl; bikes, walkers, golf carts (etc), as well as automobiles

I city with not much going on.

No traffic in the main area.Parking outside the city with free shuttles.

Ormond Beach

Portland, Oregon and Chicago

More public transportation, more pedestrian areas, limited delivery truck times, more parking garages (they don't have to be as grand as the Garage Mahal). And maybe the tourist trains could expand their service to be more like a bus service.

Celebration, FL

I always remember what an amazing job we did for the Gentleman of the Road concert downtown. Every single hotel was filled, and yet there was zero traffic congestion downtown.

Why can't that happen all the time?

If you live in or near the city, you should be able to arrive in or near a city destination by vehicle in 10 minutes or less. We should live in a city/county where we are not Number 1 in bicycle deaths. We should not have to be exposed to traffic congestion that causes 45 minutes to 2 hour delays during heavy traffic time periods, especially during holidays and special events. Eliminate/reduce distracted drivers by enforcing traffic laws. We need satellite parking for our tourists which will allow them to use reliable mass transportation to visit our great city. Mass transportation should be able to move quicker in the city and not be part of the traffic congestion. You should be able to pull out onto a main road (San Marco Avenue, U.S. 1, May Street, Anastasia Blvd, etc.) in a timely fashion and not worry about being run over. Drivers are going too fast.

An additional lane, wider roads, less stop lights

Bike lanes that are set off from traffic, not teetering on the edge of it. Also avoidance of bottlenecks created by funneling all traffic through one intersection.

Vero Beach has a very well run free transit service with short frequent bus runs through a common hub so you can access the entire city quickly and easily. Would love to see that here to get people out of their cars and off the streets.

One that there are many different routes into and out of the city, so that when one is clogged, you have other main avenues to travel down, not just residential streets.

Encourages locals and visitors to shop, eat and play

Multiple transport options. Biking, public transportation, off site park and go, water ferry, safe walking, etc. These in conjunction with effective enforcement of pedal and motor violators.

Perhaps a SAPD ped/traffic division for entry level LEO to start in and then advance through the ranks via testing/promotion process.

Safe & efficient movement between areas

Tell us a little bit more ...

Do you travel in a mode other than a personal automobile (Sunshine Bus, trolley, carriage, bicycle, Uber, etc.)? Why or why not?

No

Bike

no

bicycle

Bicycle

Walk

No.

No

No.

Bicycle

Bike

Walking

Trolley

bike

Car

Occasionally. Once we are downtown we walk.

walk

Uber

I bike sometimes but don't feel very safe doing so unless I stay in the neighborhoods and don't go into city center.

When I lived in st aug I traveled by bike sometimes but stopped because I almost got hit by cars on multiple occasions. Uber is a nice alternative at night

Yes -- When possible, I walk in downtown St. Augustine leaving my car in my garage.

Yes

NO

No.

Bicycle, uber

Car, sunshine bus is a joke when it comes to reliability and trolleys are outrageous for locals.

Greater st. Augustine is so lacking in sidewalks and covered bus stops that alternative transportation is not a realistic option for a family.

No because I have kids so not easy to do

I walk as much as I can. I bike to the beach sometimes. I use taxis occasionally

Shuttle when available

walking

No, personal choice

Uber or walk

walk, Bus takes too long, its too congested for bicycle, not enough room

No. Not as convenient

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Yes, walk, ride pedicab. It's easier.

Convenience and distance is the reason we drive

Yes by bicycle but that has it's own safety issues when the roads are crowded.

Walk because biking downtown is dangerous with so much traffic

NO

No. I would take the Sunshine Bus, but it's terribly inefficient and doesn't run after 5:00 so is worthless to go downtown for dinner, for example. My son has taken it, and gets very frustrated with waiting/the estimated stop times are so approximate. I think of the trolley as a tourist attraction; I might ride if I have company in town. But once I'm uptown or downtown, I can walk to everything I need to. They're fun for First Friday Art Walk and Nights of Lights.

No....age and health prevent it

Yes, we walk, bike, and use our street legal golf cart.

bicycle. Sorry to say but The sunshine bus seems to carry a less desirable crowd.

I live on Anastasia Island and have a physical handicap, so riding a bike downtown is not an option. Being disabled, I take advantage of the city's generous offer of free parking. If that ever changes I'll probably have to stop going downtown.

When traveling to downtown, we try to always Uber or Taxi to avoid the traffic congestion and parking issues.

Yes, bicycle and walk although I find myself when I have my child especially, getting in a car specifically if I need to go to Anastasia Island and the Anastasia Boulevard area and neighborhoods. The speeds are just too high with lack of proper width sidewalks.

I ride my bike frequently but never downtown. Traveling downtown by car or cab is as frustrating as anything! Keep the bridge DOWN but once an hour and most problems go away.

Yes==combination of car, scooter and bike

Bike sometimes.

Not convenient, most are overpriced and touristy, as opposed to being actual transportation

No I have a car

Cab

Bicycle, walking

walk or bike when I go into town, other than for work.

I like to walk because I live close to town and enjoy the beauty and people of the city more this way.

Bicycle. Walking. Occasional car pooling with friends.

Bike from the island to downtown, avoid parking and traffic, plus it's too pretty not to enjoy riding!

Biking is scary and dangerous in St. Augustine. Sunshine bus is: expensive for the service, does not service enough area, is not fast enough to get to your destination.

No. Because they need more buses and longer hours. Also, sunshine needs shorter more direct routes to destinations.

I have used the bus, trolley and pedestrian methods throughout the city. I don't bicycle mostly because of the hazards involved. There is too much congestion to allow bicycle in the mix not to mention the rude behavior of the majority of bicyclists I have encountered. Most give the impression they are entitled and demand the right to pass whether they are on a sidewalk, ignoring traffic patterns, and signals.

No. I've tried the Sunshine Bus but their routes are too few and wait time became too long.

would love to take the bus, but there are not enough routes to do my daily errands. Longer hours of operation would be handy, too. I used to ride my bike, but now the roads are too crowded with cars & sidewalks are too full of tourists.

Bicycle and walking; cab when necessary.

Golf carts...easy and quick to get around while still being social.

used to enjoy bicycling downtown. It is really too congested and unsafe now to navigate a bicycle enjoyably thru town. We mainly walk to town now. We miss biking into town!

Bicycle easier to get around, but dangerous because in attentive drivers.

Bicycle and walking--to avoid parking

Bike and walk

Bicycle, but rarely because I feel unsafe.

No, got my own car

Other than walking, no. Family of 4 so we generally drive. We live on the island but rarely drive downtown due to traffic/parking.

No. On foot

Yes, I bike and walk when I can, but I do not feel safe crossing Anastasia Blvd. I will drive 5 blocks for take out because I'm afraid to cross the Blvd.

No, I live downtown so can walk most places.

Use a motor scooter with my husband. Sometimes use a bike, but not a good solution when the streets are congested and traffic is not moving.

No - I don't feel safe riding a bike with no bike lane.

I walk a lot. Too much traffic to bike.

Walk and bike.

Yes because traffic downtown is too hard to get through and a headache. It's easier to get dropped and get picked up .

bike but not far because it is so dangerous with the vehicle traffic and no safe lanes.

Only car, not available or convenient

No. Driving to work usually.

Most of the time I walk downtown so I can avoid paying for parking. Sunshine bus is unreliable and needs better updated equipment.

We drive into the city by car. We have used the Sunshine bus occasionally also when it was just one or two of us. Riding bikes into the city or to the beach is not safe from our home.

No. I don't feel safe biking (I have a beach cruiser and cannot get fast enough to really go with traffic)

No. I have 3 young children

No I live out in Elkton

Bicycle. I live downtown, so walk or bike if I can.

Would like to ride bike more but too dangerous.

Bicycle or scooter. Parking

Bicycle from time to time or walking because it's less hassle

Bicycle--because there's too many tourists on the roads congestion traffic. They contribute to safety issues because they don't pay attention, are unfamiliar with the roads, and in general drive like they don't care about locals.

bike and walk

Enjoy evening carriage rides

Bike. Easiest to get around and park.

walking, I live so close to downtown it's often easier to walk than look for parking.

I use to bike prior to people being hit by careless drivers. Now, I don't bike at all, as it appears completely unsafe. I grew up here, so I remember a time when people actually watched the road, not their cellphones. I drive my car.

walk, Sunshine Bus

Taxi, no parking for locals

Much too unsafe to ride a bicycle in the city.

No. Where I live (Vilano Beach), makes getting into town and St. Augustine Beach a logistical problem except by car.

Walk

Bike / walk

No. Not practical

I generally drive to the parking garage and walk, walk, walk. Sometimes, it's too daunting to even try. Holidays I don't even bother.

I'm an uber driver. I do my part to cut down on traffic for the city.

Bike-it's easy to park

yes because I don't like parking

Bike. It's easy, but dangerous.

it is not safe to bicycle with traffic and distracted drivers

Do not need to so far.

Once a parking spot is found we walk!

I walk, but do not use any other mode. Personally feel trolleys and carriages cause congestion and traffic delays.

I have to get where I am going in a short time

bicycle and walking are primary modes of transport when not in automobile

I work when I come to town and need my van to haul gear

Other than walk I take the trolley - easy to get around and enjoyable as I travel - part of the experience of visiting St. Augustine. The carriages look lovely but I feel bad for the animals so will not take them.

I'm the late '90s/early 2000s, I rode my bike everywhere for recreation and to run errands. Now, I will only haul my bike out to Marineland area and use the big sidewalks with much less traffic. Not much. The city is very spread out and difficult to navigate outside of a vehicle. Sunshine bus is scary and looks dirty.

No, inconvenient

Not convenient and not safe

Yes. Walking

Trying the shuttle from CPS parking lot for church now. Choose not to bike downtown because too dangerous.

walk and bicycle

Bicycle , for traffic and parking issues.

No. The Sunshine bus has too limited a schedule and hours. The trolleys and carriages are not

for locals except as a tourist attraction and are more point of congestion than a mobility solution. Bicycling would be an option if one didn't face death crossing the Bridge of Lions. We do take taxis on occasion.

No, I drive a good distance to get to St. Augustine, and then the other transportation options are entirely too expensive.

Trolley when touring

No, with our family, automobile is the only option.

Bike, quicker getting downtown during events

walk, bike

Too dangerous to ride a bicycle, use my own vehicle or walk.

I would use the Sunshine Bus if I thought about it more. I live on Anastasia Island and would use it for going downtown if it ran frequently.

Bike, motorcycle

Sometimes I ride my bike if downtown if traffic is too bad

I do use a bicycle from time to time.

Would love COA to run on weekends

I work on the edge of downtown, I walk some. Some days it's faster to walk and it's good exercise plus fresh air. Too many trolleys running wild, they need a specific route that's flexible. Bikes, the city needs more police officers to aid in getting bicyclists to comply with the law. Carriages, I love them, but in this day and time, they cause an awful lot of congestion. Maybe shorten their routes to just right downtown. Rental bikes, rental scooters and pedicabs are not conducive to our downtown area. Maybe a plan to move and keep cars from the downtown area, period. By permit only. It would certainly be safer.

I do not need this

Bicycles and walking, both are much better ways to really see the town

bicycle and I would do a lot more if I felt it was safer---carriage occasionally, car speeds are too fast in the corridors especially the East corridor of Anastasia Island, boat....the city makes this unattractive by charging for dinghies and small craft (16' or less); other waterfront cities like Charleston, Annapolis etc encourage locals and visiting boats to come ashore by dinghy. We have a waterfront community that could have city designated dinghy areas where locals from the north and south could pull up and spend an afternoon in the city....this is NOT encouraged, but it would keep additional cars off the roads. At the end of many downtown east/west street, small dinghy docks could be put in for easy access.

Walking and biking. I enjoy the activity and the scenery.

not usually.

bike, but not frequently due to pedestrian traffic and speeding drivers

No. I've tried biking but St. Augustine is not bike friendly

No, downtown resident

No. It's not convenient. The schedules are wonky and the stops are far away.

Not usually. Will park and walk though

Bicycle or walk whenever possible to keep my car off the road, especially for special events or

holidays.

Bicycle- for pleasure and convenience

I walk and use my car but would love to ride my bike. After coming close to losing my life every time I've tried it in the past few years, even wearing neon green and with a high flag and a reflective left armband, I've given that up.

Tried sunshine bus but it takes too long. We walk and bicycle when we don't use the car.

I walk when I can, which is fine for inside the city, but when I have to go to a grocery store or somewhere else, I have to take my car. It's too far to walk.

Yes Bike

Bike and walk from my house on Menendez to downtown. I choose this mainly because I enjoy it but now it is the most effective mode of transportation. My concern is that it is becoming increasingly dangerous to not be in a vehicle with a seat belt and airbag

Bike only in my neighborhood. Too dangerous to ride over the bridge to downtown. But I ride all over the boulevard!

Walking only.

I walk or take a personal car. (The Sunshine bus is not predictable or frequent enough for most of my needs; With narrow streets, bicycling is not appealing except as a form of meandering/enjoyment)

Bicycle when I am traveling close to home on the beach

walk and ride bike most places

Bicycle- good exercise, often a faster way to get into town

My husband often bicycles to work from Davis shores to St. Augustine HS. We frequently ride bikes downtown or walk. There are very few safe places to cross on Anastasia Blvd.

I bike or walk whenever possible but the traffic prevents me from doing so more frequently.

Do not feel safe on bike. Takes more time for public transportation.

Yes. Bike and Uber. To avoid parking.

To dangerous to travel by bike downtown because of parked cars around the square. Not allowing the two lanes of parking and replacing with one for the trollers, buses, delivery trucks, etc and another for bikes would free up the congestion and allow us to enjoy the beauty instead of parked vehicles.

No. I have my own car and prefer to use it. I also have arthritis, which makes things such as a bicycle troublesome, especially on cobblestone streets. The carriages are nice for sightseeing, though, and I enjoy that.

No, I'm afraid to ride my bike on the roads around St. Augustine - too many bikers killed.

bicycle - exercise and ease of parking

As a resident, I don't want to pay for bus, trolley, carriage, etc. And, as none of that is near my home, I would have to drive to one of them anyway. If I am going to have to drive anyway, I may as well just drive to my destination. I would bicycle but it is too dangerous.

bike - but extremely dangerous in St Augustine and terrible or lack of bike paths (space next to the driving lane is not a bike path)

Walking is to downtown from our home on Dolphin Drive is often much faster than driving.

Yes; it is often easier to get around on a bike or walking because of the volume of vehicular traffic on our narrow city streets.

Bicycle & on foot

no, I live on the St Johns River

Bus schedules not convenient, biking not safe on our streets

I would like to bike around St. Augustine, and enjoy walking there too, but the cars, "tourist trains", racket from the "trains" loudspeakers, etc. have killed a lot of the former pleasure. My beautiful St. Augustine was a traffic-congested, sound-polluted mess when last I was there (a Thursday in May of this year). And yet it was still beautiful!

No live too far out. Not convenient

No, efficiency

Walk (we live downtown)

I walk & occasionally bike around the City

Take taxicabs downtown on weekends to go somewhere because of traffic and parking both.

For the most part only personal car with the occasional pedicab or Uber when not wanting to deal with downtown parking or worry about drinking. Other methods just don't work for my family

Walk and ride a bike. Prefer not to use gasoline. Sometimes I must drive, though, since traffic is life-threatening.

No. I have my own POV. Of course one I get downtown I walk everywhere.

Bike and Sunshine Bus

I would use the Sunshine bus, but live too far from San Marco or Ponce Boulevard

No, I live outside of city limits and own business in city limits.

I would love to use bus but routes are not convenient and not enough buses

I ride my bicycle, especially when the traffic is grid locked to go downtown for an event.

I walk a lot. I'm from New York City, where people walk more than Floridians, so if it's under a mile, I usually walk it.

I walk when I can. It's not worth it to fight for parking.

We sometimes bring our bicycles when we visit but it's not always easy to get around with them.

No, it doesn't fit into how I get to StAugustine

Use car only; too far to walk, don't bike, and there is no bus service in our development.

Bike and scooter

Bicycle. I live downtown and it's the best way to get around. I also ride a scooter too.

It's too dangerous to bike but would love to.

No, time and convenience. Although, if there were shuttle buses from the island, where we live, for special events downtown....First Friday....concerts in the park, 4th of July....Blessing of the fleet, etc. etc., we would be happy to pay a small fee to take advantage of them.

If a friend or relative were visiting St. Augustine, what advice would you give on getting around? Why?

Walk

Park and walk

Park and walk.

Taxi

Stay downtown and walk

Avoid downtown

walk

Car

Walk

Take the red train

Park in the garage and walk

park and walk

Park in the parking garage and then walk. Other than special events it is easy to get to. The only problem is that it is at the north end of town.

Park in one of the neighborhoods and walk! It's way too hard to find parking in city center and the parking garage fills up pretty quickly on busy days.

Drive yourself because other modes of transportation aren't as reliable

Find a parking spot and keep it for the day!

Drive

Go early

Get downtown early

Park your car and walk

Walk or bike, especially during peak times.

Go after 5pm to downtown and pray for parking.

I would advise them to go early or late and check the lots behind the lightner or episcopal church first and if unavailable go to the parking garage. I find these lots most accesible without the large fee of the garage.

Trolly

Go early! Beat the traffic

Carpool

Park your car at my place and walk.

Walk because the traffic is horrible

Take a taxi

Trolley

Walking

Arrive early.....bring a roll of quarters.

Walk because parking is a hassle to find and expensive

park in the garage and walk, use the taxi

Plan your trip to avoid known problem times

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Stay out of town. The congestion is not worth the wait to eat or see anything historic.

Pedicab

Try the parking garage

Park on the outskirts and take the trolley. Best way to get around town and also learn about the history.

Walk due to traffic congestion

I DROP THEM OFF IN TOWN AND GO HOME IT'S A SHAME BUT, PARKING IS SUCH A NIGHTMARE.

Allow plenty of time for traffic and to search for parking. Take a cab or bicycle if you can. Try not to get frustrated and try not to hit anyone! Why: because traffic is crazy, parking is scarce (and expensive), and people are darting around unpredictably.

Walk, there is no parking left

Stay away weekends

Stay close to town and walk

Park in a lot or not downtown and walk in.

Park somewhere and leave your car for the entire stay

I always take advantage of the opportunity to play tour guide. I love this town!

park on the city outskirts and walk in or use the parking garage

Find a parking spot and walk for your time

Taxi or Uber

If coming before 10AM, you can park and do whatever you want. If it's after 11, bring a bike, rent a bike, get a trolley ticket and park outside the historic district. You spend 45 minutes looking for a spot that will also likely be difficult to leave from. SPend your time enjoying all of St.

Augustine.

Never, ever try to get downtown after 3pm

as a tourist I would say trolley trains. As a resident, I would encourage biking and scooters.

Stay away

Get ready to walk and watch the price of parking as some places overcharge. I would suggest parking for free on the island side streets and walking over the bridge to downtown or having lunch at the Columbia then walking the city to have your parking comped

Go early so you can actually find parking.

Trolley or walk! Do NOT drive!!

Park at the hotel and walk.

Just be patient. It's worth it.

I would encourage them to get a place near where they want to go and stick with walking.

Parking is a pain and bicycling in St Augustine is not safe.

arrive early and park at parking garage. if they can't get here early, "good luck" - there are no decent "alternatives" to offer or suggest.

I would tell them to go straight to park their car in the city garage and walk around town because they will waste time looking for a place to park and because the garage is safe (its monitored)

the price is always the same (as opposed to that charge depending on the day of week).

Have someone else drive and get dropped off at the shop/restaurant that is their destination

Stay as from downtown. Parking is horrible

Walk or ride a bicycle. You see more and don't need to find parking.

Trolley, walk and park at the parking garage

Park across the bridge of lions and walk downtown.

Stay in a hotel near the area they want to visit, I.e. downtown and try to walk everywhere. Traffic is congested and parking is non existent in tourist areas.

I'd tell them stay downtown and walk everywhere because parking is hard and the traffic is time consuming.

Lets walk

Go to the old town Early to avoid hoards of tourists

Drive! (Other options are less favorable due to their age.)

Come early, find good parking first, take the trolie for easy tour experience

Take a cab downtown and walk, since there are no parking places.

I would tell them the secret parking spots that we never tell anyone; give them my ParkNow card to borrow and tell them to avoid US 1 and 312 at all costs.

Take 312 to get aound...park at the garage and ride the good carts.

come during the week and as slow a time as possible to park and enjoy the downtown area.

Get there very early to get parking and have a good set of walking shoes. Do not use a pov to get around. Use the trolley or walk.

Bike to avoid parking

Good luck

Take a car - because the systems are not in place to cater for easy movement

Walk when you are downtown. Be a defensive driver. Don't assume cars, pedestrians or bicyclists will follow the law.

i live in the shores so i would advise them to visit the city at specific times when parking would be easier - or i would drop them off with my car and pick them up when they wanted to come back here.

Leave early,because of the idiots out there

park on edge of town

Park in garage and walk

Stay downtown so you can walk everywhere and not drive. When you come to the beach, park at our place and walk up.

Avoid driving through downtown

Stay at a hotel outside of the historical district; take free shuttle downtown; use trains/trolleys to get around

Park in Davis Shores and walk into town. There is usually plenty of spaces on residential streets to park and then walk over the bridge, beautiful experience!

Park at my house and stay with us so you don't have to deal with the ridiculous amount of

traffic.

Park and take the trolley.

Use a tour train. Don't have to worry about parking or driving.

Use the trolleys, and walk.

Use parking garage and plan to walk a lot. It would be nice if there was a shuttle from parking garage to King Street running continually for older people that can't walk far.

To walk or bike.

Do not drive. We always drop and pick up. Encourage walking

Watch out for speeding cars, aggressive drivers, and unsafe bike lanes.

park in garage downtown and walk around

Come early to get a parking spot.

Park across the bridge and walk in

Get a hotel or Bed and Breakfast downtown. If that is not possible get a hotel that will offer shuttle service to the places you need to go.

We tell them they need a car if they are staying with us. Once they get into the city, they should park in the garage and take the trolley.

Walk if you can

Go downtown early if you want a place to park

Walk traffic is to bad

I would loan them my Park Now Card. Wear comfortable shoes and park in the garage.

We will drop you downtown.. call us to pick you up.

Be prepared to pay for parking and frustration with traffic.

Park on the island and walk over the bridge.

Park outside downtown and walk

Find parking early or take a cab. Not worth the hassle

Park at my house on the beach and use my bike. Don't bother driving downtown there's too many cars and parking is too expensive.

bike

Walk , be patient and avoid rush hour traffic .Park at Trolley station that allows you access back to your vehicle on their route and use Trolley like a boarding pass to get around town on your own time frame .

Lend them my bike. Tell them to watch for bad drivers who aren't aware of bicyclists.

Take a trolley, you can park at the company lot and get to all the sites.

I would tell them to rent a car or use the trolley downtown.

dont travel through downtown, avoid the 312 bridge during specific times a day

park at the garage and walk....then drive to things outside the core city

Get hotel shuttle

Don't drive because there are unbearable traffic jams and inconvenient places to park from which you will be walking anyway so you might as well walk in the 1st place.

Avoid downtown because of traffic

Walk or use the trolley. There is no place to park an automobile.

Park in the parking garage and take a trolley.

Go out before 9am or after 9pm.

Taxi or pedicab. Taxis and pedicabs provide an affordable and convenient way to navigate downtown. When driving a personal vehicle, you become distracted with the sights of the city and the confusing roads. These things can cause you to hit a pedestrian, or collide with other moving or parked vehicles. Parking can often be a challenge, due to lack of spaces, cost, time limits and location relative to destination.

Drive your car to the city parking garage and either walk the distance or buy a train ticket and ride around and then get off and on at general stops not just attractions.

Park in the garage and be prepared to walk. If you want to spend the money on one of the tourist trolley trains, go for it.

Take a ride share service. Park on the island side of the Bridge of LIONS and walk over the bridge at sunset.

Don't make plans during the festival season

Take the least amount of cars as possible if going downtown because there is little parking. And avoided the concerts at the St. Augustine Amp.

Use an Uber or taxi so you can safely enjoy the nightlife

Park at my house and we'll bike or I'll drive.

park at parking garage, there have been many events downtown where the parking garage gets full and people are turned away

Take the trolley tour.

Don't be in a rush to get anywhere.

Arrive early to the parking garage to get a spot and walk

Park at the garage and walk - town is perfect for getting around on foot.

Stay away from down town

park and then walk everywhere

Go slow., streets are narrow downtown. And many pedestrians

Try to park in the parking garage. Plan to walk or take the trolley from there.

Park in the parking garage.

Be very mindful of crossing streets even if you have a signal. And be somewhat aggressive in getting drivers to stop and yield or you'll be stuck on whatever corner you're on all day long

Get dropped off downtown, don't try to park there.

Go to town early and get out early before crowds build

At this point I tell them not to come. If they do avoid events, holidays and weekends. The crowds are offputting.

Park on the island and walk over the bridge

Stay in a downtown location and wear comfortable shoes.

Once you find a parking spot downtown, stay in it and walk the rest of the day.

Don't come on a weekend and get here early on weekdays.

If visiting down town, park and walk or bike

We'll drive you.

Get out extremely early to beat the others to parking spaces, and plan lots and lots of time for resting because you're going to be walking so far it's exhausting.

Stick to side streets

Get out to the downtown area early and spend your afternoons and evenings on Anastasia.

Stay close to downtown and walk or bike

don't use carriages and other transportation that slows the traffic

Purchase a trolley ticket if sightseeing. Free parking and good for 3 days.

Come early to find parking, after 5:00 street parking is free.

I always suggest buying a Trolley or Train pass to get an overview of the city and to get around easily, PLUS they get FREE and convenient parking all day. If guests are staying with me and/or don't want to buy passes, I use my Locals' Parking Pass either at metered parking or the garage.

Take a cab. Parking is problematic and downtown traffic is often congested to the point of frustration

Ride bikes cause traffic and parking downtown or beachside is impossible

Nothing really because I don't think it is as bad as people think.

On foot or use trolley

If you go anywhere, do it very early in the morning

Bicycle

Seriously, get a good pair of walking shoes, it's a great city to walk around. You can see it all walking.

To leave early n not get frustrated with the traffic

I would suggest they take a cab downtown and walk lest they pay exorbitant prices for parking.

Don't drive into downtown, but be careful if walking or on bike because the city isn't well set up for it

Don't bother trying to get downtown in your car.

walk as much as possible

I would tell them where to find parking and get them a park now card just to make it easier.

Take the trolley. Park in one of their free lots.

park in the garage, walk if at all possible and be very careful.

To visit downtown and St. George St., park on the Island side of the Bridge of Lions and walk.

Walk, it's a walking city. You don't see much of the city trying to drive up Hypolita Street

Downtown is impossible.

I suggest parking at the garage and then getting a trolley so they can see more of the city and decide where to spend more time

Try to avoid peak traffic time periods. Use other roads beside U.S. 1, San Marco Avenue, May Street. Try to leave the vehicle at their hotel/motel/bed and breakfast and walk or use the mass transportation available at hotels/motels, etc.

Bring a bike! For fun and getting over the bridge and parking is very difficult.

Park in the garage, pay for a three-day pass on the red trains, and avoid Vilano because you won't be able to get back to town from there.

Can't park in downtown so park on residential streets. Hate to give that advice because we don't like others parking on our street but it's the only advice that usually works.

Park your care and walk where you want to go otherwise you will be stuck.

Pedi cab, walk , parking garage. Easiest way to enjoy our city.

Park on flagler Ave and see the city by foot.

Don't go downtown. No parking, and what parking is available, is expensive.

I would advise them to have lots and lots of patience.

For the Center City-- park your car at the garage and walk.

Take a cab. Because parking is hard to find.

park near dairy queen unless have money and walk

Walk or bike when you can. Hard to find parking other than the deck.

Park and walk when possible (downtown is small, and totally walkable for those who have mobility). Rent bikes. I wish there were more shuttle options to take visitors to points of interest (free is best!).

Avoid downtown during peak hours, parking is a nightmare.

Park you car and walk

Park at my house and walk downtown. Parking and traffic is an issue

Park in the parking garage then take a trolley or walk

How have the Bridge of Lions openings affected your mobility, if at all?

No

None

Not at all

N/A

Yes

no

n/a

none

Not at all.

Not

N/a

NA

Na

No

yes

not at all

Not really

Not really

No change

It hasn't

Not really.

I avoid the bridge between 5 and 6:30pm if I can. It seems to go up more than every 30 minutes to allow the tour ships through.

None.

No impact

They don't. I feel like the Bridge is part of the charm of living here and therefore don't get upset when I am stopped by it. If I don't want to risk a bridge opening, then I take US1 to 312 and around.

Yes, when I lived there it was always an issue. But it's part of living in St. Aug, you know to expect it.

No.

NONE

It's a problem. It's not just the openings, though; it's how traffic gets to and from the bridge. The eastbound accesses from town are confusing (especially coming from King Street) where you have, in essence three lanes of traffic getting to one bridge lane. Visitors have no real idea of how traffic flows, so the inevitable congestion comes along.

Try to avoid it

minimally

not really

Hasn't

Not at all.

None

no problem

Negligible

I come from the SR16, so not at all.

No effect.

Alot

Yes getting kids to school on time

Very little. I plan around them.

It is horrible makes me late, everyday. It should open at most three times a day

Minimal impact

It has not.

Yes

I live right at the bridge entrance beach side and it becomes problematic to get home when there is congestion caused by the bridge. It just backs up the whole process of driving downtown or to the beach and sometimes the bridge goes up earlier than on the half hour.

it stops movement through town, causes a lot of delay

Too frequent openings on demand on the weekends, at 7:30am & 5:30pm weekdays

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Not at all. Use 312. Didn't choose to live on an island.

Makes staff lose productivity

It certainly clogs up traffic when opening but it's unavoidable.

All of the time!!!!!! I live on the island and I time my errands based on the bridge- It SHOULD NOT be opened every half an hour!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Not much, usually easy to plan for. I usually take 312 bridge. Congestion at 312 and US1 is aggravating!

Backs up often

Traffic congestion

Backups cause frustration and road rage. Other cars cutting in ahead of you, the opening for tourist vessels at peak times are more frustrations

Completely effect as I live on Island just over BOL. My clock has to be synced to it. If it opens early or late I'm screwed! Last night 7:10pm opened for boat trying to dock at Marina...really? Traffic backs up both sides and takes 15 minutes or so to ease. AND...I can guess the bridge is open when I have traffic on my quiet street. The locals ALL shortcut through my neighborhood and disobey stop signs and speed limit.

I live very close to it and Im not bothered by it. Getting stuck on it means enjoying the views :)

I don't mind its openings - it's part of the charm - and we know when it's to our advantage to come to town via the 312 and Rt. 1 and when to take the Bridge of Lions.

Yes, when it does not open on schedule

YES!! Opens too often for too long

Absolutely. Having the bridge up multiple times a day is a traffic nightmare, not to mention the suffering of my business which is just south of the bridge. I find residents do everything they can to avoid the bridge and therefore we have lost business. On the weekends when the bridge is up, traffic can be backed up all the way up San Marco and all the way down A1A. It's absolutely ridiculous.

Its an expected delay that I attempt to schedule my travel and appointments around or just avoid if it's between 9:30AM-6:30PM. It's a beautiful place to be stuck and if traveling west it doesn't really matter since it's slow through the city anyway.

Near-constantly other than when going to work at 5:10am. It keeps me spending my money in St Aug beach rather than downtown. I love downtown but the effort to get there is growing higher and higher.

only as a slow down experience, since it is not part of my commute

Yes many times. It breaks sometimes

Not bad when they only open the bridge on the schedule

It occasionally stops me but interval avoid downtown because it's such s hassle.

Definitely negatively impacts traffic on Avenida Menendez & around Plaza - causes backups almost to US1 at times!

Not a problem.

I avoid it when possible.

Learning the schedule for when the bridge is raised has caused me to alter my schedule in order to avoid the bridge being up.

it's just timing. and the bridge doesn't open ALL the time, only when there are boats!

No. I accept the bridge openings as part of life in St. Augustine. I have lived and worked in other cities with bridges too. I accept it as part of living because I choose to live near the water.

It is negligible. But it is harder on non-motorized (bike and ped) commuters when the bridge is closed for repair, etc.

Every morning, I get the bridge up, however if I time it better than I normally do, I can slide through before.

Have recently noticed one of the Commercial sailing ships causing the bridge to open on the quarter hour. Things were ok (not great) when I could plan on the bridge being open on the hour and half hour. Now it seems like a 50/50 shot. This has totally changed my commute. Living in Davis shores it has recently become easier for me to plan on taking the 312 bridge instead of having to guess if the bridge will be open. Would love to see fewer openings during the evening high traffic "Rush hour"

It really is not an issue for me. I appreciate the appeal of the bridge and think and inconvenience is outweighed by the charm.

I avoid driving through downtown and take the 312 Bridge even if it's the long way

The bridge has its own peculiarities, however the open on demand for commercial sightseeing vessels during the evenings and weekends poses a problem. Those operations should be restricted to a time schedule that can be accomplished in the lease terms of the City Owned Marina and monitored and enforced by both the Harbormaster and the employees at the marina.

I live in N Davis Shores and I try to time my crossing over with BOL openings. It's better not that the BOL does not open during rush hours.

Yes!!!!!! Stop the bridge openings between 4-6pm would be helpful. Making the bridge open at normal times (on the hour & half-hour only) & stop from opening it for the tourists boats at off-times. That jams up the traffic and makes hundreds of cars wait & burn gas while a tourist boat goes thru not at normal times.

The traffic backup is worse than needed because the bridge operation is so slow. One arm closes, pause.....then the next.....pause.....then the gates.....pause, pause, pause, THEN the bridge starts to go up. Sometimes the down operation doesn't begin until the boat is 20-30 seconds clear, and when it is down we wait, and wait, and then the gates open..... It's ridiculous. I lived in the Keys & Miami for years and once the boat is through, the bridge is open in 30-45 seconds, not 2-3 minutes.

The bridge openings are the single greatest issues with traffic. Poor city planning many years ago out the marina on the other side of the bridge...why not put another dock in the Northside of the bridge for the tour boats that come in and out multiple times.

BOL can definitely be managed better with Coast Guard input. Especially when town is busy bridge traffic backs up in all directions - creates major traffic, safety and QOL issues in all those directions

Only when it is open.

Significant traffic back ups on island side during peak tourist periods.

It's always up

Its the negative side of a great landmark - its like complaining that Florida is too hot i go to the city when i know it's not too busy, and waiting on the bridge is a pleasure.

None,i avoid downtown at all cost 🐞 🐞

not personally

You never know when it's going to open

I'm convinced someone is notified when I leave the house to raise the bridge of lions every time i try to cross it. :-)

I use 312 due to bridge schedule not timely

It is difficult to time how long of a wait there will be at the bridge going in to town. The left turn light on the bay front going over the bridge needs to stay green longer as there is so much traffic going onto the island.

It makes it really difficult to get in and out of town.

I keep it in mind when taking that route. You have to be aware that it could be going up at and must plan accordingly.

Yes. They back up traffic not only for people trying to get across the bridge, but to get across San Marcos.

It creates traffic issues.

Not affected.

The bridge of lions is antiquated and the fact that the "new " lions bridge breaks down as much or worse than the old one is of zero aid to alleviate traffic congestion .

Of course! it is ridiculous that the stupid tourist pirate boats are allowed to open the bridge during rush hour only to wait for them to circle around and come back through again on the same opening!!! should be illegal, with a very heavy fine! These boats are ornamental only and should be required to be modified to not require a bridge opening. There should be at least 2 hours of no openings around peak traffic rush. If you want the bridge open to pass you should have to wait for the next hourly opening to pass back through, not make all the traffic back up while waiting for you to make a sightseeing loop and come back through!

not a problem

Yes. I avoid the bridge of lions.

Hardly

Not much. It is the tourists that do not understand the concept of a draw bridge that is the problem. If the LEO's would start ticketing the ones that disrupt the flow it would send a message that they should try and obey the basic traffic laws that are in place.

Very little unless we are late for appts - but, if so, we usually plan to take other routes. Having to stop near the bayfront or on the bridge is always a beautiful experience that teaches us to relax and enjoy living here.

It's a pain but I am a patient person. I have just learned to leave early to allow the time of the bridge is up.

I've traveled over the bridge Several times a week for over 25 years. It is a calculated route. If I plan for the regular opening I'm rarely inconvenienced.

The bridge doesnt bother me

A major cause of congestion. Too late to implement a proper design...oh well.

The bridge lift is a bit slow.

Only a huge issue if it gets stuck

Yes...I used to commute daily up and down A1A to my job in Mayport. I crossed the Bridge of Lions in the am and the pm. The pm was worse with traffic backing up past the fort to go left/south across the bridge. Or tourists not knowing they have to cross the bridge and blocking a lane of traffic because they moved over too late.

no, we know when it opens. we deal with it

openings are too frequent

It backs up traffic well into downtown on the west side.

Not at all.

nope--I'm one of those who appreciates the bridge openings! a chance to take a minute and enjoy the sights! if I'm in a hurry I use 312.

We live on Marine St and schedule leaving for appointments on the 1/4 , 3/4 hour to avoid the bridge opening and back up which includes trains and horses.

A lot, daily commute to our business

You can't be in a hurry if you are using the BOL.

Not much. Usually avoid it and take 312.

Necessary evil.

Waiting on the bridge can be pretty annoying and frustrating. It also serves a a major traffic problem.

Absolutely. They are unpredictable as they are or those tenders clocks need to be adjusted to real time! It is true that the Bridge doesn't open on set hour and half hour marks any more on weekdays. If not, then the clocks need to be synchronized. And, bridge openings need to be regulated as far as what is the trigger point? I have sat through two at a time on some days because the traffic is so backed up on Anastasia that by the time you think you are moving, you are stopped again. Weekends are always bad but weekdays are starting to rival the weekends. There just seems to be no set regulation. Taking that west bound traffic down to one lane is a continuing problem, too.

The traffic waiting to get onto the bridge from the west side really jams up, but I consider it to be a reasonable trade off to keep the bridge as it is. I just have to plan accordingly.

I think we should do openings every hour not every half to cut down on traffic at rush hours.

It's causes me to be late to events sometimes but not often

Not at all, though the bridge should have been expanded to four lanes.

does not affect me since I live in the NW part of county

Not much. I live on Vilano

Of course it stops the flow, but is a necessary interuption.

No, but I avoid going over it.

Never go that way

absolutley! cannot plan on opening time/ takes too long to open and close (look at drawbridges in south florida- open and close in half the time) traffic congestion on both sides of bridge- trolleys or horses blocking right turn lane on south west side of bridge often

Yes. Delayed arrival times occasionally but worth it for the ambiance.

It's annoying and takes far too long coming from Anastasia island

I pay attention to the time and know when I may catch the bridge. That is not a problem for me but the traffic congestion and the constant cutting in line causes even a bigger problem and slows down the ability to get traffic moving at its more normal pace

I don't mind the delay. I do mind nearly having my front fender taken out by people speeding up to the front and cutting you off

Hard to get to and from the island during the day

really stupid to open as often as it does. Inconvenience several cars to help one boat. Seems really lame

Not opening at assigned times (early) and opening during heavy traffice is extremely frustrating.

I understand wind power overrides motor power, but there have been many occasions where I've sat through 2- 3 bridge openings at one time. At least wait to draw the bridge until the boat is closer rather than an 1/8 of a mile out.

I love the Bridge of Lions. It has no negative impact on my mobility. I plan to travel when it is open to traffic, and if I miscalculate I just turn the car off and enjoy the view.

I'm stopped at the bridge about 50% of the time I take that route, sometimes for very long periods, but I know I can take 312 instead. I do feel like cars should be given higher priority than boat traffic.

Big issue

Yes- too frequent

They are a part of life here, and at worst slow you down for only a short and usually pleasant period of time.

We've learned to navigate around the times if we do have to cross. Occasionally, it is still a problem but not too bad.

Downtown and Anastasia Blvd back up when bridge is up.

a lot. should only open on the hour. if it is going to open on the hour and half hour the schedule should be followed.

Avoid the bay front and use 312 bridge instead.

I commuted from Anastasia Island to downtown for 12 years. I knew it was supposed to go up on the half hour so I tried to avoid it at those times. I was lucky to go to work early in the morning with little traffic. If I have to go downtown on a busy afternoon I will often go over the 312 bridge to avoid the long hot backup on Anastasia Blvd.

Mainly congestion on both sides. It makes it difficult to drive into or out of Davis Shores and downtown even if you're not going over the bridge.

Hasn't really unless you get stuck at the bridge but that doesn't really bother me

Only bothers me when they don't stick to their hour/half hour opening policy. I do understand

barges are an exception.

Not at all, love to see it let boats pass thru.

Only in making me plan ahead

Always

If you get stuck for the opening it can take sometimes up to 30 minutes to clear the area of traffic. Next opening, start all over again.

Significantly hindered it. The fact that it opens every half hour even for one boat is ridiculous.

Not really but I time my trips to avoid the openings

Not so much

yes, it slows down traffic....but the city made that decision years ago when it decided to keep a two lane bridge....so we have to deal with it. Encouraging commuters to use another route from Anastasia Island through downtown would help, as would slowing the east corridor traffic on A1A so that there is not a merging crisis trying to get in the lane.

No at all. I plan for it.

Don't usually go across it.

I try to avoid the bridge at the 1/2 hours but it seems as though the bridge opens at any time for some vessels. Rarely get across the bridge without an opening or the ensuing back-logged traffic.

I live on the Island and will choose 312 and US1 whenever possible to avoid the lines for the bridge. Plus, it is frustrating to take your place in line only to be cut off by 30 or 40 drivers who take advantage of the merge situation.

No problem leaving the city, but the backup on the island side of the bridge is irritating. Make the Boulevard one lane or sign it "use both lanes" and get a merge at the foot of the bridge. Traffic waits in the right lane except "cheaters" who zip down the left lane and squeeze in at the last minute. An orderly merge is possible, most cities achieve it (NYC in my experience) so I know it's possible.

I avoid downtown at all costs.

I wish the bridge was consistent. I try to leave my house on the quarter hour so that I will miss it. Unfortunately that doesn't always work

Try to avoid downtown and the Bridge of Lions during heavy comngestion, especially when I know the bridge will be raised.

Dead stop, long waits

I live in North City and my elderly parents live on the island so I must take bridge openings into account on every trip. The worst part is the traffic backed up in both directions, idling on the bayfront and on Anastasia Blvd. People trying to cut in on both shores make a bad situation worse. I can't imagine what the DOT or the people who campaigned for keeping that bridge two lanes were thinking but I hope they enjoy the nightmare we have now. That bridge takes takes multiple lanes on both sides down to just two, and even one bridge opening can back up traffic until it's time for the next opening. The openings aren't the actual problem, it's the lack of capacity when the bridge is down. Colossal planning FAIL.

Don't mind openings but backups can be a problem. If you had fewer openings, the resulting

openings and therefore backups would also be longer.

You get trapped a lot at the Bridge and it clogs traffic to past Ripley's at times. I'm not sure why the Bridge of Lions is opened so much, especially during peak travel times in the afternoon/evening.

Long waits to get back and forth to work. Maybe an hourly open instead of a 1/2 hr open.

The bridge opens way too often and does so on clockwork for the private enterprise of the scooter freedom and pirate theater

Minor nuisance

They usually are pretty quick with them. Sometimes they open for boats too far away - especially the Freedom.

The bridge should limit its opening to once an hour during peak traffic hours. I believe this is the practice in other cities having bridges over the Intracoastal.

I don't mind sitting for a few minutes-- what a view! (Compare that to the Holland Tunnel)

Slowed it down immensely

hasn't really

I have only been on it once when it was opened. Not a huge deal.

Yes. Yes. Yes. I think most residents would say it opens far too often and should not open during peak traffic times. Also, we have almost been run over multiple times by frustrated drivers who are attempting to beat the bridge traffic by cutting through Davis Shores. Not cool.

When I was attending Flagler College, there would be days I would miss a class entirely because of bridge misfunctions and/or traffic.

almost daily. the tour boats should be required to load customers on the north side of the bridge and only pass through the bridge at the beginning and end of the day. The city could build a new pier for this purpose.

have to plan my movements.

I try to bike when crossing the bridge so I can go to the front of the line

The bridge is not the problem. The parked cars around the square hinders traffic flow and mobility. People are jockeying for open spots and walk in between the cars to cross the street. It is an accident waiting to happen! The parked cars totally block the sight of our beautiful square and store fronts.

That hasn't generally been a problem for me.

Yes, I get caught on the bridge maybe 25% of my times crossing the bridge. It's Ok unless I'm in a hurry.

long wait in the car until bridge down and traffic cleared - worst case 30 minutes

Typically no impact. I live by St Augustine High School and so if I need to get onto the Island I usually go down and then take 312.

It is historic and worth the traffic issues it generates; I avoid it and use 312 on especially busy weekends

Yes, but we plan so as to avoid the openings.

Please describe your experience with parking in the city/neighborhoods:

Horrible

It sucks

Difficult

difficult

Terrible

bad

tough

Very difficult

Awful

Impossible

It is difficult other than the garage so if I have to go to the south end of town I have to budget extra time. But the resident card with the discount to park is great.

It's pretty easy on non-holiday weekends to park in the North City. However, I feel like it's always a chore to find a spot in city center.

It's hard to remember the rules and know where you can and cannot park. It always a guessing game

Basically impossible. As a priest, trying to visit homebound members in the downtown, San Marco, Lincolnville area is tough some many days.

Frustrating.

No problem

Terrible

Aweful

Not enough

Not good

Nightmare

Unhappy that city relinquished control to a private firm.

horrible

Atrocious

I do not do this.

What parking?

Horrible

Very hard! Have tried many many times to eat downtown with family and got frustrated trying to park so went else where

I have a driveway. But parking Jn my neighborhood downtown is horrible. People often block our driveway.

Difficult

I never can park on my street because tourists take the spots

N/a

No problem

Hit or miss.

Conjested

N/A

Difficult.

It's okay as long as you don't park in front of someone's drive way or make it a hassle for them to get out of their house

Parking lots are usually full, I don't use the parking garage, and many residential side streets are often full as well

The roads are too narrow to allow two way traffic and park, there are no parking requirements, so properties get developed, intensified without meeting parking demand, so there is a lot of spillover parking in the neighborhoods that impacts livability in the neighborhood

epends on the time of day and day of the week

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Parking is a nightmare. Those in neighborhoods do not own our city streets. Blocking roads is a taking issue to all taxpayers in the city.

It is never a problem.

It's always unpredictable. I routine would be nice.

I rarely go into town on the weekends or holiday weeks at all because parking is so difficult and everything is overcrowded. I used to go in frequently as recent as 3 years ago.

I don't

I FEEL BAD FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE BUT IT IS A PUBLIC STREET PERIOD. NOT A GATED COMMUNITY. PERIOD.

It's getting much harder to come by and much more expensive. I thought the Park Now cards were a great idea, but now more parking lots are private and you can't use the cards there. And you can't tell they are private lots until you pull in and park and go to pay. IT REALLY MAKES ME GO DOWNTOWN FAR LESS! I choose to go to restaurants and shops that are in less congested areas.

Conch House needs to remove parking in the streets of the neighborhood. It's very unsafe.

Impossible to park

What parking? There isn't any!

Extremely limited.

I can say as a resident of St. George I'm a little bothered by tourists constantly clogging up the street, turning around in our driveways and running over flowers looking to park in front of our homes. Life in a tourist town I guess but i wish we had permit parking.

Nothing but wonderful.

very difficult, usually can't find a space, too many cars in city core and entering the peninsula south of plaza

Almost impossible to find a spot after 5 pm

On non peak times, parking is ok. But holidays and weekends it's a bear. I can usually find street parking west of downtown but it does involve a good walk.

I have no issue because I know the limitations. I also don't find it inconvenient to need to walk

5-7 blocks and park in neighborhoods.

Too few lots around town although I do use the deck when I can with my city pre-paid card limited options, even when you are willing to pay...

I live just over the bridge. Parking for me is ok. Town is horrible.

It's terrible, especially during holidays when it is the most fun to be down there. I have searched for parking frequently for over an hour for any spot

Parking is ok in some areas and horrible in others.

Satisfactory as I go to friends w/ driveways etc.

Hard to find. You can search for an hour and all lots and meters are full. It is horrible.

I always find a spot. I may have to walk a ways.

Parking can be a pain, but I have learned about a few spots that I can usually rely on.

n/a

Parking is not a problem for me. I know what times of the day and year are challenging and I work around those times. I always find a way --- including the options of leaving my car at home and walking or biking.

It's a challenge at best and a nightmare at worst.

There is none

We need more bicycle racks. Often they are full and I have to find a place to lock my bicycle.

Since having attended college here and living in different areas, I tend to park in less popular spots and typically on the south side of town. I don't mind walking further to be able to get in and out easily! I think all of the little pop up lots have been great, I'm not sure if they are all the same cost but it would be good to know that every separate lot could have the same Cost vs ppl possibly driving around to find a "cheaper lot" Maybe even have lines for parallel parking to which cars have guidance on where to fit. That is probably one of the more irritating things are people not parking well. Again not a huge deal just thinking of something that may make a difference...??

As a local I feel left out of the parking situation. I understand tourism is what makes St. Augustine tick but it sucks when I have to pay \$10.00 to park and get my hair cut or visit any local business downtown.

Parking is such a nightmare that as a homeowner in LincolNville my only place to park is by basically plopping our cars in the LincolNville Museum Parking lot. I will volunteer there as a way to secure a good standing relationship since they don't object, but, the short message is ... To stay in the community as a homeowner my family and friends all have to deal with zero parking on our street. Moore street.

Parking is tough during peak times. A look at making both Orange Street and Castillo Drive one way streets could help with a moving flow. The entrance to the garage becomes a quagmire during really busy times with cars turning left in front of Northbound traffic and especially with people blocking the entire lane waiting to get into the garage to begin with. That entire plan should be looked at again and redesigned so that that situation is relieved. perhaps making that North end of cordova one way south bound only would be a quick and easy fix making people circle around via Avenida Menendez and US1 would be a better idea. In the afternoons when school is in the traffic trying to enter the pickup line for Ketterlinus adds to this congestion.

Parking downtown (Plaza area) has continued to get worse.

Hard to find, some too expensive

Tourist parking in neighborhoods is not a good thing. It is a hindrance for neighborhood residents & is a danger to children & pets. Providing off-site parking is the answer.

I have a pass to my church's parking lot so I always have a backup; we use the ParkNow card for the garage as needed after we check the (free) metered spaces in the evening. In the daytime we usually head straight for the Garage.

I rarely have an issue parking but I avoid downtown on busy weekends.

I don't park in neighborhoods near town per se- but generally see more encroachment into neighborhoods. Certain times and events this is expected

Very confusing because it is clear if you can park without getting towed or ticketed.

Difficult especially during peak tourist periods.

Just fine

Very limited

Congested but extremely cheap

parking in the garage for \$3 is terrific - but never on the weekends. when i go to the city after 5 pm i usually find a spot near the plaza.

Bad,very bad

people build big houses on small lots and then park in street causing danger

Only park in garage

We live walking distance to the beach so no troubles there. We rarely go downtown b/c of traffic and parking but when we do we drive around for 30minutes looking for one which can make people grumpy.

Parking is a luck of the draw situation. You have to be willing to walk a bit if you're wanting to do something downtown.

Never enough parking close to town. Usually park behind city hall or south & walk to destinations

I don't usually drive downtown because it is too congested. There are too many trolleys, horse carriages, and segways slowing down traffic.

Not much parking in the neighborhoods. Impossible to park there.

It usually takes forever to find an empty parking spot. I have the best luck in the metered lot that runs parallel with St George St.

We use the scooter if going downtown during peak traffic times. We can always find a spot to park when we use it. We often avoid going downtown at all when we know it is going to be congested. I used to attend many more events, but when it's crowded in the streets we find ourselves either staying home or going out of town on the weekends.

Terrible. Limited. Unsafe.

I hear so many complaints from tourist that St Augustine is quaint any more. Traffic issues make their trip not as great as the last time they came.

I try not to park in town, but if I do, I have a pass for being a customer at TB.

Lack of!! The parking garage should have been bigger. I guess the city thought we hit our growth spurt and we were done

The streets in Davis Shores are too narrow to allow parking. It should be for residents in front of their own homes only, and only on one side of the street at a time.

Most spots are reserved now.

I do my best not to park downtown if possible. There needs to be more options. If that means the city needs to buy some lots on the outside of the city and provide a shuttle service that would be a good thing.

If we are staying all day and it's busy, we use our discounted parking pass and park in the garage. But sometimes we just need to run into a shop briefly and want to park nearby. That's when it becomes difficult.

My neighborhood isn't an issue but downtown is always a crapshoot.

There isn't much without a permit

I live in Lincolnville and appreciate the city addressing parking around Lake Maria Sanchez. Visitors were starting to pile up and make it difficult. We have always had problems with narrow streets and curbside parking on both sides. Hopefully One Way pairings and yellow curbing will help.

Hard to do most of the time.

Usually fine

There isn't enough and roads are congested due to parked cars on both sides in neighborhoods Impossible on most weekends

I park where it's free...the city charges too much money for local's to regularly park downtown. They only care about tourists paying to park for their one weekend/trip a year.

no problems. we are local and we know where to look

City parking..you've got to know magic ! Neighborhoods ok
need more reliance on the parking garage.

I sometimes park south of the historic district and walk up, that has to drive the residents nuts when there's multiple events and many people are doing that as it narrows the streets and limits access for them.

I only park in my own neighborhood. It was once possible to park in neighborhoods downtown, but it's impossible now. I can't even enjoy the city in which I grew up.

This is quite frustrating, there is a need for parking closer to the sites by the college and residential street parking is often seen as overflow for tourists.

Living in Model Land is tough....but when the students leave there is noticeable relief. Another big concern is the late closing of the bars....and the patrons ambling down our Model Land streets after 2 a.m. Can't we just go back to midnight closing? The drunks are obnoxious and then they get in their cars and drive!!!!

Mostly we walk downtown and if it is a dressy event and walking shoes are not appropriate, we always find parking close to the event because we know where to go.

It was so much easier to park downtown 10 years ago, plus it was free. I no longer patronize any establishments downtown and that is sad.

A challenge. Fortunately, because we're members, we can park at Memorial Presbyterian.

Challenging.

Don't take my car to go downtown

Parking is the most convenient and accessible after 6pm.

Fourth of July is a mess on my street with all the traffic coming and going looking for parking and then at the end, cutting through at much higher speeds to beat the crush of Anastasia. We need more of those "event parking prohibited" signs for all streets north and south of Anastasia Boulevard from Old Quarry up to Dolphin Drive and from North St. Augustine BLVD to Comares Ave.

Parking around town is a royal pain, so I generally don't even bother. I use the ParkNow card and head straight for the garage.

I don't park inside downtown

Not too bad.

Parking is always very narrow and limited

it seems like even the city garage is full when I want to park downtown. Bad experience.

No prob.

Very difficult, I often have to visit job sites and clients and parking is always a problem, don't feel I should have to pay to park just to get work done

Impossible- I no longer go into the city of St, Augustine except to the Cathedral for services.

it can be a challenge to find spaces

I stay away from the neighborhoods as a rule.

Tend to use the garage, so no real experience with it.

Terrible.. Only go downtown very early in the morning

we live in lincolville so we park at home and walk most places- else if we have to park downtown we use parking card

Some street are too narrow for cars to park on.

Next to impossible. Rarely can I locate a spot and even then there is fear of being ticketed.

Parking downtown is an absolute joke. Way to go on that parking garage!

Parking on Water Street is usually where I try to park but that has become more of a challenge recently.

I rarely go downtown since the one-man band and other artists were banned so I can't answer that one.

Horrible. Places for locals to park do not exist anymore. I don't want to pay \$5- \$10 to go to a restaurant or business downtown as a resident.

It's tough, but not impossible. You have to know what you are doing

n/a I avoid it

Virtually impossible

As I have family in the Davis Shores and Lincolville neighborhoods, I can speak to this issue somewhat. Davis Shores parking is terrible during special events and during the Conch House Reggae Sunday events. Parking is not regulated, it seems, as people park on both sides of

Oglethorpe Blvd. and the side streets - I can't imagine a fire engine or ambulance needing to respond in the area when this happens. Lincolnville doesn't seem to be as big a problem, since people don't seem to park off-street south of King Street, but I am not there every day.

I can usually find a decent spot if I'm patient enough and I go at the right time.

Don't even try

When we go downtown we either meter or park in the garage (thank you Park Now card).

It's frustrating, I can never get a spot near where I want to be, and it's so confusing where you can park and where you can't park.

Hard to find street parking, usually do the public lot and walk

Spotty at best - we try to avoid it if we can because there are rarely spaces and if there are, they are usually not convenient to where we are going.

Congested

My daughter lives in the downtown area off of San Marco and its always possible to park when visiting. I think we have some peak weekends when parking is always going to be a challenge but that is not the majority. Most days parking and driving are fine

Parking violations are not enforced, emergency vehicles could not get through at some streets.

As a local I know the places to look and I usually find something. I can totally understand visitors' frustrations at the \$10 parking per day fee at the garage - and maybe they wanted to visit somewhere on the southside of the city, so that is a hike. And parking can be hard to find in the evenings when you just want a dinner at a restaurant - all the pay lots are either full or expensive - and you have to hunt.

Downtown, bad, but not horrible except when Flagler is in session and it overlaps with tourists trying to park near the fort.

Downtown Parking is very limited for how many people visit our town. Too congested. My neighborhood is fine

It can be trying but eventually there will be an available location.

Good handicap parking around plaza. Can usually find regular parking if I allow myself enough time and don't mind walking

The city is awful for parking, unless you get there very early

Tourist park on curb outside my house and now park on magnolia as well. I bike downtown.

I really do not try to park in town driving my personal car. We do have issues. I have no real answer that would help, but I WILL support your plan, whatever it may be. There is right answer or magic wand.

Not a problem for me

Nearly impossible, frustrating to say the least. One of hour of each shift worked goes to pay for parking.

Awful, I either pay which seems unnecessary for just running into a shop for coffee or park towards lincolnville and walk in

Horrendous downtown - drove around for 30 minutes looking for a spot. Couldn't find a spot - left and went elsewhere for dinner

I think there is apply parking in the neighborhoods. People who choose to live in a downtown

neighborhood have to know that parking is going to be tight with the narrow streets etc.

No complaints.

Usually not a problem as I plan for it.

Horrible! Living in Davis Shores where some rental houses have bands that practice there with 6-7 cars daily and the weekends living next to the Conch House and the drunks parking anywhere is putting me on the verge of moving.

Impossible and the parking garage is too expensive

There is insufficient parking space downtown. There's no way to make more parking available because of the historic layout of the city. To provide additional parking you'd have to demolish most of the buildings. Additional parking garages need to be built outside of the core of downtown and shuttle buses to bring people in. Think of St Augustine as a theme park, because that's what it is. It's like Disney with much better food and lots of bars.

Downtown? All of the local friendly spots are gone. It's impossible to park without spending an arm and a leg. Consequently, I rarely, if ever, go downtown anymore.

I am extremely upset that the city let some outsider come in and buy some of our parking lots! As a local I have a park now card and I'm pissed that I can't use it in those lots if I just want to pop in and grab something quick. Or go somewhere at nite! They charge 24 hours! Which I feel encourages people to drive drunk because they can't safely leave their car overnight

Do not look forward to parking downtown even though I know more than most about where to park. In my neighborhood (North City), parking seems to be fine

Not easy

As a resident, I have a Park Now card as well as knowledge of possible free spots. I am also able to walk a good distance, although I have friends and family who can't, and a lack of close-by parking is a factor when socializing downtown with them.

We live on a narrow street that people working downtown use to park for the entire day. It's a pain and there are no spaces left when we need to park by our own home.

I have only ever parked at my house, I don't even try to park anywhere else in the city.

I just make it work. No difference than Savannah, jax beach, south fl, Miami etc....

I have had people parked in my front lawn with the entire vehicle facing my house during the chowder debate. I was in New York at the time and the SAPD would do nothing to help me.

Sparse availability

It's fine. I used to know all the spots to go but now every parking lot has an attendant after hours. Extra money for them. I just avoid downtown when it's busy.

I live in a downtown neighborhood and parking is not a problem here. The city has been sensitive to and helpful with the problems created by event parking in residential areas near downtown. Routine access and egress to main thoroughfares, even on non-event week-ends, are a growing nightmare, however. All necessary travel by vehicle must be planned in advance, giving extra time and re-routing as dictated by the volume of traffic, a situation which distracts considerably from the quality of life and the right to peaceful enjoyment which has been disappearing at an alarming rate.

hard to park downtown unless ye have money

Stressful. If you don't feel like paying \$12 for the deck you're going to have a difficult time.

We live here, so we have secret parking areas that are pretty reliable. I am not too frustrated by the parking situation.

Parking is becoming a major problem not just for downtown but for the beach as well. Tourists are literally lining the streets around my home just to access restaurants and the beach. Parking downtown is horrendous- even when I paid for Student Parking at Flagler, I still would not get a spot consistently because there simply isn't enough room.

as a resident we have learned to adjust when we drive and where we park. we would frequent more local merchants if residents had allocated short term parking throughout the city.

horrible.

City is tough. My neighborhood is ok

I live on the island side and there is no continuity in the neighborhoods, only random yellow no parking lines.

The best tip is arrive early! I do research at the St. Augustine Historical Society library (I'm a historian specializing in Spanish colonial Florida), and I get there early to get a good parking place as close as I can. I can't walk very far.

Nowadays I avoid downtown completely, e d specially on weekends. If I can't avoid, I try to find street parking near my destination. The parking garage helps but fills up quickly for events

Any further comments or questions?

No

no

Nope

N/A

Thanks for putting this survey out for us to take part in the discussion.

I may be prejudiced on this, but I think the City lost a golden opportunity by not having a clergy member from any of the downtown churches/synagogues on the Mobility Commission. The presence of so many houses of worship in St. Augustine is a critical piece to finding solutions.

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I love this town!

St. Augustine needs to expand its tourist area. There are toi many tourist in one tiny area.

Please develop, brand, and market the other jewels of St. Augustine including uptown San Marco, Lincolnville, riberian point, West Augustine commercial district, davis shores commercial

district. This allows more people to visit without the loss of quality with overcrowding and welcomes tourists with different interest.

Love the city, just get frustrated at times with the backup.

NA

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Who decided on these questions? Why ask for initials and age? Surveys are not reliable to base outcomes.

Do the citizens justice in driving- get rid of the lights and put in roundabouts

NO MORE WASTEFUL SPENDING ON STUDIES. COSA KNOWS THE PROBLEMS GET TO WORK PLEASE.

We need a bus, a real bus. If I could park on SR16 and take a bus into downtown, I would go MUCH more often than I do now, for dinner, shopping, festivals, etc. Parking would be good, new roads would be good, but the BEST thing would be to get more cars off the road by having public transportation. Like Savannah--make most/all of the historic district pedestrian only with trolleys to help people get around downtown at little to no cost.

Conch House parking is terrible in the neighborhood.

Do something urgently to relieve congestion

We live Davis Shores, both spouses commute to work over BOL. Husband downtown business owner. So many other mobility issues. Not just BOL and downtown parking! Trying to attend meetings, but on a staycation family reunion and graduation 6/9, extremely short notice on super vital topic.

The city's parking issues are now firmly implated into the city's reputation. Improvements won't be appreciated initially because you've taken too so to address them publicly. Reputations aren't made overnight and it takes twice as long to recover from them (and if I'm wrong, then you are experiencing the negative repercussions of perceptions).

Please avoid bringing more cars south of King St. It is a peninsula with limited access in and out.

The parking in the city gets worse every day.

I hope the scope of mobility will reach beyond the historical studies of the historic district. The city neighborhoods south of 312 are not connected other then if you are in a motor vehicle and it is dangerous and scary. As someone who has lived and worked in St. Augustine for 10 years I also hope this will address the needs of various groups including residents, businesses, employees, tourists, and transit operators.

Fix the maritime law on the bridge, limit to one opening per hour and you'll be amazed at how vibrant downtown will be!

Please avoid the placement of additional parking garages downtown.

Not really sure if this is even a fixable problem, city should control,all lots so prices are set to be the the same and reasonably priced

Pls explore satellite parking w/ shuttle service into town - maybe park at former mall or at county office complex w/ shuttles into town?

More parking needed in South end of town.

St. Augustine was/is home to many, many generations of my family. It's my birthplace. Even though I moved away 30plus years ago, I am back several times a year and own a second home here. It is a part of me

looking for solutions to keep vehicles from the downtown area. If you tell people "here's how it works", they will adapt. It may take time getting used to it, but the way it works now, DOESN'T Thank you for asking. I love living in this town!

Changing loading zones to 24 hours removed additional and valuable night time parking (although I suspect the revenue from tickets was positively received by the city)

Availability of housing/rentals within walking or bicycling range of places of employment such as the historic district is a larger issue that has a big effect on traffic/parking issues.

Thank you for using FB to post this

Good Luck, Lets really take the low hanging fruit that can be fixed easily first and start a momentum to really accomplish something this time and move on to larger projects based on proven success's.

Yes. Get rid of street parking on San Marco Ave north of May St. Then consider getting rid of street parking on San Marco Ave south of May St.

Closing 2 lanes on Anastasia Blvd is a bad idea in so many ways. It will add to the already bad congestion and will ned up being a nightmare trying to go west across the BOL. Having 40% of your mobility group not neighborhood residents is also not a good idea.....please include some of us that actually LIVE in the Davis Shores and May St/Nelmar area.

We need increased safety for pedestrians and bicyclists

We live in Oslo, Norway. Get this done.....There will be outrage, but it has to be done or the town will drown in pollution, engine noise and endless miles of asphalt.

Thank you for taking the time to review these. I'm hopeful for positive change!

access to this beautiful city by retirees, because our time is flexible, is no problem, as far as the way i roll.

Quit building here

saint augustine looks like a parking lot at wall mart

Would a floating/portable barge used for parking be a viable option? Drive on, park, one on the downtown side (near Vilano and ferry over) and one on the island side (maybe near the lighthouse and ferry over). This keeps the driving back and forth to a minimum, at least the locals would use it to reduce the normal tourist traffic.

Pedestrian traffic lights crossing Anastasia Blvd. need to be installed before someone else gets hurt. The area by Mojo's Tacos is very dangerous.

Why don't we work with the tour trains to create a resident pass? I'd pay to have one. Also, now is the time to buy up property on the fringes of the city for use as park and ride spots before they get overpriced. How can we get the Sunshine Bus more usable? Look at changing traffic patterns downtown during peak times, especially Nights of Lights. Patrol the neighborhoods that are being used as cut throughs, but don't block them from use.

The crosswalks downtown are not safe. As a driver, you cannot see when a pedestrian is crossing. Lights flashing on the roadway would be helpful.

We should make use of our trolleys. Have them pick up and drop off tourists. Have them run from 10-9 on weekdays and 10-10 on weekends. They could pick up at hotels, campgrounds and bring downtown or to the pier even. Have a set fee for daily and weekly passes at a discount.

The new sidewalks are dangerous. People walk right in the road and usually aren't paying attention.

The city needs to cater more to the residents than the tourists.

We need to stop overpopulation

Concerning managing visitor traffic and parking, I would suggest a rethink to optimize existing lanes and vehicles. Using the concept of park & ride, perhaps create a phase 1 surface parking lot at the old DMV site on north US1 and have visitors park there. Revamp the trolley/train franchise agreements (aggressively but legally) to create special "express" routes for use by residents and day-trippers. A large number of visitors don't need a full tour, so these trains would follow the same routes, but make only a few strategic stops. Discounted, year-round passes could be purchased. Passes and visitor stickers could all use the same trains, but "tour" trains/trolleys would make all stops and "express" would get you around quickly. The franchises would be required to dedicate a certain percentage of current vehicles for this purpose. The parking site could be further developed to accommodate more cars if this works.

We need another parking garage

Stop studying, take action. We are suffering from analysis-paralysis.

I love coming to visit my parents on St. Augustine (especially for the Celtic Festival) keep up the good work! Side note: the Colonial section of St. George doesn't always come off as authentic, especially with the choice of music.

Close off all roads around St George St to vehicles build more parking decks outside the city
Your open house is on a workday during working hours???? Do you really want the opinions of the locals who work Monday to Friday so they can live here or not? This city, with its Neverending festivals has tilted entirely toward suckling on tourist dollars at the expense of local's quality of life. I fear that in another ten years we'll be just another tourist trap....our beachfront will look the same as any other towns with a cookie cutter beach front. You're approving sprawl all the way out past 95, why not use St Johns county fairgrounds for all your needless festivals (burgerfest...really???) It's bigger and would draw business to an undeveloped area rather than congesting downtown.

The San Sebastian Harbor Project was planned for St Augustine as it was 12 years ago. The conditions here have dramatically changed for the worse and the scale of that project no longer works for our current conditions. I suggest that the city require by any means necessary (Imminent domain) that the developer allow for dedicated right turn lane for east bound traffic and no entry from West bound traffic. A direct one-way turn lane and road into the project should begin immediately east of the bridge and that the new entry road have no left turns until well into the project to mitigate traffic back up on King St. Traffic out of the project should exit onto Malaga St and not King St or Riberia St. San Sebastian St should become 4 lanes to allow entry and exit dedicated to the project. The developer turned down the suggestion to complete a traffic study so the City must add this to the current study and solve this issue on what has become a severely traffic congested street into and out of St Augustine.

Satellite parking and more public transportation is needed.

Hopefully, the round about at San Marco and May will relieve backup on both. Until then, a traffic cop needs to be positioned at the intersection during such events as Nights of Lights.

There should be a second Bridge of Lions for better traffic control and flow.

Said it all at this point.

As much as I'd like to be at the open house, I cannot. I will be out of town.

Why don't you have a larger facility for this type of very important issues?

full time residents should have an easier more affordable park-to-pay system or get free parking if you pay property taxes in the city.

Could possibly stop by on Thursday.

I use to love my town.. Now it is just tourists!

trolleys and horse carriages are a big issue getting around downtown-

I love St Augustine

I think the city needs an additional parking garage and that the perfect location would be in Francis Field. The events normally taking place there could be moved to further out of town allowing ample parking for visitors and residents alike to the historic district.

The idea that this discussion should only include City residents is ridiculous and insulting to all of us that live, work and contribute to this beautiful city. Be inclusive of all residents!

A1A from the bridge of lions to surf station should be 25 miles per hour and the speed actually enforced. I'm sure I'm a minority for thinking this way.

Need to lower speed limits and re stripe lanes and enforce traffic laws.

Consider the citizens FIRST.

Please consider City residents - and those of us who frequent the City - over and above the tourists when developing a plan. We have to live here year round, and while smooth traffic flow is necessary to accommodate tourism, it should not be to the detriment of locals. It appears, especially during Nights of Lights, that we have reached max capacity for tourists. At what point do we ease up on the promotion of our city and focus on the details of meeting the current needs of those who live and work here.

Growth management and the Bed Tax monies spent on attracting more tourists are important considerations

Congestion is an issue - (may street- down town - & BOL)

This study needs to also focus on the employers/employees needs in the downtown, students and tourists. Strike any discussion on "landscape/streetscape" issues. This pig needs more than lipstick!

We love visiting St. Augustine and may eventually move there, but the traffic is a concern and probably the biggest reason we wouldn't.

Have my doubts that any recommendations will be implemented.

Making Anastasia Blvd a single lane will hurt the downtown traffic further. For safety consideration maybe do 'flag' crossings like St. Aug Beach.

I work for the City, 3rd generation employee. I was born and raised here, I have seen it all for many many years. At no point did I feel the City was going down the wrong road. If I did, I should ask for an explanation and not throw sarcasm and stir the pot that is breeding hate

because someone is not getting their way. Thank you for the fine job the management of this city has done. I have full confidence that all of you will continue to do the right thing, even with naysayers nipping at your heels.

Maybe try offering council/commission meetings at times when others besides the town's retirees/good ol' boys/majority property owners (read the only voices that seem to matter) may attend.

We are in desperate need of sides walks in the west part of the city (oyster creek)... It's impossible to walk or ride my bike and feel safe.

I believe traffic could be improved by moving special events away from the old city. It just adds to the congestion. I really don't feel these things bring more people into the other places because once they get to the event they are so overwhelmed and frustrated they just want to stay put until it's time to fight the traffic to get home.

It's a shame the city commissioners focused on tourism instead of taking care of its' residents. Not many are happy living here anymore!

Thank you for making this survey available. Mobility issues are becoming critical and input from residents could be valuable. Your interest and concern regarding this is appreciated.

I've lived here all 35 years of my life, so I have a good base to my opinions.

I am tired of paying for parking studies. This has been done many times with noyt a lot of success. I am willing to predict Pedro Menendez had a traffic study. I hope this study is a great one and will last us for many years.

I am offended that people from the Vilano area are serving on the mobility committee because they come with an agenda, and that is to reject the very legitimate feeling of Nelmar residents that they would like to consider making some of their streets one-way. I'm further offended that this is characterized as "closing off streets." Such hyperbole doesn't help us arrive at answers, and I have no doubt that if these same folks were asked to host speeding traffic flying down their residential streets, the hew and cry would be heard in the next county. I am also offended by their "solution," of more enforcement by city cops. So they want to have both the ability to use neighborhoods as high-speed cut-throughs and for city residents, which they themselves are not, to foot the bill for this ramping up of law enforcement resources. We 13,000 city residents are already providing enough services to the county residents now. The county needs to start helping us pay for all this.

Would like to see better mass transit along with residential parking permits.

Love St A. Love all the growth and potential for local improvements. If your not moving forward your going backwRds.

I hope we keep making the town more friendly for biking and encourage people to park and walk. Also I hope we get rid of horse and carriages completely and the trolley drivers could be more respectful for people actually trying to get from A to B instead of driving too slowly or even stopping on roads and streets.

One if not several earlier traffic and parking studies, beginning in the late 90's, recommended satellite parking and shuttle service in addition to building garage/s, recognizing the constricted roads through the city and the fragile infrastructure herein needing protection. There has been none or very little attention paid to these recommendations, aside from the building of the main

garage, many of which were quite valuable. Intelligent Advance Planning has been non-existent in the face of unconstrained residential growth in the county which was/is absolutely certain to have a direct NEGATIVE impact this small historic city itself. This observation does not even take into account the monumental increase in tourism which only exacerbates the growing problem, all of which should have been and WERE anticipated by professional planners.

City needs more pedestrian only zones in the Center City--and more parking (remote and/or parking garages)

need more lights and sidewalks throughout st augustine

I would love to see Anastasia Blvd become more of a promenade with 1 lane leading up to the bridge for a mile. I would be happy to see diagonal spots as long as the speed limit is slow enough for people to safely back out. Also, we need more cross walks. As it is now, there is only 1 light to cross at for over a mile, and it would be helpful to have some axial lady crosswalks where you press a button that lights up a flashing lite to earn drivers of your crossing. Traffic is usually formed in 1 lane anyway, so I think this would cut down on erratic driving. Also, please get rid of the tall vegetation planted in the medians, as it hurts visibility.

Build smarter- utilize the design concepts that prove to work in similar cities and stop denying the fact that growth is inevitable. Embrace it and strive for a solution that works.

More benches would be a good idea, for those of us who cannot walk far at a time to rest and get relief from aching joints, enough to get up and continue on!

Appreciate attention to these issues.

The mobility team is an excellent idea and great team selected. Can't wait to get their input. Anastasia Blvd is in desperate need of a new plan to make it pedestrian friendly - my suggestion would be to take it down to 1 lane where gypsy cab starts - widen the sidewalk to a generous width for bikers and walkers. The parking can be on a diagonal...this a very successful solution all over the US in much bigger cities with more traffic. There also needs to be more stop lights and cross walks at the alligator farm / Anastasia park and amphitheater.

Whether the Bridge of Lions openings are reduced or not, the number of intersections and cross-walks need to be managed. I understand there needs to be a balance of auto traffic vs. walking traffic but a complete re-think of the intersections needs to occur.

JUST DO IT, stop studying!!!

Do not 1 lane Anastasia Blvd and create angled parking

Simple solutions always work best!!!! KING ST becomes one way , turn left on San Marco making it a one way too ,turn left onto W castillo making it a one way!!! A big square travelling one way , that would improve flow without using great amounts of money or disrupting businesses !!!!! But you people love to spend money without results.

Downtown residents should be able to have friends park in front of their homes. Hang tags should be colored for different areas and only those living in those areas should be able to purchase them. This program should not be a license for people to just park anywhere. I'd like to know what level of control there is on this program to prevent misuse.

I would love to stop by your upcoming open house, and will try to do so, although I live in a nearby town and there might be a scheduling conflict.

I am a native

Feel free to call me at 828-458-1318 or email me at jfirth9797@gmail.com. There are so many simple solutions to many of the mobility issues.

Looking forward to meeting the folks whom are working to resolve our mobility issues. I am disappointed with the way the Task Force was chosen and then presented a fait accompli to the City Residents. The City Manager, City Staff & City Commissioners did a poor job with their responsibilities & given the cost of this exercise I feel strongly the poor launch of this project needs to be addressed.

I look forward to the mobility study with an open mind & a spirit of cooperation

Having a city trolley that went up and down San Marco with regular stops would be great for those that want to use the downtown but not get on a tour trolley. Also for festival weekends, encouraging people to park at the airport or other location and take a shuttle instead of clogging US1 and Castillo making it impossible for North City or Vilano residents to just run Saturday errands to the 312 area would be great. I also deal with the May Street/San Marco problem which I hope will be fixed with the new corner plan but I have my doubts.

Mobility in SA is a disaster. City planners had no prescience. Efficient infrastructure was never created since this was a dirt poor town of ignorant rednecks, in comparison to other southern cities. Start taxing the churches downtown, and apply these funds to improving traffic safety and mobility!

First: stop building places for more people to move here. Second stop allowing people to drive in the old and small roads.

I love living here

With no parking available up town, why can't these mobility open houses be held at various libraries?

Build several parking garages but especially one behind the city building. There is no more "tweaking" for the parking problem. It's going to take a major change of mindset to solve the downtown issues. Ban cars in the historic district! Build a garage on Anastasia island. Develop the corridors into destinations so that they attract their own visitors and therefore relieve some of the congestion in the historic district. Think big guys, hire planners from Disney and then listen to what they tell you. You can't just fix little bits around town, it's too late for that, you need to buy property and start over. Have fun!

I live in Lincolville and I'd really like to see a trial of the one-way street program, although a lot of the elderly residents - as well as some recently arrived ones - are very resistant to change. But I think it could help and would ultimately have the effect of unblocking some streets and actually slowing traffic because drivers won't be racing to get through a street that is really too narrow to be two-way traffic.

I believe some sort of satellite parking with shuttle service would be the quickest way to solve the problem

Many of my friends are senior citizens who cannot walk far, and they have stopped coming into the city to shop because of the lack of parking close to their destinations. Also, some of them have mobility problems and cannot find handicapped parking. It would be nice to having a large parking facility, like the city parking garage, on the south end of the historic area, near the Lightner Museum.

Good luck! Think about using shuttle services as used during the 450th.

Regulate the bridge openings and we will all see improvements in traffic flow. Parking is another matter. But most of the Americans I see visiting town could use a good walk.

no more hotels get rode of horse and buggies pedi cabs. Need dedicated bicycle paths. I'm really surprised we haven't had more visitors run over. Stop the TDC we have too many visitors now and enough downtown merchants.

I believe outlying park lots with shuttle in is an important tool. Look at the airports ! It works ! Offer private companies incentives to make this happen. Have decals for local residents and ticket autos parked in residential areas without them.

Build the other 2 garages that were proposed years ago and eliminate parking around the plaza.

LOVE ST. AUGUSTINE !!!!!

I appreciate the work being done to make St. Aug a more cycle-friendly city!

Why are golf carts allowed to drive on the streets now? That is a big safety issue.

As a native, I'm well aware that this is nothing new. However the growth of the County has really multiplied. I think the City and County governments should be sharing responsibility for the traffic and parking issues we face. Also, those of us who work 8-5 daily can't participate in the open house. Can't you extend the hours or have a second day with later hours for working folks to be able to come by and weigh in?

Bike week is a joke and I do not understand why we turn this city over to them. It's unlikely the roi is worth the major inconveniences they create.

Cordova should b one way. I moved over to let someone go by and jagged curb slashed a hole in sidewall of my tire so curbs need help too.

I am having house guests and must miss all the mobility meetings during the second week in June. I would have liked to attend

New Committee

Set up satellite parking

South of King long-term parking is very limited. My patrons complain about no parking.

I wonder how many European cities have adopted smaller emergency vehicles--fire trucks, police cars, ambulances--that are smaller in size and fit readily within their smaller historic districts. I applaud our police force that's on bicycles. An officer in an SUV with the windows rolled up is nicely insulated from his work.

Traffic congestion is a huge problem in St. Augustine. If you don't fix it and provide better alternatives, it will only get worse.

The city is a wonderful place to live, however the roads are nearly third world, in particular the Davis Shores and downtown ares.

I think a system of greenbelt trails would be awesome.

Need to move larger events out of town to fairgrounds. Give locals priority as much as possible.

Parking laws should be better enforced in the neighborhoods too

Curb tourism. Enough is enough!

Please fix it.

We need help....can the ADA give suggestions?

One of our Sunrise Rotary members (Samantha Fairlie) had an idea that has merit. On weekends and during the summer when SAHS is presumably empty, use the parking lots there for people to park and bus them in to downtown. The parking fees or trolley fees could be used to help the schools after expenses.

more handicapped parking

I am very concerned about the high speed cut through traffic on Williams to avoid May. Far too many tour busses using this street daily in addition to non stop trolleys. One or the other but not both! Hold open house when most people are not working please.

Consider severely limiting special events on Francis Field and restrict to non-profit organizational sponsors only.

There needs to be more satellite parking, especially for big events. The 450th shuttle service was great! Nights of lights on the week-ends is horribl!

Yes! No one will like this idea. BUT I think once a year there should be a secret locals-only day for the downtown. For one day, block out all the hotel and motel rooms and don't let any tourists into town. Let the locals relax and enjoy their town for one sweet, blessed night.

Please, locals don't come to town because if this, everyone complain, Do something, add parking lots!!!

There should be a pedestrian crosswalk light by the amphitheater. The police are t always there to cross people.

No

Buy parking lots on Anastasia Blvd NOW

Actions speak louder than words. It is time to act.

Walkways at Bridge of Lion have a weird layout. No wonder that many people cross the street where they should not (but it makes more sense instead of zigzagging)

The local discount for parking permits is appreciated. Could here be reduced price for short term parking in the garage? Hourly rate? I'd i need to do a quick stop to make a purchase, like gift certificates, I don't want to spend \$12 for parking or drive around for 30 minutes looking for a spot.

I love St. Augustine.

I think that there's no easy solution to the issues we have. Adding parking on the sides of roads and increasing crossings for pedestrians isn't the solution to better driving just like increasing drive-ability doesn't help pedestrian safety.

Traffic is paralyzing such a wonderful, quaint city. The noise and exhaust is unplanted. This will remove the desire to visit or live here for many people.

North Side from Ponte Vedra is increasing. RT 1 is increasing and coming in San Marcus.

Making May st light a horrific back up. Please Help. Dangerous for emergencies and bystanders.

Huge events should be moved to SR 207 Fairgrounds with local food trucks for foodservice.

When there are large events downtown implement trolley system to move people into downtown.

Parking garage at amphitheater with shuttles if no countywide free shuttle service.

Hoping congestion & parking can be improved

Flagler County has found grants to support the extremely well done parks, bike/walking path, several beach parking facilities and boat ramps. The few at the top of my head are: Old Salt Park Jungle Hut Hammock Park Brings Landing (amazing) Mala Compra (bike trail) Varn Park Betty Steflik Park A boat ramp under a bridge, out of the way of traffic, what a concept. 312 east side, crescent east side? Fix Butler so that at low tide it could actually be used by more than a paddle board. (perfect facility but can't use it) you didn't fix the problem during the year+ shut down. And Douglas Crane ramp could use a total make over. The residents don't own the land on the water side, county does. You need to act like it. Stop letting those residents block the entrance to the parking areas. Vilano is for big boats, Moultrie is for tiny boats, Butler is broke. The average 15-22 foot inshore boat has limited options. Green Road... ? Yeah those folks think they own that ramp also. 3 trailers and its full. I will not trailer my boat through town to get to Usina nor Lighthouse. Flagler county has created many places for their folks to go outside and enjoy all this area has to offer. They are using synthetic wood on boardwalks. The very wide bike/walk/roller blading etc. path that is set back far from the roads and seems to be on US1 South, AIA Hammock Area, European Village, have folks safely outside whether for exercise, pleasure or commute, they are not being ran over. You should take a trip south and enjoy. I love St. Augustine and I like be showing it off to all my family and friends when they visit. The city needs to start focusing on more long term projects and stop being so short sighted. In ten minutes walking from Flagler college and down to St. George st., I was approached by a homeless man begging for food and money, and a drunk. Please get more police presence. None.

this city's traffic and parking conditions are out of control along with the wreckless pedestrians and homeless on bikes!

I don't care what anybody says or what study you come up with a roundabout is not the answer.

I live in the southern end of St Aug and commute up/ down route 1 to get to/from work in downtown St Augustine. My route home doesn't involve king street anymore because of the traffic leaving the city, so I now cut through neighborhoods. Also, as a commuter in a tourist cry, I find my patience level dwindling as I'm constantly in a hurry in a city that is built around leisure and tourism. I avoid frustrations by trying to pick routes not highly trafficked by tourists.

I love this city. I've lived here for 30 years. I understand growth is important but we are not able to keep up with influx of traffic.

We need our roads and parking options to grow with our population. We need at least two more multi level parking garages downtown. There are areas that could be utilized.

I have a parking map from our latest trip to York that I'd be glad to donate.

Residents should know about park now cards! There should be more places to get one, more promotion of them. We desperately need another parking deck. There is so much land between the distillery and the winery can't any of that be purchased for a deck?

We love living here!! There does need to be some resolutions to the traffic and parking though as with all the construction it's only going to get worse. If something isn't done now before all these homes are filled with multiple vehicles that will be traveling around in our city.

The city needs to think beyond always promoting tourism & focus more on the quality of life of locals.

The city is doing a good job, the county needs a lot of work.

Satellite parking is my only real suggestion as far as easing congestion into downtown. I would use that service as a local to participate in more events downtown. As of now, I usually avoid the area, including the restaurants and the like because parking is awful and it's sometimes too hot to maneuver around from one end where you find to park to where you're actually going.

We do not frequent downtown unless we have friends or family visiting due to the issues of traffic and parking.

There's no doubt that Saint Augustine is understandably a popular destination for tourists and growing more popular by the year. There is no stopping the city's growth and as residents I believe we should embrace this but embrace it in a sensible way. Tourism has it's challenges but the benefits far out weigh the challenges.

I love our city, there needs to be more signage about turning onto the bridge of lions, more parking.

St. Augustine is a great city. If anything, limit parking and slow the traffic down downtown to make it safer for walkers.

Four of July/Festival nightmare with little hands on to the minute problem solving. Barriers up way to long causing more issues.. Festival traffic support should have to be paid for by the entity not the city or shared costs.

Please limit the festivals! We residents have lost "our city" to countless people, packed intersections, overcrowded restaurants, rude tourist groups, litter, large and cumbersome strollers. In fact, after living in one of the large river homes on Camachee Island for three years, we're moving to the St. Johns River on State Road 13. I can't get out of the congestion and the failed May Street intersection fast enough. Sorry, St. Augustine - your once cute and historical identity has been overshadowed by the masses - too many of them.

Build a garage restrict street parking to only one side of each street.

Traffic by carousel is the worst

Reducing the lanes on Anastasia Blvd is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of

We have empty lots surrounding the city. Where Hardee's was, where Foodway was, etc. when the shuttle was available for the 450th and brought people into the city, it was the best thing since sliced bread. It would save on car traffic in actual downtown, and you may get more locals down there year round. Instead us local avoid downtown because of the parking nightmare.

We love this city and are thankful for this opportunity to provide input into making it an even better/safer place to live.

If you focus on one industry for generations, it will begin to own you. It is time to diversify our focus, stop subsidizing tourism, and focus on quality of life. The world knows we are here and the tourism related businesses will do just fine without continued government promotion.

I feel there is a delicate balance between the encouragement of tourism and concern for livability for residents. Tourism is the economic engine that allows us as a community to thrive, but we must protect what gives our city a sense of community. If locals increasingly avoid downtown activities and events due to congestion and mobility challenges, then the very charm that draws so many visitors will diminish. Some say we have already crossed this tipping point, that there are simply too many cars, carriages, bike taxis and people downtown for it to be enjoyable. I

disagree, and enjoy seeing a thriving city core. I am more concerned with urban sprawl, and feel we must keep city core neighborhoods appealing for full time residents, and limit multi-tenant housing and vacation rentals in the central districts.

The new signs along A1A on the island: some are not done correctly, who ordered them as they are...for ex. Saint Augustine Bch??? Ocn Hammock? and there are others!

Our efforts to attract visitors has been enormously effective, yet some downtown merchants clamor for means to bring more cars and people downtown. That would only worsen our ability to travel across town. Park the visitors in remote lots and shuttle them in. Think like Disney World and their parking lot shuttle service. Once in the city, local conveyances can take those who are not up for a walk. Lots of clean taxi's and private shuttles patrolling the streets. Divert some of the bed tax \$\$ to fund these initiatives.

The traffic and parking issues are the specific reason my personal time, therefore money, is spent elsewhere. It's sad to have such a beautiful space so near that is also utterly unattainable.

Thank you for attempting to address this issue.

The city should also provide a water taxi so visitors can park at Vilano and be taxi'd over to downtown. It's a port city, start using it like one.

All streets from Treasury to Cadiz should be restricted to carriages and mass transit options only. No automobiles/motorized vehicles allowed. Designated parking areas should be sought outside of the downtown area. The parking area could be served with a shuttle that runs every 15-20 minutes. Expenses can be captured through a nominal parking/shuttle fee. Restrict all deliveries to weekdays before 4PM.

neighborhoods should have a sign saying no trucks over 1 ton, school buses use US1 to get to their pick up stations not Riberia St. Decide which streets are commercial or private housing that should dictate traffic pattern.

I believe it is vital to bring beautification to A1A leading from town to change the attitude.

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