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Station 1: Registration

68 people registered their attendance at the open house

Station 2: Background

No comments

Station 3: Participation

No comments

Station 4: Vision & Goals Evaluation

Do you support the VISION STATEMENT displayed in the upper right corner of the board?

- 17 Yes, I fully support the Vision Statement
- 8 I mostly support the statement, but with a few limited changes. I would change the following parts:
- Preservation & enhancement of open spaces, natural resources, & recreational opportunities
 - Mutual benefit must be defined when combining services.
 - Medical services not mentioned. Important to us and those considering Sauk Prairie.
 - Develop adjacent to municipalities.
 - It needs to be more business oriented.
 - Downtown Sauk City needs to be completely redesigned.
 - Specifically include goal of making Sauk Prairie a designation shopping center. Regional location where people travel 10-12 miles to shop ... so Sauk Prairie residents don't travel 10-12 miles to do significant amounts of their shopping.
- 1 The statement has more that I disagree than agree with. I particularly disagree with the following:
- Far south bypass
 - The placement of 'production facilities' makes it seem more important than others. If it said 'clean' I could agree to keep it in.
- 7 I do not support the Vision Statement

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Do you agree, disagree, or are you neutral on the **OVERALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES?**

	I agree	I do not agree	I am neutral
Goal 1: Preserve the area's community heritage and quality of life			
Honor river heritage while accommodating development opportunities	27	1	3
Preserve & enhance attributes that reflect area's character, history & natural beauty	29	0	2
Support the communities' cultural and economic diversity	27	0	3
Protect downtown business centers and adjacent neighborhoods	24	1	5
Preserve prime agricultural lands	20	3	8
Develop neighborhoods with a focus on safety and interconnectivity	27	1	2
Guide community growth so as not to adversely impact the quality of live	27	1	2
Maintain the self-sufficiency that is characteristic of the communities	26	0	4
Goal 2: Preserve and enhance the area's landscape and natural resources			
Preserve natural beauty of the area, including bluffs, farmland, and wildlife habitat	29	1	1
Enhance and preserve river corridor and greenspace, including at village entrances	30	0	1
Maintain a hard edge between farmland and urban development	21	4	5
Improve the appearance of the urban sections of Highway 12 and protect the appearance of the rural landscapes	26	2	2
Goal 3: Promote and support the continued economic vitality of the area			
Attract and expand higher wage, environmentally friendly businesses	26	1	4
Support local service/retail businesses that area residents will patronize	28	0	2
Plan and maintain state-of-the-art infrastructure (communications, utilities, transp.)	28	0	1
Preserve and enhance the historic character of the downtowns	24	3	3
Combine municipal services & economic development for mutual benefit	22	2	6
Reserve adequate, continuous space for future industrial/business parks	23	2	6
Capitalize on river frontage and walkway opportunities	27	1	2

Station 5: Bypass Alternatives

No Comments

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Station 6: South Bypass Future Scenario

What ideas presented by the SOUTH BYPASS Future Scenario do you like or not like?

	I like this idea	I do not like this idea	I am neutral
Routing of the Highway 12 according to “ <u>N</u> ear South Bypass Alternative”	14	6	5
Routing of the Highway 12 according to “ <u>F</u> ar South Bypass Alternative”	6	18	4
Rerouting of railroad within or along the new Highway 12 bypass corridor	8	13	6
Highway 12 interchange at Highway 60 westbound	19	3	4
Highway 12 interchange at Highway PF	22	2	2
Ramped interchange at convergence back to existing Highway 12 east of river	16	5	2
“Future Collector Road” shown on west side of future growth area	11	4	7
Expanded business/industrial park near future Highway 12/60 interchange	11	8	6
Expanded Prairie du Sac industrial area north of Tower Street	14	4	7
Maintain 2 downtowns as community activity centers of equal importance	17	4	4
New highway oriented commercial area at Highway 12/60 west interchange	11	8	6
Small mixed-use neighborhood activity/service centers in western growth area	13	5	7
Transformed Phillips Boulevard land uses to local mixed-uses as traffic decreases	14	4	7
Riverfront employment/residential mixed-use redevelopment near River Road	11	7	7
Residential between current Phillips commercial/industrial & 12/60 interchange	7	7	12
Expanded neighborhoods (residential) out to Highway 12	13	5	7
Riverfront rural residential along both sides of the river to north of villages	12	10	4
Long-term preservation of farmland in areas shown as “agricultural” on the map	15	4	7
Long-term preservation of “open space” in areas shown on map	16	5	5
Limiting rural residential development mainly to existing subdivision areas	12	7	7
Recreational playing fields west of Highway 12 near Sauk Prairie Road	11	6	9

What other ideas suggested on the South Bypass Future Scenario board do you like?

- Still close enough to Sauk Prairie, but not within.
- Least impact on future residential, lower value Ag land, lower cost - consider Town Road to Bluff Road route then north to 12 at Badger.
- Rail connection using new river crossing to serve industrial area west of Sauk City.
- Less environmental impact for near south bypass.

What other ideas suggested on the South Bypass Future Scenario board don't you like?

- Decrease of visitors within the villages.
- Houses south of Hwy Y along with Blackhawk Ridge is on Wisconsin and National Historic Registration due to battle site and Indian Mounds present. Far South Bypass would go right through this area. Also eagle and wildlife habitat would be destroyed.
- There is no solution that will make everyone happy - only everyone unhappy!
- Railroad rerouting

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Station 6: North Bypass Future Scenario

What ideas presented by the NORTH BYPASS Future Scenario do you like or not like?

	I like this idea	I do not like this idea	I am neutral
Routing of the Highway 12 according to the "North Bypass Alternative"	3	19	4
Highway 12 interchange at Highway 60 east of the Village of Prairie du Sac	5	8	7
Highway 12 interchange at Highway 78 north of the Village of Prairie du Sac	5	7	7
"Future Collector Road" shown on west side of future growth areas	6	6	7
Expanded Sauk City industrial south of Phillips Boulevard/new collector road	9	7	4
Expanded Prairie du Sac industrial area north of Tower Street	10	6	3
Expanded emphasis, market, and redevelopment in downtown Prairie du Sac	10	5	5
Maintain downtown Sauk City as a mainly local service center	7	7	6
New highway-oriented commercial south of new Highway 12/78 interchange	2	11	6
Transformation of Phillips Boulevard to local mixed-use corridor	11	4	5
Small mixed-use neighborhood activity/service center in western growth area	8	5	6
Transformed Phillips Boulevard land uses to local mixed-uses as traffic decreases	7	5	7
Residential west of current Phillips commercial/industrial & new non-residential	5	6	7
Expanded neighborhoods (residential) out to Highway 12	7	7	6
Riverfront rural residential along both sides of the river to north of villages	4	11	4
Long-term preservation of farmland in areas shown as "agricultural" on the map	10	7	4
Long-term preservation of "open space" in areas shown on map	12	6	3
Limiting rural residential development mainly to existing subdivision areas	7	8	5
Riverfront commercial/residential mixed-use redevelopment near River Road	8	6	5
Recreational playing fields west of Highway 12 near Sauk Prairie Road	6	8	6

What other ideas suggested on the North Bypass Future Scenario board do you like?

- Mixed use area around Lueders and Sauk Prairie roads

What other ideas suggested on the North Bypass Future Scenario board don't you like?

- Too big of an impact on nature, eagle habitat, historical business, cost! Sending all the traffic to Baraboo, keep it in Sauk Prairie!
- Eagles feed at the dam. Totally taking away community character
- More environmental negative impact.
- Where is the green space? Recreational fields east of USH 12 along Sauk Prairie Road.
- High visual impact paralleling the river. Interrupts bluff view shed. Large natural impact for a longer distance. Ignores Hwy 12 corridor west of villages.
- River crossing north of 60 bridge - expansion of 188 to multi-lane.
- The development on that side of the river would definitely affect eagle habitat, especially the bridge placement near the dam.
- Multiple interchanges into Sauk Prairie, really only one is necessary

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Station 6: Existing Corridors Future Scenario

What ideas presented by the EXISTING CORRIDORS Future Scenario do you like or not like?

	I like this idea	I do not like this idea	I am neutral
Routing Highway 12 along Phillips Boulevard, expanded beyond 2008 project	6	13	3
Dividing Highway 12 into a one-way-pair, using Phillips Blvd. & Carolina Street	8	8	6
Highway 12 interchange at Highway 60 westbound	12	3	5
Highway 12 interchange at Highway PF	15	1	4
“Future Collector Road” shown on west side of future growth area	11	2	5
Expanded Sauk City industrial south of Phillips Boulevard/new collector road	11	4	4
Expanded Prairie du Sac industrial area north of Tower Street	12	4	3
Maintained downtown Prairie du Sac as a community service center	15	2	2
Decreased viability of downtown Sauk City as a community service center	4	8	6
Highway-oriented commercial extends west along Phillips Boulevard	7	4	8
Older uses along Phillips transform with competition & traffic changes	9	0	7
Small residential area west of current industrial & future industrial	8	2	7
Expanded neighborhoods (residential) out to Highway 12	7	5	5
Riverfront rural residential along both sides of the river to north of villages	7	7	3
Long-term preservation of farmland in areas shown as “agricultural” on the map	11	3	3
Long-term preservation of “open space” in areas shown on map	13	2	2
Limiting rural residential development mainly to existing subdivision areas	10	4	3
Riverfront commercial/residential mixed-use redevelopment near River Road	8	4	5
Recreational playing fields west of Highway 12 near Sauk Prairie Road	8	4	5
Residential west of current Phillips commercial/industrial & new non-residential	9	4	4

What other ideas suggested on the Existing Corridors Future Scenario board do you like?

- Keep businesses and income in Sauk Prairie.
- Least environmental and land impact.
- I like the divided one-way street plan. I think this is a good compromise to keep businesses accessible to traffic and still maintain traffic flow.

What other ideas suggested on the Existing Corridors Future Scenario board don't you like?

- Possibly residential construction on riverfront.
- Not a good "future use". Too much existing access issues. I think congestion will continue.
- Expanded roads thru existing residential areas.
- If this idea makes Sauk City look like the newly revamped Reedsburg (Main Street Project) you will lose the character and neighborhoods. Go south.

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Station 6: Preferred Future Scenario

Which of the three future scenarios do you generally prefer?

17 South Bypass

Why?

- It doesn't bisect the villages.
- Keeps growth east of USH 12 and maintains urban edge.
- Less local traffic.
- Further west of existing western boundary Hwy 12 about 1/4 mile to preserve businesses and airport.
- Near south seems to be the best option. Allows easiest alignment with the least impact. Existing corridor may only be a temporary solution.
- Least damage to natural areas. Doesn't bypass Sauk Prairie community.
- Least disruptive. Preserves communities.
- Least cost, least negative impact on wildlife and future residential development.
- It would be least disruptive.
- Most realistic option.
- Safety over existing corridors. Less environmental impact over North Bypass.
- Logical route.

2 North Bypass

Why?

- Relates best to vision and goals of Draft Comprehensive Plan. It is the safest in terms of traffic. Less fragmentation of larger blocks of wildlife habitat, Ag, floodplain, wetlands than the South Bypass. Closer to existing commercial, office, industrial areas. Keeps expansion away from Lower Wisconsin River. Preserve scenic beauty better than other options.
- Wetlands should not be disturbed. Traffic will be awful through Phillips Blvd in future.

11 Existing Corridors

Why?

- Least impact on farm and nature. More attractive "small" businesses to Sauk Prairie!
- Least environmental impact
- Bypass will hurt Village businesses.
- Least damage to the natural area.
- Keep businesses adjacent to Hwy 12 in Town.
- Keep it in - don't take any land outside of city.
- Equal access to villages from both directions.
- A bypass, like in Verona, says "keep going, don't stop here." It encourages bedroom community mentality. Keep the people coming through town! Show off our community pride.
- Routes development toward existing areas of development, yet introduces economic opportunities to the area at the same time.

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Station 6: Highway 12/PF Planning Area Alternatives

Of the four Highway 12 and PF Planning Area Alternatives, which do you prefer?

- 9 Alternative 1: Re-Use Existing Airport
- 8 Alternative 2: Expand Existing Airport
- 9 Alternative 3: Expand/Realign Airport
- 4 Alternative 4: Remove Existing Airport

Please provide the main reasons you selected the alternative that you did?

Alternative 1: Re-Use Existing Airport

- Will always be recreational or small business. Never expect it to get much bigger!
- The airport is ok the way it is.
- I think it gets enough use as it is. I don't think it needs expansion. There are other airports in area that will probably expand in future.
- Approaches are good, state like location, does not involve much land acquisition - do not need huge facility to accommodate general aviation aircraft.
- Would be the least disruptive.
- It is useful for recreational aircraft - but not for commercial. It should not be expanded.

Alternative 2: Expand Existing Airport

- Groups industrial, office, and commercial use around airport and away from river. Allows airport expansion in a direction where planes won't fly low over river and Hwy 12. Keeps runway away from residential area.
- Sauk City is Wisconsin's third largest tourist county; we should have an airport large enough to capitalize on this.
- Need larger runway.
- It would be nice to have a longer runway.
- Part of full transportation system.

Alternative 3: Expand/ Realign Airport

- Either make it a real functional airport or dissolve the lease.
- Least impact to residential.
- Maintains facilities - hopefully resolves conflicts.
- Better for air and ground traffic. Grants potential for industry.
- Would preserve existing corner and its businesses.
- Federal funding for the airport becomes possible with a larger runway. Upkeep and maintenance is a major expense.
- Air traffic pattern can be established to fly north of airport in take off and landing to avoid river corridor.

Alternative 4: Remove Existing Airport

- Better to have a regional airport.
- Prime residential (commercial) area.
- Airport noise negatively impact quality of life and I don't even live close by.
- Business case doesn't hold up when other airports are available, expansion of runways are needed to make use at existing location feasible and landowners against it.

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Are there other factors we should be considering for the future planning of the Highway 12/PF area?

- The finances are right now for expanding airport. Land will be donated to Village and remaining cost will be covered by state & federal funds. This is the last chance we're going to have to make this a real airport.
- Green space across from Muellers on PF.
- Restoration of existing prairie across PF needs to be recognized.
- Approach to and from airport.
- Keep airport in some form.
- Do high tech, high paying jobs use airports like ours - yes?
- Ho-Chunk planning on building airport? If so, why keep it in Sauk Prairie?
- Need to provide access to aviation use for sake of attracting businesses (already lost major company to Minnesota due to lack of local and state support, Cirrus Design - employs 800).
- The airport provides a recreational purpose currently (for the most part). With slight expansion and the offering of services the airport also becomes a commercial asset.
- Expand airports enough for federal funding.
- Very concerned about eagle and bird interference if planes are landing/taking off over the river and eagle nesting habitat.
- How much impact to eagles and other birds as planes take off/land over river?

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Station 7: Other Options

Before you finish your evaluation, there are a few additional issues that the Joint Steering Committee has not yet resolved. Respondents identified preferred option for each future growth issue presented below.

Future Growth Issue	Option 1		Option 2	
Future school locations	Neighborhood schools	14	Centralized schools	7
Future business park growth option—Take 1	Separate expansions in Sauk City & Prairie du Sac	9	One joint industrial park for the future	8
Future business park growth option—Take 2	Expand north of Prairie du Sac Industrial Park towards Z	7	Expand west of Highway 12 along Highway 60	7
Future land use south of Highway 12 along Lueders Road near Derleth Home	Residential	12	Industrial/Business Park	5
Phillips Boulevard/East-West Highway 12 segment	Continued commercial all the way west to 60	5	Commercial mixed with other uses west of Lueders Road	12
Future of Highway 12/PF Intersection	Interchange (with ramps and PF underpass)	11	Signalized at-grade intersection	8
Future retail uses	Allow larger-scale retail uses in villages than exist today	7	Explore limiting the size of future retail uses	17
Future uses at Highway 12/PF Intersection	Agricultural-oriented commercial uses (like those there today)	13	Highway-oriented commercial uses (retail, services)	9
Rural Housing in Agricultural Areas	Require minimum lot size of 35 acres	8	Allow similar number of houses as in Option 1, but cluster them on smaller lots	12
Future industrial growth option	Expand north of Prairie du Sac Industrial Park towards Highway Z	7	Expand west of Highway 12 along Highway 60	8

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Station 7: Additional Information and Comments

Where do you reside? Please indicate by checking (✓) in the appropriate circle.

10 Village of Prairie du Sac 1 Village of Sauk City 2 Town of Prairie du Sac

11 Other (City of Baraboo, Lodi, Town of Mazomanie, Town of Merrimac, Town of Roxbury, Stevens Point, Town of Troy, Town of West Point)

(Note: Several respondents did not answer this question.)

Joint Steering Committee Members agreed not to submit evaluation forms.

Please offer any comments, suggestions, or opinions you have on any of the information presented at this open house or on the planning process in the space provided below.

- I think that the beauty of the river is underutilized. All the businesses have their back to it! Let's turn it around (walk, retail front, cafes, restaurants)
- More consultation and input from historic and environmental groups are needed.
- More green space and parks!
- Note new DNR canoe launch off Lueders Road.
- The Sauk Prairie area is too beautiful and unique to succumb to unbridled development of any kind. It is not an extension of Madison, Milwaukee, or Chicago - keep it rural in character and think preservation rather than consumption. Why is that huge quarry on the other side of the river? Isn't this part of the protected Wisconsin River? Quarrying is already changing the landscape and view from town, this needs to stop! Also, the condos by Derleth Park shouldn't have happened - too close to the river.
- Consolidation of municipal services should only be considered if the consolidation will save tax dollars of residents of both villages.
- Consolidation would solve a lot. Need a new 'Village Center' (all government, library) 2 blocks either side of Oak Street at Water Street.
- You should be communicating with Sauk Prairie Airport hangar owners to get input on the airport.
- We need to have tough zoning (Ag stays Ag) don't mix housing with Ag or we won't have Ag some time down the road.
- Nice set up and presentation. It would have been nice to have more people (either from Vandewalle or Planning Committee) available at each station to answer questions.
- The best Ag land around!
- Mussel beds, endangered, rare, threatened animals and plants. Noise from highway. Group the land uses (residential, commercial, industrial, office). Preserve large tracts of floodplain, wetlands, and eagle habitat.
- I don't like industrial use on PF. I think that access should be limited on PF, assign future industrial business growth elsewhere.
- Location and importance of medical services.
- Retail/destination shopping.
- Keep commercial and industrial development close together, not intermixed with residential and small business.

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On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate the overall usefulness of this open house?

Poor, Not useful	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Excellent, Very Informative
Responses	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	7	8	5	Average = 8.48