

The planning team discussed the project and asked the seniors about their concerns with the existing City conditions and what they would like to see for the future. Comments received from the seniors are below.

- Too much grass is used in the City, such as at the new recreation center. Water is going to become more and more scarce. Should be using native plants where it makes sense. Trees will use less water as they become established and will help take up carbon dioxide.
- Public buildings should be built to LEED or other sustainable “green” standards to reduce our energy use. Public buildings should be energy wise and take advantage of natural solar orientation. These buildings will help set an example and show what is possible.
- Utilize solar energy in the City.
- Need good restaurants like Sizzler and Olive Garden.
- Traffic problems – the truck route could help. Regular traffic is still busy. Need traffic calming.
- How can we work with UDOT to implement local improvements since Highway 40 is a state road? If you can show that the improvements will move traffic more efficiently, they are more likely to be open to new ideas.
- The four-way stops have helped – they’re better than the two-way stops.
- Need better enforcement of speed limits.
- Need more traffic lights.
- Lights need to accommodate pedestrians – give them enough time to cross the roads safely. Think about using the pedestrian count-down lights like they have in Salt Lake City.
- The City has control over the traffic lights along Highway 40 because it intersects with local roads.
- Seniors bike and walk around town.
- Vernal Avenue to the rec center needs sidewalks all the way down. Need ordinance to put sidewalk in. Often see women and children walking in road because there is not sidewalk.
- When sidewalks are plowed, often the road plows come by and push the snow back up on the sidewalk. Need to haul the snow away, or make the sidewalks wider.
- Need maintenance on sidewalks.
- Need wide aprons for bikes.
- Preserve the historic architecture in town – there a few great old properties with beautiful homes.
- Look at 1250 W. onto the highway – connect it to 500 South.

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- Need a new senior center that incorporate physical activities like walking outdoors, along with indoor uses.
- The Golden Age Center often serves as Vernal's community center.
- Connect the Golden Age Center to the Library.
- Would like a community center by the rec center.
- Seniors use the walking park.
- Vernal is a fun, family-oriented place that used to be affordable.
- Need a dog park.
- Need more bike facilities around town like bike racks.
- Schools need bike racks too.