

City of Gallatin

# 2012 CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

**“Citizen input is vital as we forge the future of Gallatin. I want to thank everyone who took the time to respond and provide us with valuable feedback.”**

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The 2012 Citizen Survey focused on six major projects and provided an opportunity to list other projects or add comments.

396 households responded to the survey. Below is how Citizens ranked the six projects. Following the rankings are comments from the Citizens on these six projects along with their other ideas.

- 1 Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track Northern Bypass
- 2 Drainage improvement projects throughout the City
- 2 Greenway (more bike & pedestrian paths in the City)
- 4 Public Transportation (expanded bus or rail service)
- 5 Continued improvements to South Water
- 6 A second pool at the Civic Center

The rankings showed that citizens believe a northern bypass, also called Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track, is the highest priority—ranking 7% ahead of drainage improvement projects and greenway/bike/pedestrian paths. Road issues generated the most comments from Citizens.

While greenway/bike/pedestrian paths and drainage improvement projects tied, citizen comments indicated a wide variety of ideas on each topic ranging from specific locations to general suggestions.

Public transportation ranked 13% behind Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track Northern Bypass and 9% behind drainage and greenways. Citizens indicated they want expanded public transportation to Nashville as well as a system in the City to major sites like the hospital and Volunteer State Community College.

South Water generated comments ranging from road improvements to bringing new business to the street. This project ranked 19% behind Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track Northern Bypass.

Installing a second pool at the Civic Center ranked 76% behind the top-rated project. Comments regarding this topic ranged from suggesting a second or improved outdoor pool first, or a park or fitness center on the west side of town.



# The Survey



More than 160 households answering the survey took time to write comments about the six listed projects, or suggested new projects altogether. The comments are arranged by topic.



# Citizen Comments

## Roads—New Ones and Improved Ones

Put a secondary exit at Elk Acres (3)

Extend GreenLea to Long Hollow and over to 109 (4)

Albert Gallatin Extension is necessary to relieve traffic on Long Hollow

Add iron railings on Hartsville Pike at mile marker 17 – very dangerous drop off

Repair/improve railroad crossing/tracks at Steam Plant and Airport Roads (3)

Thanks for paving Lock 4 Road

Rehab N. Water from Franklin to Broadway to match the rest of Downtown

Continue widening 109 – especially from the expansion of the 109 bridge to the bypass (4)

Paint center lines and shoulder edges on side streets like Gibbs Lane

Streetlights along Nashville Pike to Cages Bend

Fix the manhole covers and water meters on streets newly paved – they are not even with the new pavement

Add street lights to Tulip Poplar

Put in crosswalks at Albert Gallatin and Hwy 31 intersection

Add turn lane on Long Hollow onto 386 (2)

Build an overpass on Red River Road over the RR tracks; make improvements to Red River at RR tracks

Open the extension of Tulip Poplar from Belvedere to Nashville Pike

Build a new road from Hwy 109 to Lock 4 Park/Lock 4 Road (2)

Add speed bumps on Belvedere across from Walmart

Remove second speed bump on Lock 4 Road (2)

Add more right turn lanes on roads

Add a right turn lane on Hwy 31 at Airport Road

Create a right turn lane from Hwy 25 onto 109

Time traffic lights from Cages Bend to Albert Gallatin

Improve intersection of Hampton Pl and Nashville Pike – make it safer to turn

Traffic light at 109 S and Nichols Lane – accidents there “every day” (2)

Widen/repair N. Water from Hwy 31 to Dobbins Pike – and add new sidewalks (3)

Fix potholes & pave streets we already have

## Drainage Improvements

Fix drainage problem in Walmart area  
Drainage is a major issue and the reason we have flooding in our neighborhoods  
Please don't procrastinate until we have another deluge  
Drainage problems have cost people a lot of money  
Drainage is very important on Duncan Street

Drainage problem between Belvedere and Woodmont  
Along Town Creek behind businesses on Broadway  
Clean out ditches where silt has built up  
Clean out drains you have now  
Fix problems on Joslin Avenue, Duncan Street, Anderson Street & Lock 4

## Public Transportation

Gallatin needs trolleys that will go to Vol State, Hospital and around the City  
**So many people don't have cars**  
More bus service to key locations in Nashville  
Need a way to get from Portland to Rivergate  
Service to and from Nashville Airport  
Priority should be bus service inside Gallatin

Public transportation is dragging behind!  
Bus and rail now, please!  
Gallatin is sadly lacking consistent, cheap transportation to the outlying areas for access to jobs  
Update and restore the train station; utilize and expand infrastructure to connect surrounding counties reducing auto congestion, emissions  
Prefer rail service

## Greenways/Sidewalks/Bike Paths

Add sidewalks to Tulip Poplar; Lock 4 from Hwy 31 to Nichols Lane (2); All of Lock 4 (3); East Park Street; Belvedere from Nashville Pike to County Admin Bldg; From Ashley Manor towards Hartsville; Belvedere and Peninsula; in Historic District (along with better lighting)  
More sidewalks inside the city limits so people can take walks without the fear of being hit by a car  
Add bike lanes to all of Nashville Pike  
Greenways are important and should be in our future plans  
I would like to see some kind of parks and bike trails and walking paths on the west side

More bike & pedestrian paths in the City  
Complete the greenway (2)  
Making bike paths on route #25, Hartsville Pike  
Continue greenway to Lock 4; Connect Lock 4 Park with other greenways  
Need walking trail or tracks on the North side bad. Please.  
Add a greenway from the corner of Rodney/Stephanie to Hancock Street  
Connect Greenway to the one on Lower Station Camp Creek Road  
Complete the greenway and anchor Downtown, then market the visible Gallatin



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## Second Pool at the City's Civic Center

Before building a second pool, convert exiting pool to salt water

Re-open Sumner Station workout center and close Civic Center

Warm water pool for exercise/health issues (3)

Add a big outdoor pool with slides & waterfalls

Only want a second/better pool outdoors (2)

Civic Center needs a steam room & better upkeep

Instead of new pool, provide more workout room for all the classes

Add childcare; I drive to the Y. Young moms must have this. I will support a Y here. (2)

Instead of Civic Center, focus on west side of town; add a park to west side (3)

Clean it up—mold & dust are rampant

## Continued Improvements to South Water Avenue

Areas other than S. Water need improvement

Please update and remove obsolete structures/buildings

South Water needs more business - restaurants, fast food, retail

Continue improvements to S. Water and all "gateways" to the city

## Comments Regarding Public Safety

Fire Station on Airport Road; more fire halls (3)

Do away with traffic cameras (2)

Increased traffic control on the 109 Bypass – speed, noise, dragging

Raid stores on Blythe for selling fake marijuana; make sale to young people a felony

Get sex offenders out of Gallatin, lower home break-ins – robbery

Over abundance of Police presence in this City; Cut city PD by 25%

## Comments About Cleaning Up the City

More consistency in keeping main thoroughways free of trash on the sides of roads, especially on the bypass (2)

Clean up sides of Brown's Lane. The "no littering" sign does not seem to help.

109 Bypass needs litter cleanup. It's a blight on the city. Out-of-towners might misjudge Gallatin overall or Gallatin's appearance because of this mess.

Improve older, run-down neighborhoods to reduce crime. This will also preserve our historic homes.

Clean all the entryways into Gallatin

Clean up what we have – get rid of wires, signs

Need a sign ordinance to prohibit unattractive neon signs within several blocks of the square

Clean up junky and rundown houses in neighborhoods

Get rid of signs that degrade entrances into Gallatin

Beautification along US 31E



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## Other Comments—General & Specific

Put all street lights on automatic eyes, not timers

Overhead lighting at 386 and GreenLea to attract corporate business and commercial along GreenLea Blvd

Put signs on 386 to direct visitors to Station Camp schools

Buy the land behind Perkins Drugs along Hawkins Ave. Develop it for tourism. It was a Civil War battle site. Grants can help with the purchase through the Confederate War Preservation Trust. Tourism is green money

Why not enhance the (Corps of Engineers) access on East Fork Station Camp Creek at Nashville Pike into a small park with fishing, parking, benches (2)

Gallatin needs tornado sirens (11)

When trimming trees from power lines, trim to keep tree from looking one-sided & ugly & blocking the road in places

Work on planning so that we can move ahead of other cities in quality, look, character to attract quality citizen

Gallatin's children & thus Education (our future); b. Gallatin's Crime & thus "drugs" & also youth violence; these are our city's 2 greatest current deficiencies & would ultimately be a major reason for me not residing here & continuing to reside here

I am glad you have (financial) reserves

Continue to grow closer & better before grow bigger. Growth will occur if those who are here are content & happy here. We need to highlight & encourage a better community/city

Expanded city & water to Dickerson Bay; Woods Ferry Circle

Solar panels on top of library and other public buildings to reduce energy cost.

Recycling pickup curbside; more recycling options (2)

More dog parks

Stop wasting taxpayer's money and stop turning Gallatin into New Jersey

I sure do like the improvements I have seen over the past several years and so appreciate your efforts to find out what the community thinks is important and actually DOING them!

Donate City-owned vacated (tax liens) lots to Habitat for Humanity for future tax-paying properties

Expand the amenities and beautification of downtown (2)

Evaluation of non-profits in area with most cost & possible increased funding to those most serviceable

Need better signs pointing people to lake accesses

Please continue Gallatin's facelift; the City is looking so much better



# Citizen Comments

**Mayor Graves is always looking for feedback and suggestions on what you think is important for Gallatin and the City's future. You may email her at:**

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**Or call the Mayor's Office at 615-451-5961. Also, check for the next Mayor's Night In.**

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