

June  
IN-PERSON  
OPEN HOUSE

On June 20th and 21st, 2023, open house events were held at the Carlson Library and Sky Commons. 21 individuals signed-in and participated at the open houses. The following is a summary of how those participants responded to the interactive posters and these events.

June/July  
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SURVEY

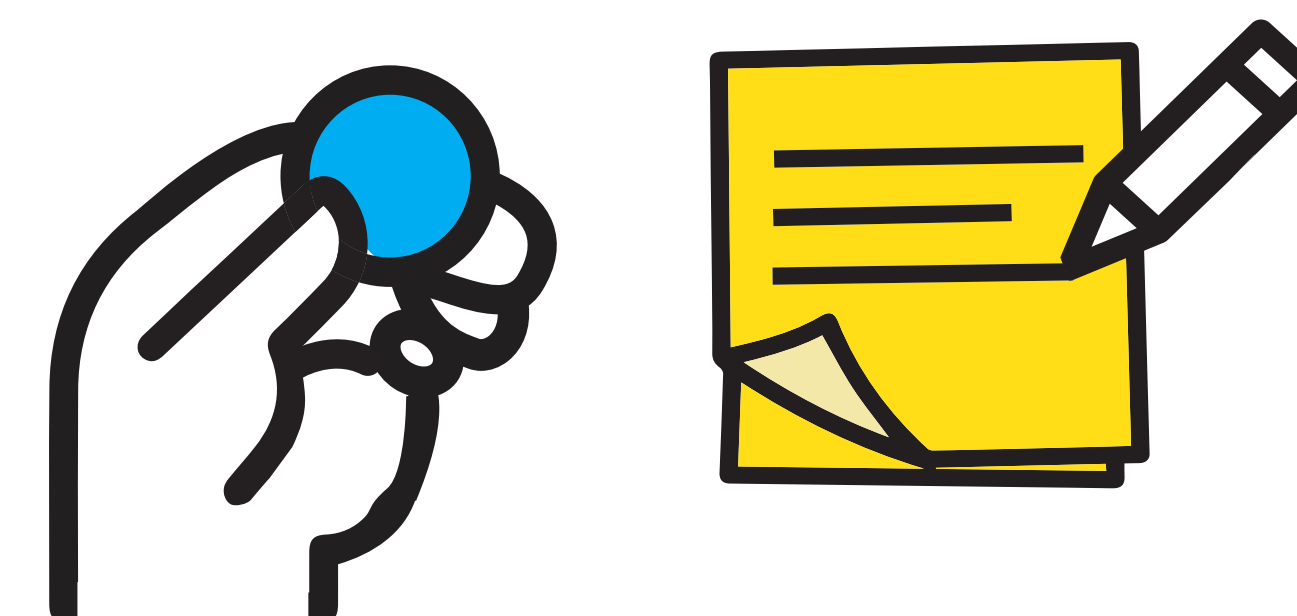
The same questions were part of an online survey from June 21 through July 24, which was completed by 103 respondents. Those results are summarized separately.



# How has Fargo been growing?

From your vantage point and experience in Fargo, how do you think Fargo has been growing?

Using your **blue dot**, identify the statement below that best describes your sense of how Fargo has been growing. Please explain why you feel that way on a Post-It note and place it below your selection.



## Major course correction needed

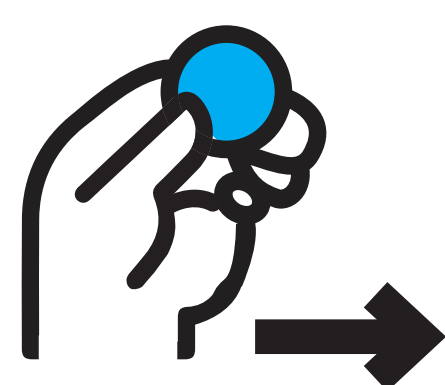
I don't like how Fargo has been growing and the impact that growth has been having on the community. Major changes are needed.

## Some course corrections needed

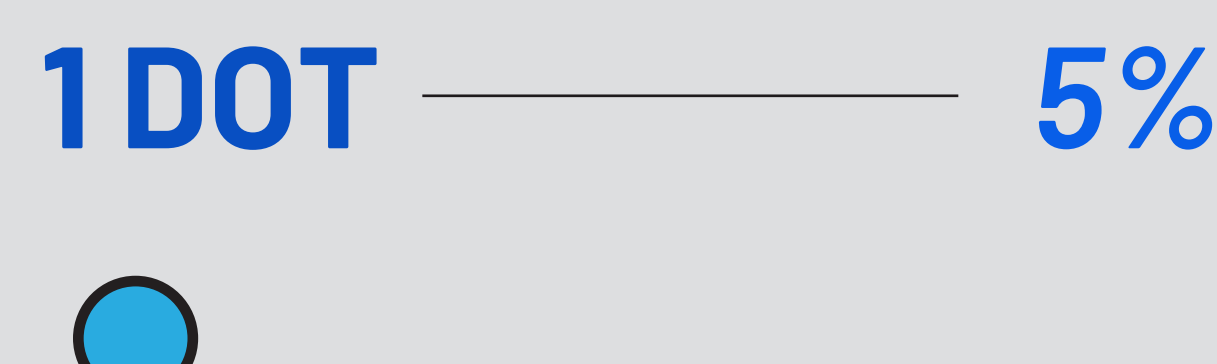
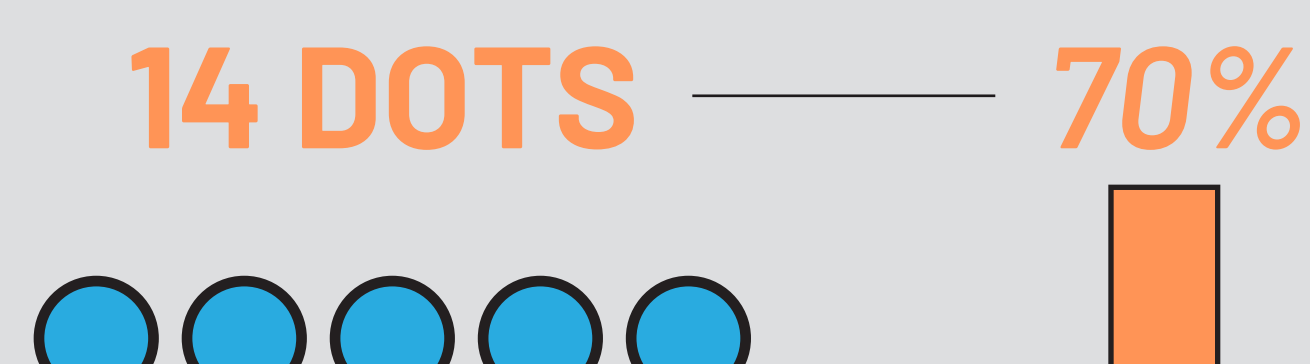
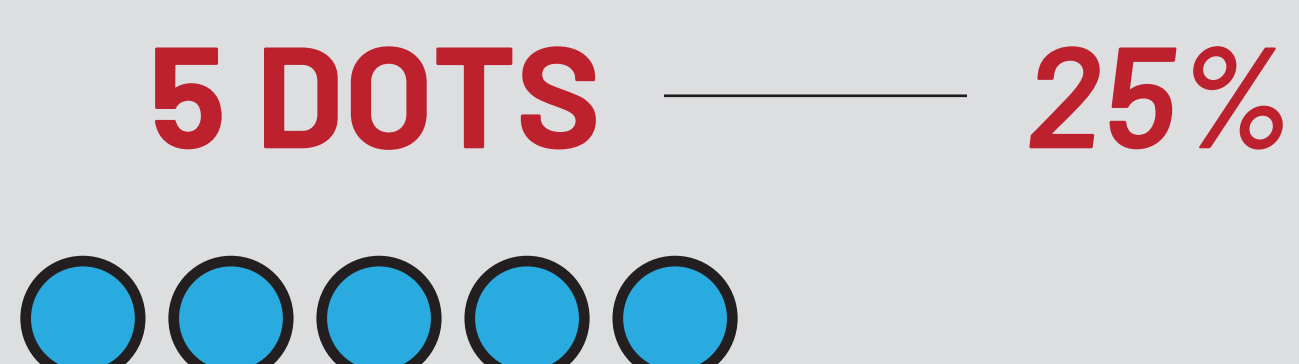
While growth has brought some positive changes to the community, I have concerns about how Fargo has been growing and the impacts of growth on aspects of life here. We need to make some changes.

## Satisfied with current course

Fargo has been dealing with growth about as smoothly as might be expected, and I think the results are mostly positive. Fargo is doing well on its current course and it should be maintained.



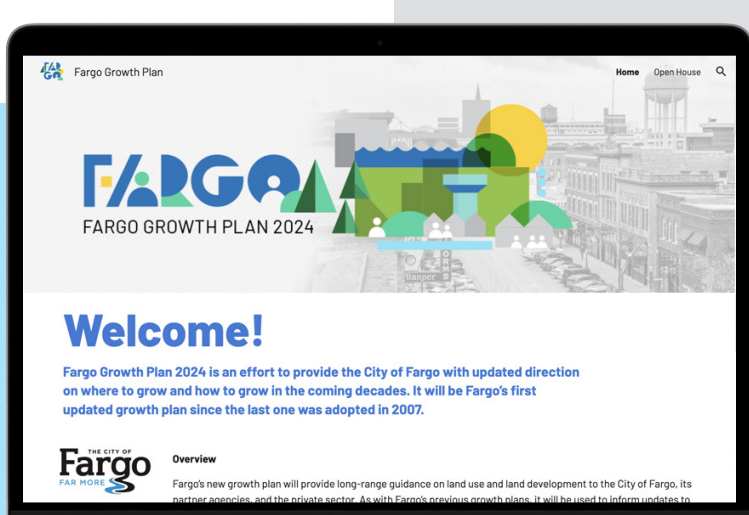
Place your **blue dots** here



Place your notes here

Sprawl and car-centric infrastructure are serious concerns, and so is a lack of different types of housing.

Need innovative housing types to meet the needs of residents and provide opportunities for folks to access any neighborhood.



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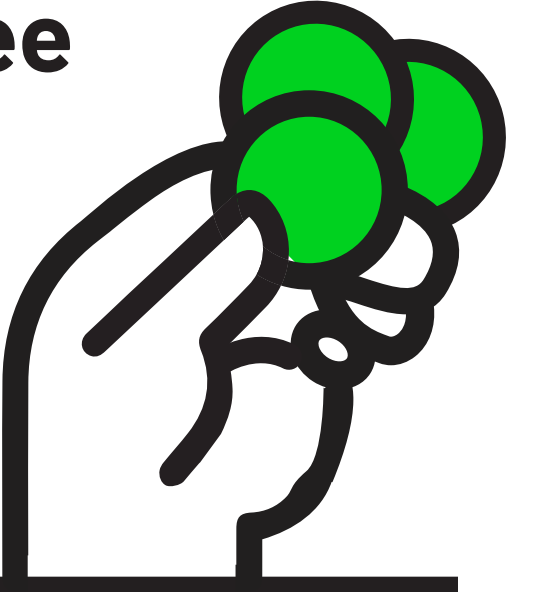


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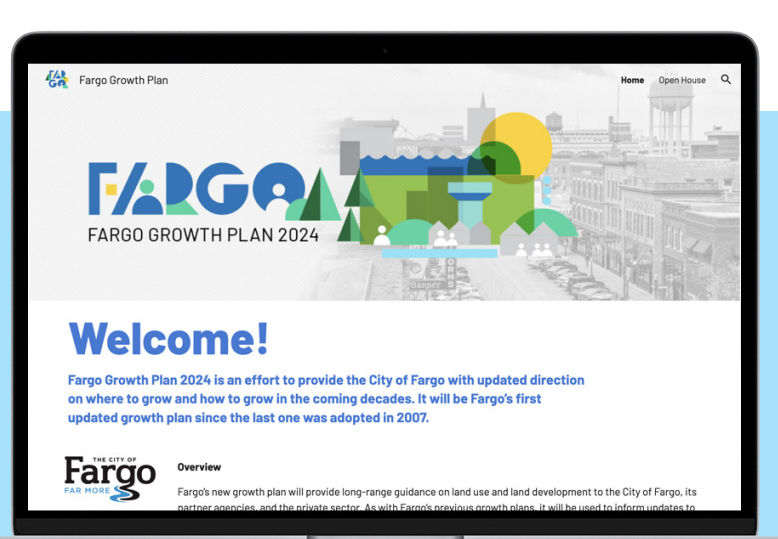


Looking to the future, what issues do you think need to be prioritized and receive special attention during the growth planning process?

Use your **three green dots** to select no more than three issues. You may place multiple dots on the same issue if you wish.



	<b>Reliable and sustainable utility systems</b>	3	●●●	6%
	<b>Recreation and parks</b>	8	●●●●●●●●	15%
	<b>Good roads and highways</b>	3	●●●	6%
	<b>Multi-modal transportation systems (bikes, pedestrians, transit)</b>	11	●●●●●●●●●●●	21%
	<b>Housing affordability</b>	11	●●●●●●●●●●●	21%
	<b>Investment in core neighborhoods</b>	11	●●●●●●●●●●●	21%
	<b>Expansion of housing supply</b>	2	●●	4%
	<b>Downtown development</b>	0		0%
	<b>Job creation</b>	2	●●	4%
	<b>Farmland preservation</b>	2	●●	4%
	<b>OTHER</b>	Write your issue on a Post-it note, then stick a <b>green dot</b> on the note and place it here. →		



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## Getting the Future Right

At its simplest, a growth plan is about getting the future right. The process for Fargo Growth Plan 2024 is designed to figure out what 'getting it right' means and your input—including what comes to your mind when you think about the future—is critical.

In the spaces below, please use Post-It notes to let us know what excites you the most about Fargo's future, and what worries you the most.



**When I think about**

\_\_\_\_\_,  
**I get excited about Fargo's future.**

Natural population growth, job opportunities, and opportunities for positive growth of our city

Recreational activities, parks, and facilities

Make Fargo prettier with flowers, parks, and trees (plant more)

Multi-modal paths between neighborhoods help bring people together instead of dividing them

Being able to leverage the \$3 billion invested in flood protection to offer a world class greenway and tourist destination

Growth potential

The possibilities of building and designing our city in new and more resilient ways

Our wonderful downtown

The opportunity for higher design standards

How the lessons learned from downtown development can be applied to the adjacent areas in a thoughtful way

**When I worry about Fargo's future, I mostly worry about**

\_\_\_\_\_.

Growing disparity between low and high incomes; housing affordability; cost of living

Balancing the needs relating to city population growth with the realities that everything desired isn't necessarily feasible nor a priority (e.g. bike lanes everywhere, vehicle charging stations in all apartment buildings)

Private/developer-driven housing developments for single-family neighborhoods

Property taxes; jobs; costs of living (groceries, utility bills)

High-density housing

Growing out, not up

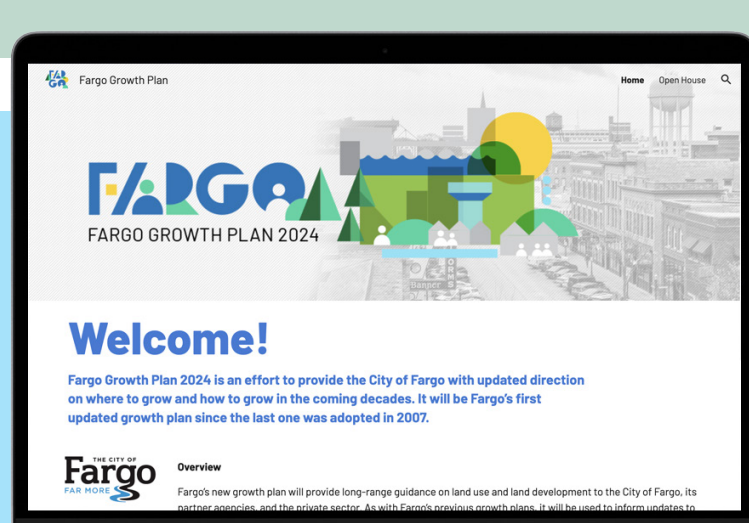
Poor development infrastructure, and strategies that don't strike a bold and smart vision for our future

Disconnect between citizens and their need/use of basic services

Not planning for the future growth in another way besides simply growing outward; not planning or advocating for affordable housing needs now and in the future

What affordable housing really means

Crime rate



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