

SURVEY BAINBRIDGE™ #3 Unabridged COMMENTS.

Thank you.

Planning a better Water supply for the future

Need more and better sidewalks and separate bike lanes and paths to get bikes and pedestrians off the roadways, it's so unsafe to walk and bike along so many narrow roads on the island.

City must resign from ICLEI !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On Q9 I think all apply.

Need too limit growth. Traffic is starting to look like Seattle

I have very mixed feelings about you soliciting this survey via a big email blast.

The nuances of some of the questions lead the person answering toward an option that does not reflect the complexity understood by many of us that live on Bainbridge. It is vital that as a community those nuances are reflected in communication's.

What is the city's plan to address the abysmal roads?

How many more residences can we actually support?

Cyclists required to wear high visibility clothing.

The ridiculous bike path plan at the head of Eagle Harbor

Sustainable Transportation Plan Worsens Trafficability

I FEEL change is inevitable...but 88 apartments going in now on Madison and Wyatt? Too much -- as each will have two cars....what about the water? Feels very jammed up now...too much..no parking anywhere!

First of all you might want to have someone proofread your spelling. Also frivolous lawsuits like yours are a driver of unnecessary expenses

good survey. looking forward to the results. thank you

Healthcare availability

All said, I don't necessarily trust the city council.

Still mad about the replace,ent of our old wood "welcome to bainbridge" sign with a soulless metal replacement.

fresh water supply and the related possible need to curb new development

There should be independent vetting of all candidates and term limits for all.

I have not been involved in any of the councils meetings, I understand How complex

FYI Please proofread next time (an apostrophe & border, not boarder)

Groundwater Management Plan, process

Ferry should be moved to Suquaish gien that the majority of ferry traffic to Seattle comes from Kitsap county and not the island.

Planning is a joke

Stop wasting money lowering speed limits, what a waste of \$&&

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How the City is responding to climate change

Has the city adequately dealt with affordable housing?

Q9 is a poor question in several respects. It is a complex issue and treats it as simple and only needing one response. All responses are needed. And a better editing job, too. "Boarders"? Don't you mean "borders"? Very different things!

Obsession with affordable housing

Non motorized transportation on the Island is terribly unsafe. I should have a safe way to walk or ride within two or three miles of where I live, but I do not. Cats have too much priority, especially considering what a small place Bainbridge is. Stop supporting so much car infrastructure. Make it safe and easy and the clear choose to use waking, rolling, or public transportation. Benefits to the environment and safety and accessibility.

Low income housing, encouraging more diversity,

I observe many council meetings, although I don't always agree - I find the council conscientious and thoughtful

Pedestrian safety

The City promised to revise (simplify & clarify) the 400+ page SMP.
Question: Has the City successfully completed & published the revision?

Senior housing single level with some garden space walkable to town

City council has also been ignoring the alarm bells being raised about the crash in youth population. They fund a comprehensive study and completely ignore the projections that there will not be enough children. And no, I don't believe importing kids from greater kitsap to attend school is an actual solution.

Reading your questions I realize I feel under-educated about these issues.,

The cob1 is forcing a progressive ideology down the throats of moderate residents. We want a safe community.

Please address race equity on the island and the controversy within the council itself.

The speed limit changes are a bit ridiculous. Not all roads need to be a snails pace. Also, I see our council as supporting builders, developers, and land grab opportunities. Bainbridge has lost the plot of charming with a healthy feeling. Can't wait to get out of here. You have ruined our peaceful little community.

Mandatory publication of council members daily work records for public review

Island population growth being planned that is beyond the resources available to support it.

The city needs to stop creating solutions for non-existent problems

City needs to revise codes to prohibit junk accumulating on properties.

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Our city government continues to be a disappointment and often stated as one of the worst aspects of living here. This is unacceptable and unnecessary.

Bike Lanes/walking path/sidewalks

Sidewalk and roadway sandwich signs

Climate change, adaptation and public safety

Maintaining Open Space in the core of the Island.

Green space

I've lived here just 5 years but won't be buying a home here. Developers are allowed to run rampant while at the same time not providing for affordable housing in Winslow. You all need a much, much harder line. Acreage limits on house building outside the core and required affordable housing within. This place will be ruined in 10 years, why would I want to stay? Best of luck.

Work force housing

As per my answer I know very little about the City Council, nothing about the Comprehensive Plan. I bike a lot for pleasure and commute so I like the speed limit changes.

SMP regulations. There are some that do not make sense or there are things that needed to be added to protect residents.

Affordable housing is not targeting workers with the lowest incomes, like Safeway, for example. My son, who works at Safeway, had to wait 3 years for an affordable apartment. There just aren't enough at this incredibly low income level. In fact, I would like to know how many there actually are for these workers. I believe a survey of how many apartment complexes on the island are providing USDA renter assistance, along with how many renter's are actually receiving this assistance would be useful in determining whether there is a reasonable inventory of affordable apartments for our lowest wage earners on the island. We are looking at yearly incomes of around \$27,000 to \$30,000 a year, I'm guessing. Maybe a survey of these workers would make it clear how much they make, and whether they would prefer living on the island versus commuting from Bremerton, if there was an affordable place for them here.

For water front property, very difficult to get permits to protect the property with bulkheads

Not sure what I'd title it... dramatic increase in multi unit housing but no change or consideration for increased traffic flow!

COBI accepting title to property than not following the terms of the agreement. Example: M&E Tree Farm classified as agricultural land instead of nature preserve.

The way the city treats business on the island. It is unequal. They have driven many larger tax paying businesses off island.

Sustainable island public transportation & longer hours of operation

Yes

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"boarder control"? how about "border"! Next survey should include information about what is or is not being done. The local newspaper alone does not provide enough information to render an opinion..

The environment, the tree canopy, streams and wetlands

Parking. Developers building high density, along with city must assume occupants have at least 2 cars per unit plus visitor parking. Call it reality based permitting.

your questions are out of context, obvious axe to grind

Parks department, shoreline management

Does the City hold themselves to same environmental standards as residents and developers... tree protection and removal, water quality protection. Project review process, fees, timeliness, etc.

Border, not boarder

Bainbridge has inadequate health care, especially pediatric and geriatric care. They should get a new clinic into the vacated space and not move the police HQ there.

Continued growth of our island, perhaps if people would be for or agents a passenger only ferry to Bainbridge with limited car ferries

Should the city spend 7.5 million to create a bike lane around the head of eagle harbor? Or, should the City explore creating a pedestrian bridge across the head of the bay from park and off Gowen Pl to the open space next to Green light garage creating an attractive byway, safer route and at a fraction of the proposed cost.

Highway 3 congestion

Bicycle and pedestrian safety when riding/walking on BI roads

I think the city needs to focus more on core city needs (utility infrastructure, building compliance, city services..) and less on non infrastructure focus like putting up diversity signs (I'm all for inclusiveness but could the \$\$ for those signs been spent on Winslow parking?)..

Comment regarding speed limits. The new 30mph and 25mph speed limits are arbitrary. They do not take into account traffic flow. Miller is designated both 30mph and 25mph. I find the slower speed results in congestion which has made entry onto Miller from side streets quite difficult. In summary, my complaint is the lowered speed limits negatively affect traffic flow.

What should become the old police station and adjacent parking property?

Verbo rentals Sand Spit should be a 3 mo minimum not 3 days

Lack of medical care on Bainbridge Island

Pedestrian safety- build & connect sidewalks & keep them clear of branches & overgrowth . Nothing says "Welcome" like a thorn bush taking up 1/2 the sidewalk.

more options #9: all of the above

city needs to work with Kitsap Transit for more public transportation.

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BI neighborhoods underserved with city parks

"The city acts in the best interests of the all residents and not special interest groups."

The city is secretive about crime and enforcement. Every other small town publishes weekly police report with detailed descriptions of what happened. We as citizens have no idea about property crimes on this island. I have to believe it's purposeful.

More parking in downtown Winslow is not a major need - especially if we give people options other than cars to get around. The questions reflects 20th-century thinking.

SMP

Is the city following or have been following the current comprehensive plan or basing decisions on what they have planned for the new updated comprehensive plan which yet to be finalized.

Winslow water treatment plant- two stage won't keep up with growth. Need 3 stage. Overflows are dumped into Eagle Harbor now. Who are the watchdogs?

Housing density distribution. Traffic tables. Madison Ave traffic volume and speed. Protected bicycle lanes.

Let future 305 improvements (new terminal, lids, roundabouts, bridge) drive the process. We should not be afraid to become like (or better than) Mercer Island

Non-motorizes transportation. Rural character. Climate change.

The roads need to be improved for bicycles with the advent of electric bicycles.

No additional suggestions however I want to reiterate that the new speed limits are absurd! They are causing more traffic congestion and causing people to ride others bumpers in frustration thus resulting in reduced visibility of bikers and pedestrians.

Your survey would be most/more valuable if questions contained options, instead of just yes/no type responses.

The police department is a dead horse - move on.

The need for an objective and science based groundwater management plan

Lack of medical care on the island. I can't find a new doctor since the Swedish clinic closed. I am not satisfied with a nurse practitioner.

I lived in a community that built a new police department with a gym...they hired more police who bulked themselves up in the gym got new cars and pulled people over for going 5 miles over the speed limit. It raised our taxes and didn't really do anything positive.

Our City Government is keeping its pledge of "Preserving the special character of the Island" What a joke! Bainbridge Island government is there to serve the rich. If you're not wearing Nordstrom leisurewear you may as well stay at home, they don't care about you. Doesn't matter how long you've been here or how much you've contributed to the community. I used to love Bainbridge, now I hate it.

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Access (walking, benches, trails, etc)

City planning department and turnover is ineffective in creating actual growth plan and then enforcing it.

Absurd traffic situation around Xalic school at pick up time. Two roads effectively BLOCKED for those who use the important junction for reasons other than school pickup

What are the best ways to keep the character of Bainbridge Island vibrant
Public transportation after 4 or 5:30. The taxis have disappeared!!

The fact there are little or no homeless shelters and limited services on the island. There's a strong NIMBY sentiment where people seem to want to preserve some ideal Bainbridge for high income earners and retirees. It's inconvenient not to have a place to buy reasonably priced kids clothes socks or underwear. It's odd not to have many drive throughs since they could be so convenient for busy people. Sometimes I feel BI needs to be more realistic to meet the needs of regular folks. It's not all about the needs of those who have disposable income and high and mighty sustainability goals and are fearful of "crime" and "strangers".

banning pickleball in residential areas

How often have you attended public council meetings. How well do you understand any council regulations in relation to issues raised in surveys.

Need to add "don't know" as an option, which offers its own insight

I kinda like all the coyotes, but I am concerned. I have lived on Bainbridge for 34 years and in the last 5 years the number of coyotes I have seen in my yard is probably 5 coyotes a day. At night it sounds like a massacre is occurring, with the coyotes hunting to stay alive.. I support all the wildlife yet do not know what to do since there are no predators for coyotes on the island. Could some coyotes be captured and released in wilder areas? More importantly, could Bainbridge city council PLEASE stop allowing all the building and destruction of forests and wild areas on the island? Thank you.

Remolding a home on shoreline was an absolute nightmare, and no one seemed to have any solid answers.

Wildfire Prevention Measures

Question 9 answer 3 should be border not boarder

Encouraging business owners in Winslow to provide after 5p parking for a small fee (\$5) for evening dining and events. The parking lots are empty and have warning signs about using the spaces—a waste.

I would like to see us given a list of actions to pick from that offer suggestions to offer solutions. For instance, in the drug question above I would have preferred to select more than three of the solutions.
Parking - what solutions we we choose? Speed limits - \$\$\$, etc. I am definitely not in favor of putting all the sustainable efforts ahead of our real problems, would be number one on my todo list.

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It's not reasonable to increase property taxes from one year to another when a. Those increases are 20-40% and b. The city doesn't have a shortfall and looks at ways to spend the money.

Very concerned with the growth that infrastructure is being planned long term , added police/fire/ent and what that will do to already very high taxes. Many people on the island are now struggling with taxes. Also water supply- we are an island- I am hearing more about density but not the plan on fro go with it.

Parking. Parking. Parking.

Survey seems somewhat random and skewed by a personal agenda.

Is our Bainbridge Island city council transparent about their decision making process.

Disaster Preparedness

Sustainable Transportation Plan

Making the island safer for biking and walking

Best city council in a very long time. They communicate well with constituents, and with each other. They live sten a lot, before making key policy decisions.

Onerous shoreline restrictions to repairs/renovations

BI sewage leaked into Puget Sound. Time for us to stop it from ever happening again.

Cross walk safety, especially Madison and Bjune. Sidewalks on Grow badly needed and originally agreed to when city incorporated.

Staff are not responsive to citizens and care only about process, not results. The council doesn't get things done, and at least one member is there solely for the salary.

Build a multilevel parking garage in-between BPA and Marche

return to independent mayor system

Protection of our single source aquifer how to do it with an ordinance that limits new housing units to the number the the aquifer can sustain. That number to be base on an objective standard for yearly water usage for a family of four or on some other objective standard. usagesustain.s

Let's explore the issue of transportation and sharing the road with delivery vehicles, personal automobiles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Pet owners should be fined for allowing their Dogs or Cats to run free out of doors.

taxes

Traffic

Emergency Preparedness for major disasters - evacuation and communication

More zoning laws downtown Winslow to prevent 3 - 5 story construction and a more uniform architecture/signs/decorations to keep the Winslow downtown character as an attractive place.

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The City should stop all work on Affordable Housing, since it is not economically feasible on Bainbridge Island.

Many of the areas covered are gray areas with many contributing factors. I think the question on Drugs is not germane to this survey purpose.

The COBI does a good job of communicating with its citizens.

The facts needed to address Urban Planning problems have not been adequately assessed, let alone agreed upon. Until there is a determination of what the relevant and necessary factual foundation for making decisions has been agreed to there can be no real movement towards the inumeration of possible solutions, and making policy. For each of the above topics there needs to be qualitative and quantitative research to establish a valid set of acceptable options and there unanticipated consequences.

Effort to provide low income housing for seniors

Methods to cap property tax increases to mitigate homeowners being driven off island due to fiscal pressures.

Local health care access and quality

Make downtown Winslow non motorized. Provide parking with electric cars or vans that shuttle from parking areas and bus stops and

Schools, teachers, curriculum

what are we doing to improve the planning department? what's happening with emergency preparations?

Should the City really be manipulating the housing market by requiring "affordable housing"?

If the city really cares about affordable housing, they should follow the guidelines in their own report and stop resisting efforts to reform exclusionary zoning. If they don't care about affordable housing, they should be upfront about it and just say so. I'm tired of city leadership professing support for causes they don't actually support in action. Hiring diversity staff, equity consultants, funding reports, etc doesn't actually change anything if the city ignores the recommendations.

On question 9 drugs. I think a mix of all the options is needed. Problem is it costs a ton. Regarding #10 parking, they could spend a fortune building high rise parking but no one wants to pay for parking.

environmental regulation

Fear of Growth...just because it is big doesn't mean it's bad. Exp. the Beautiful Hotel which would add character and revenue as opposed to the condo farms we have surrounding Winslow

Impact of development on natural spaces.

Property Taxes

Concentrate growth in Winslow

Expanding city wide water and sewer service.

Parking is not an issue in Winslow. I shop there during peak/off-peak and have yet to see the need for more parking spots - especially not a multi-

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tiered parking superstructure. That said, the tourists definitely clog up the streets and roadways during the summer. It creates a lot of unnecessary headaches and traffic.

Roads/traffic - did change in speed limit result in greater safety? more bikers? ... whatever the reason for doing it was, do we have results?

Under question 10 - "border" is the proper spelling - cracking down on boarders won't help :-)

Traffic solutions. Roundabout use, school traffic, ferry traffic management

Bike safety

Why should I pay the "rain tax" when I was required to retain the roof runoff on my property. There is more stormwater runoff from our 132 miles of roads, parks, schools, and other public properties than private property owners' property.

You spelled border wrong.

Passenger only ferries would be nice

Zoning/density

Shoreline management

Affordable housing

Can we get a BI Rides bus for after school from Sakai and Woodward to downtown and Battle Point Park to reduce the need to transport kids and reduce the number of cars and traffic along Sportmans club Road

Low Income Housing

How well does the city council handle questions/comments from residents. I have only submitted one question to my council person and got no response.

. Underground all electrical lines, develop a sewer treatment plan for the whole island, make sure the Agate Bridge is safe for an earthquake, low to moderate units-do we have enough or how many more need to be built?

Should Winslow continue to increase housing

The need for a DEI manager, at a cost of over 1.5 million, over The next ten years, plus lost productivity for

Building more interconnected walking paths

Bike lanes, how to pay for them.

Housing expansion in Poulsbo causing island traffic jams

Managing Covid-19 outbreak

There is much talk about "affordable" housing, what is being done about low income housing for those who have incomes below 30% of the median income?

Lack of transparency, lack of appropriate public participation, overall subterfuge by CM and staff

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I find council members to be arrogant and unresponsive to the residents. It's all about their agenda.

Boat parking in Winslow on weekends (always empty) is dumb. I don't follow the city council much. Low cost housing will always be a failure because it's too easy to game.

Although too late the survey on the new Police and Court Building relocation was so shoved down on citizens and the fact that other locations were not vetted by the government.

As a retired police officer, I can confidently tell you that the reduction is the prima facie has only increased the amount of road rage and the new "environmental" limits are unenforceable. Washington State, like all the states in the United State must meet strict federal requirements with respect to several traffic laws, and the "Speed" law is one of them. RCW 46.61.400 states that no driver shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed that is "reasonable and prudent under the conditions" and there is no referenced to posted speed limits. Any traffic enforcement officer can tell you the new "posted" limits are worthless. They can only cite drivers for speeds that are unreasonable on the conditions. Many drivers know the law and become frustrated by drivers driving at or below the posted limit when a faster speed is reasonable under the conditions. This "frustration" is part of the "frustration/aggression" syndrome and sits at the heart of "Road Rage." Drivers are simply becoming enraged by the new artificially low speed limits and someone is going to be injured as a result. It was a costly error by the City Council.

Bainbridge island Police Department

Please look up double barreled question. Your survey design is not valid if you employ them. Example: We trust City Staff and Planning Department. They are responsive, balanced, give accurate and consistent information and serve us well."

This survey does a terrible job of impartially reflecting people's opinions. It's very clear the author of the survey does not like city Government and is fishing for polling data to support his opinion.

305 roundabouts and neighborhood traffic

Roads. The city is investing wisely in road/shoulder/sidewalk improvements to improve transit, accessibility, recreation and safety for all.

YOU NEED TO STATE YOU ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Affordable Housing

Is it appropriate to review impact of special interests on spending distribution over the past 30 years and stop the prostitution of island for tourism and developers?

Why must any town be required to grow without limit?

Not a total survey theme, rather maybe a question or two on the topic of safe non-motor vehicle transportation on the island (walking, biking for all ages and abilities/disabilities...for transport...not recreation),

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and how COBI is working to safely connect the different centers of the island.

Traffic

ADUs. Unoccupied homes. Sidewalks. There is a strong lobbying group in the form of real estate agents and developers that distorts the character of the island. What sometimes sounds like a good idea initially only to be executed in a form that is shockingly out of character with the island and respect for the community. (There are many examples.)

noise and light pollution

Traffic speed on Grow Avenue and traffic speed quelling projects.

Growth: How much is too much? What about infrastructure? Are we concerned about preserving the natural beauty and character of BI?

Affordable Housing--where? water? sewage? traffic?

How is affordable housing defined by City Government?

City Employee salaries are some of the highest in the state, yet employees do not serve the community.

The money spent on the new DEI director is money well spent. Yes/No. also typo border not boarder

Shoreline owner's property protection

affordable housing

The intense effort to control the materials restraints use to package food is a good use of time and money, yielding clear benefits for the environment.

Winslow Way drive in parking stalls too short. Pickup trucks stick 3 or 4 feet into Winslow way. Sidewalk restoration design put planters with dead or up trucks stick 4' into Winslow Way. With all new development being approved does the Council know how much potable water and sewer capacity there is? They need to know what the capacity is before approving new building permits. City should buy some land in Winslow for a vertical parking structure for business owners and staff. Now many store owners drive up to their business and park for the day.

I'm wondering if others are unhappy with the increasing number of non-code compliance signs around the Island with no apparant code enforcement A real eye sore!

Bike Lanes

Who is moving here and why Does money bring entitlement?

getting faster internet to all on the island.

Storm water run off and pollution

Unreliable ferry system

Shoreline property regulations (unless I missed one)

Whether COBI is adequately protecting the environment.

This city council doesn't respond to emails or any inquiries, so how are they representing us? I'm sitting on seven unresponsive emails and three

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calls. They want to line pockets (many own businesses like Office Expats) and keep poor (minority) people out. 400k for a condo isn't "affordable."

SMP

Balancing city needs vs island rural needs

Affordable housing

The City and Sewer District 7 need to stop polluting Puget Sound by pumping their effluent out to sea. They are poisoning our fish and killing our orcas. Shame on the the City and Sewer District 7

The cost of the police station was a complete waste. Shame on the City and the corruption they ignored. This is going to be one of the most expensive police stations ever built for its size, but unfortunately there is not much we can do now. Better to have spent that money protecting puget sound by upgrading our sewer systems

Please publish the percent returned

Should the city make substantive changes to our quality of life, like speed limits, without first surveying at least 25% of our citizens?

city government is very scewed when it comes to peoples property and what they can do with their own property. as weel as leeting big developers waive there money in front of the city and get thing approved. You say, keeping Bainbridge, Bainbrige, is quite the opposite of what is really happening.

V concerned about our waste water going into the sound when we have big rains and the treatment facility overflows

Biggest traffic problem I see is speeding with no consequences.

The importance of saving large conifers

cruse boat tourist's invasion of winslow !!!

Incentives to use bicycles

Q9 - To say that any one item is key is simply not true. If only 1 item were key, every city would have taken that step. the "key" is enforcement with penalties, treatment, border protection, education, and a genuine societal disdain of drug use.

Fentanyl Problem affects usall: shootings, crime, horrific homelessness, teens sucked into drugs

The poor condition of our roads !

Affordable, low cost attractive, housing, not identical ,

encouraging bicycle use

Encouraging bicycle use