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Project Name	Location	Explanation of Need
Build affordable housing	S. County	Let workforce reside in County
New freeway interchange	I-75/Central Sarasota Parkway	Relieve Clark Rd/alternate access to U.S. 41, Economic Development @ I-75 and U.S. 41 commercial, past time to go.
Waterfront Access	South County	Sarasota County should continue to ensure all residents have access to our bays and Gulf for boating/fishing. Work to expand access through boat ramps (with adequate parking) and additional waterfront parks.
Improve public access to waterfront. Construct additional marinas and boat trailer ramps	All commercial (marinas, restaurants, etc) & public (parks, ramps, beaches) need support	We are walling-off our waterfront from the community. Diminishing access, growing population, recreational marine quality of life issues.
Major North/South Road in East County	Well east of Bee Ridge Extension/Clark Road intersection	It should be coordinated with counties to north and south to alleviate growing traffic on I-75. Right of way needs to be acquired now before it's too late. If all north /south traffic is funneled into I-75 in the future it will be a major disaster for our
Lakewood Ranch-Englewood	675-777 connector	Provide relief of I-75 local traffic.
Osprey Redevelopment	Osprey	Revitalization of the Osprey area along U.S. 41 is deparately needed.
Street tree program	More funding for more plantings of native trees	Too many mature oaks and deciduous trees lost to development
Fire Station Renovations	75% of them	Renovations of stations in the next 2-5 years instead of 10

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Senior and disabled persons housing	Urban and Suburban Sarasota	Close to transportation, hospitals, social life-quality of life issues.
Off road connector	Caspersen Beach, S. Harbor Dr.	safety
More neighborhood lighting	Every neighborhood (especially mine at Forest Lakes South Entry at Wilkinson and Pasadena Circle and on corners in subdivision)	To provide more safety for the people in homes plus for the elderly drivers in town
Water Reservoir	Cow Pen Slough Area	Water users county-wide would benefit by using this resource that's in our backyard
Desalination Plant	Sarasota Bay	To provide adequate and cheaper sources of water
Move northbound Rt. 41 turn lanes heading towards Ringling Museum to the south	U.S. 41 and University Parkway	Can lead to head on collisions
Beautify Fruitville Rd.	West of I-75 to Downtown Sarasota main entrance to city	Needs trees and landscaping
Plant Oak Trees	Throughout County	Plant more oak trees instead of palms
Transportation	A light rail system using current and former rail right of ways	As an alternative to cars and busses
Move up exit of I-75 at mile 200 south of Clark Road	Mile 200 on I-75, 3 miles south of Clark Road	need another entry/exit due to heavy traffic
Sarasota County Fair	Robarts Arena	Set aside funding for new building. Old building in need of replacement.
Stormwater run off and drainage	Phillippi Creek at Webber Road north to Bahia Vista	Areas with 10 ft. wall of dirt forcing water into neighboring yards, creating storm walls to crumble at Brink Ave. Dredging before Webber bridge washes out with intense rain over a long period of time.

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Phillippi Creek	I -75 to Tuttle	Dredge to increas flow. Remove salinity barrier
Neighborhoods	need sidewalks and access to main roads	to be able to walk or bike we need sidewalks in neighborhoods for walking and biking.
Public & School Library (combined)	MidEast- South East Sarasota	increase of pop., Libraries should be within 15 min., and a High Class county needs a high class library system
Construct new fire stations & provide with state of the art equipment	Where needed	Needed to meet level of service standards
Matheney Creek Dredge	Matheney Creek	This dredge is much needed for safety and water quality
stop sign needed	University Place & Schwalbe	cars turn too fast and go on lawns, wrong side of street
streets	Gulf Gate - Main Street - Lakewood Ranch	pedestrian use of downtown etc.
stop signs	overbrook gardens Englewood	This road is used as a shortcut to manasota beach and EVERYONE speeds
Traffic Calming	West Richardson Road	Average 48mph in 2006 vs 38mph in 2005 - 35mph signs
traffic light	SR776 & Old Englewood Road	safety issue, many accidents
Transportation & Safty	Bee Ridge & Bee Ridge Ext	Transit service in area
streetlights	U.S. by Venice Wal-mart Venice by pass	Jacaranda Plaza to Perkins
Turn lanes	Heigel and Ocean Blvd	Improve intersection to have a right turn lane or traffic island.
Tuttle	Tuttle between University and 27th	Only two lanes - traffic is heavy and gets backed up - needs to be widened

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Tuttle Ave 4 lanes	Between MLK & University	Often becomes congested, especially at light at University & Tuttle
transportation safety	2604 Java Plum Ave	current speed table is huge and NOT installed as specs regulated, indeed a safety hazzard and concern
US41 Transit	Between City of Sarasota, Venice, Englewood, and North Port	Need to improve transit opportunities and increase development densities and opportunities near major transit routes. Designate high-speed bus lanes/corridors to cut commute times and facilitate intra-county SCAT ridership. Maybe US-41 is not the answer
Beautifcation of all entrances and exits off I-75 in sarasota	Clark Rd, Bee Ridge Rd, Fruitville Rd	I - 75 is the major road that takes anyone to Sarasota and when you get off and on to any of our exits you will find garbage, weeds, homeless people living in the woods, unmaintained medians. We need to beautify all exit and entrance ramps and the medians su
Landscape the J Ringling median	Coon Key	Median is unforgottem and abused by FPL, Verizon and FDOT
widen I-75 to 3 lanes	Sarasota County	heavy traffic
Tuttle/Swift expansion	Beginning @ University to Clark Rd.	Expand to three lanes in each direction, taking traffic off U.S. 41.
776 Corridor	Venice, Englewood	Many new developments will cause major traffic problems; enforce roadside beautification regulations of properties along the corridor
Arterial Roads	North & South through the county	We desperately need main arterial roadways other than

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4 lane Cattlemen east of I-75		do you really need an explanation
4 lane Tuttle from MLK to Uni Pkw		Extensive residential and commercial growth on Uni Pkw
Sarasota Rails-to-Trail Nature Trail	Runs north from Nokomis thru Palmer Ranch etc..	Cover the bridges with a steel plate and reopen the trail! Why in the heck isn't it open yet? This is ridiculous!
rail trail	sarasota to venice	no safe way to bike from sarasota to venice now.
dog beach area	Sarasota/Siesta Key?	place on beach for pets
Library web presence	web site	reach entire community with technology tools
small parks	county wide	public areas
library technology fund	all libraries	keep up to date resources
Open county preserve	Osprey Road at Macon Road, south Venice	open preserve to the public to enjoy
Lakewood Ranch w/Manatee Library	University Parkway	area growing rapidly
Libraries/parks	county	Your library needs more funding, I was very surprised that it was not up to par with other Fla places I have lived...for a county that has a great reputation on culture the libraries are not up to par. No county in FLorida has enough parks and beach access..
technology updates	all libraries	equipment and programs outdated
library technology	county wide	technology behind, slow, few databases
purchase more urban park land	county wide	pocket parks, more accessible
create more youth sports complexes	properly maintained	keep demographics younger and attract families to Sarasota
use more part time help	libraries, parks	many hours not covered, esp. parks

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More parks and recreational areas	East of I-75	That is where the population is growing. Cheaper and easier to set aside the land for this now.
walking & hiking	waterway trail	
Neighborhood parks	Walking distance to subdivisions	Parks are mostly inaccessible except by vehicle
more libraries	various, expanding populations	need more services
libraries need more funding		
more park area	Sarasota	much development leaves little room for nature
Neville restoration	Palmer Point area	County has spent ca. \$4 million on seeking permit to open MP but turned down \$4 million exp, to remediate JNP.
Channel 19		Is being under-utilized, more creative outreach programming should be encouraged and supported.
Trails Program	countywide	quality of life issue
Parks and open space	countywide	quality of life issue
stormwater treatment	IBSSA and Hudson Bayou	reduce stormwater pollution
New water source	Dona Bay	Water is a critical need for life and as population increases in the region we need to ensure adequate supplies; the Dona Bay project will take fresh water and treat it for human use and prevent excess flushes of fresh water from hurting the environment i
SEWERS	Entire County	protect drinking water supply
Sewer	Nokomis	We need more lines so more people can use sewer instead of septic.
offset cost of water	Nokomis, Shore Rd./Bay Point	
red tide, h2o quality	Gulf of Mexico	red tide causes
red tide abatement	Gulf of Mexico	stop excess fert/insecticide

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WATER	Entire County	protect from salted ground water supply due to irrigation wells on coastal estates watering 3 times a week
Rainwater storage	Every neighborhood	To provide adequate and cheaper sources of water
Run off	County wide	Stop flow of storm water and lawn runoff from entering the gulf.
Extend and protect the water supply system	county-wide	Public safety, drinking water
Package sewer plant remediation	various in county	speed up their elimination or improve their operation
red tide abatement	Gulf of Mexico	stop excess fert/insecticide
increased staffing for Fire Department	all fire stations	current firefighters operate at a bare minimum staffing level, often leaving areas unprotected or at a major decrease in service.
joint fire and police		dual use
sheriff substation	Jacaranda Plaza	gangs, fights, weird people
Police patrols	Overbrook Gardens Subdivision	With growing crime in the area, we need more patrols. Patrols were not as necessary only a few ago, but are now
make an emergency radios...	sarasota county and incorporated	fire rescue/police all same
emergency telephone	Shamrock Park	no way to call for help
additional fire stations	all over the county	understaffed, and insufficient amount
Proper Staffing of personnel	All Fire and Emergency Services Station	Running at MINIMUM man power put an unneeded risk on all personnel in emergency services, it causes more units to respond to a 911 call because of lack of proper staffing. This cause more units to be out of service for other 911 calls and this causes ex
Public Service	Fire Department	More staff

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public safety	sarasota county fire department	Additional personnel and paramedics
Public Safety	All areas of Growth And Future growth	Need more stations and personnel to handle emergencies
Public Safety (Fire & EMS)	Sarasota County at large	We must have the public safety infrastructure in place to support growth, have are an older population that relies on this service incase of heart attack stroke or other medical problem
Increase manning for fire dept	Sarasota County Fire dept	SCFD is, and has been operating on a skeleton crew for too many years. We are one of only a few dept;s around the state who staff fire trucks with the minimum of 2 personell. This puts firefighters and the general public's life saftey directly in harm.
Bicycle Education	All public schools	Proper bike safety education is something that will encourage people to use bicycles for transportation, which is more environmentally friendly, healthier, and more fun than driving cars. But having a bunch of people riding around with no real knowledge o
Public Service	Fire Department	Increasing manning and staffing levels at fire stations and emergency vehicles.
fire stations		increase in population & need of services
neighborhood safety	roads in north sarasota	roads are small with little room
emergency services staffing	east of highway and county-wide	growing population, greater need - not keeping pace with development

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enlarge Fire Department		Englewood uses Sarasota ambulances, etc., more people need more responses
More neighborhood lighting	Every neighborhood (especially mine at Forest Lakes South Entry at Wilkinson and Pasadena Circle and on corners in subdivision)	To provide more safety for the people in homes plus for the elderly drivers in town
Neighborhood Security Patrol	Overbrook Gardens	Up date equipment we use like cell phones, vehicle decals
Increase neighborhood grants	varies	Allow neighborhood determination of projects
neighborhoods	Gulf Gate and Gulf Gate Woods want to maintain their quality of life	can flourish if the preceeding issues are addressed
workforce housing	venice/SRQ	you need an explanation for this?
Affordable housing	county-wide	the workers who provide services to all the older, more affluent people can't afford to live here.
Affordable housing	Sarasota County	200K houses are not "affordable". Where are the low income workers supposed to live?
Low Income Housing		Need affordable housing for \$20,000/year workers
low and moderate housing	sarasota county	to maintain services for all of Sarasota County
low income housing	sarasota county	not enough housing

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more and better low income homes	wherever possible	not enough
Affordable Housing	Sarasota County	Develop a program to compensate low income or service employees or we will not have the workforce to support Sarasota's wealth
Housing	Anywhere	Need more low income housing!!
incentives for affordable housing	multiple locations	developers need motivation for projects
housing	county wide	very little available
Creeks flowing into Sarasota Bay	county mainland-various	Physical, biological data show that all are in various states of advanced deragation
Enviroment	county	This is a never ending problem everywhere but take a page form Sanibel Island ...it works!!
Enviorment	Stop the overbuilding of land.	Smarter more enviormently safe density levels of new neighborhoods
Elimination of Fertilizers, Pesticides, etc	ALL BARRIER ISLANDS and Waterfront properties	Pollution, Contributing to Red Tide
red tide-preventing not band aid approach	funding needed now-curb fertilizer use	new laws needed regarding fertilizers and pesticides, gulf studies needed
red tide		fix now
saving greenspace	Sarasota County	overcrowding with people
Recycling	Sarasota County	education, expand types of materials that can be recycled, incentives to residents for recycling
Purchase environmentally sensitive lands	S. County	Preserve open space, avoid oveuse of natural resources
lawn reduction	County wide	reduce stormwater pollution
boat access	County wide	we need more public access

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plant trees, not palms	major roads	quality of life
Environment	Sarasota	Ensure proper sized run off into ponds & sewers with correct grades in all areas
Tourism	County	This department is underfunded, yet it is the #1 industry in Florida and provides jobs without pollution. Sarasota is a special place and not inexpensive so you want to go after and target tourist that are committed to enjoying our county and respect it's
Continue sponsorship of the ARTS	Music and Visual Arts	It's a matter of Civilization
Keep the cultural district(s) intact	Various	
Siesta Key/Longboat Key development	Siesta and Longboat Keys	decrease development, increase public access on these islands - overdevelopment is taking away natural beauty
Economic development		we cannot bring in more business if employees are unavailable due to low pay and high cost of living
economic development	sarasota county	promote tourism and desirable business relocation
economic development	sarasota county	private/public partnerships to attract clean highpaying industry to the area
Economic Development	Sarasota county	Create programs to help entry level workers increase their earning potential. Economical Development is necessary so Sarasota will flourish
Commercial development	Throughout the unincorporated county	Convenience of shopping, jobs, reduced taxes on residential property

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Economic development	Throughout City of and unincorporated Sarasota	Encourage more corporate relocations here, provide incentives; too many service industry jobs are creating a vast divide between the haves and the have nots
More MEC land	Any already designated and more where available	If we don't have enough MEC we can't get higher paying jobs for county
economic dev	County	Help promote business expansion in Sarasota County
CURBS AND GUTTERS	ARLINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD	SOME STREETS HAVE NO DELINEAGE FROM YARD TO STREET,
Arterial Roads	North & South through the county	We desperately need main arterial roadways other than
Beneva Rd. Bic/Ped improvements	Beneva Rd. from 17th St. to Vamo	
crossing light	Dearborn & 776	needs to be changed to allow proper crossing
four lane	Fruitville to Verna	much development east, heavy traffic, will get worse
Evacuation Routes	South County	Widening of east-west routes to I 75 in emergency
Four-way stop needed	At intersection of 2nd St and Central Ave	Two stop signs here are not enough now that traffic has increased with completed downtown construction. Intersection is dangerous and not as effective as is possible
Gulf Gate - Street Lights	Gulf Gate in Sarasota	The streets in Gulf Gate are very dark. We need more street lights in the community especially on side streets.
express bus routes on U.S. 41 Park & Ride		
express bus service	Tamiami Trail	faster transit to downtown
Fruitville Road enhancement	Fruitville Road (downtown)	Fruitville Road is the northern gateway to the city and often the very first impression many people get of our city. We should look at ways to use it in a more productive way.

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I-75, downtown connector	Fruitville Rd.	An elevated highway over Fruitville Rd. from I-75 to downtown to ease local traffic congestion and shorten travel times.
Improve Traffic Signalization crossing Bee Ridge Road.	Bee Ridge Rd @ Beneva, US41, Tuttle	North/South traffic backs up crossing Bee Ridge at these locations, waiting through 2 or more light changes
interstate clover leafs	University Parkway, Fruitville Road	traffic back into I-75
landscape & maintain medians	U.S. 41 Sarasota, Fruitville/Beneva	compared to other counties, aesthetics poor
light north end of Jackson Road	Venetian Falls Development	safety and security
Lorraine Road Extension	East of I -75 from Fruitville to State road 70	Need a North/South corridor to relieve I -75 flows
move up road construction of Honore Avenue extension	Bee Ridge N. to Central Sarasota Parkway South	need alternative routes than I-75 and Beneva
need north south connector	Knight's Trail	better access to ????? And part of 30 mile n-s corridor
north/south road	east of I-75	alleviate I-75 congestion
North-South Light Rail or Bus only route (ex. South Miami-Dade Busway)	From North to South Sarasota County	Could replace Route 17. Potentially quicker and more efficient. Could route all north-south public transit trips through it.
need pedestrian crosswalk	Midnight Pass at Cove II	traffic speed off bridge risk to heavy pedestrian use to Beach from across the street
need speed bumps	along Prudence to 17th St. bridge	heavy traffic, pedestrians at risk, safety issues
north-south roads	Knight's Trail	too much traffic & Laurel Road
Open Jackson Road	Between Center Village Ave.	
relieve University Parkway/Lakewood Ranch to 41		very congested, growing rapidly
need speed bumps	Roxanne-between Prudence and University Pl.	heavy traffic, pedestrians at risk, safety issue
north south Spine Road	connect Honore, north south connector	to relieve U.S. 41
Oak Ford Golf Course Road	OakFord Road	
Pedestrian overpass of U.S. 41	Where rails to trails crosses U.S. 41 at Bird Bay	Safety, health, use of trail
pedestrian crossing signals	St. Armands Ci.	heavy traffic flow impeded by unregulated crossings

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Pinebrook and Honore	Nokomis, Venice	Help reduce traffic on 41 and 75
Red Bug Slough	East Ashton Road dead ends her	There is a huge lawn that inhibits native flowers and plants to grow. Please stop mowing such a huge area. This will save fuel, and allow nature to flourish.
relieve I-75 Road noise	housing from Manatee to Clark Road	resident complaints and discomfort, hurts property
replace road	Harbor Dr. from Menendez to San Marco	Venice roads are cracked, etc.
speed limit reduction	overbrook gardens Englewood	Cars and trucks speed
Bicycle Lanes	Everywhere	
more bike paths	everywhere, arterials U.S. 41, Clark, Fruitville	safety
Bicycle signage	Shamrock Park to Lemon Bay Preserve	approved in SVC plan
more busing	Englewood	7 days a week with less than an hour wait
expand public transit	county wide	environmental needs of aging to stay in home
Express/rush-hour SCAT buses	To/from Tampa & St. Petersburg	same as above
need better bus stops	county wide	nicer area for bus users
more frequent SCAT bus schedules	county-wide and with adjacent transit systems	attract people from cars, reduce congestion, accidents, pollution, gasoline usage, etc.
speed bumps	everywhere	everyone needs to share in the overload of traffic, use 4 way stops to slow the cars down
Longer turn signals	Every major intersection	To stay on long enough to clear the now more crowded turn lanes
complete through streets	Beneva, Honore, Lockwood Ridge, McIntosh	
NORTH - SOUTH ROADS	COUNTY WIDE	NEED TO CONNECT N/S AREAS
transportation/mobility	more people more cars will wear out our roads, plumbing	traffic control to help from wearing out infrastructure
more frequent bus service		availibility when I stop driving
mass transit		limited to major routes with max. 10 minutes headways operating 24/7

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Transportation	Sarasota County	Developers need to be required participate in the cost of increased population including roads, sewers, fire dept., police
Develop Intermodal transportation network	Through Sarasota County, but emphasis on where its needed most	Better options for transportation. Potentially quicker and greater ridership for public transit
Neighborhoods	need sidewalks and access to main roads	to be able to walk or bike we need sidewalks in neighborhoods for walking and biking.
Traffic turn signals	Every major intersection w/o one	To facilitate the safe flow of traffic (especially downtown)
build new n/s connector	east of I-75	while land is still cheap
Transportation	Sarasota County at large	Our roads will not support the growth we have incurred
Roads	County wide	build roads before subdivisions to handle traffic
SCSD radar detector	all streets	slow down speeders
need another major n/s arterial		41 and 75 are impossible at rush hour
North South routes	Make Honore and Cattlemen thru streets to University Parkway.	same reason