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1	I81 lies primarily in Roanoke County--Not Roanoke City. There needs to be a strong push for 6-8 lanes on 81 from Troutville to Christiansburg Mtn and I73 S to Greensboro, NC. I am 65--I was 5 when I81 was built in West Salem.
2	I strongly would like to see public transportation and an increase in hours at least from 6am till 11pm all week.
3	Congrats on a well-executed plan to solicit citizen input and formalize into obtainable actions.
4	The process has been very smooth. Well thought-out and deliberate. Would like to see this momentum continue, so that the plan becomes reality.
5	Creating or being a part of a regional transportation provider and not losing current CORTRAN service coverage.
6	Roanoke County's CSP reflects the BOS and administrators' understanding that planning for future infrastructure needs is cost effective and builds budget responsibly. Thank you. Problem: As a senior citizen, I want to be independent as long as possible. Driving at night is becoming a challenge. Paint the inner circles of roundabouts a different color than the asphalt pavement. Problem: senior citizens are becoming isolated in homes. Provide greenways or transit access to service centers for multigenerational users. Problem: meetings were not always accessible by transit or safe for bicyclists. Plan for all meetings to be accessible by multi-modal transportation. Problem: Train is arriving in Roanoke. Bicycles are not allowed to accompany passengers on the train. The BOS should support a resolution asking AMTRAK to provide "Ride on Roll off" service for bicycles on regional trains.
7	Implementation will be key to seeing the important elements come to fruition. Now will we get the initiatives outlined in the plan moving forward.
8	Please make regular readouts to the public a priority. Assuming we make progress toward the objectives it'll be a great success story that deserves recognition, praise, the attention of county residents, regional residents, regional public officers, state recognition, etc. Do good work and don't be reluctant to publicize it!
9	The County leadership, BOS and administration should be proud of this initiative. It demonstrates a commitment to its citizens and business and makes Roanoke County a great place to live and to conduct or start a business.
10	p. 14 Support economic growth but we have lots of 1/2 empty business parks. Let's fill them up. Work for developers is needed. p. 16 strongly support greenways and bike facilities. p. 24 Very strongly support this initiative. Need to protect agricultural lands and provide incentives to keep them growing crops, rather than spread out residential subdivisions.
11	Under "Connecting Roanoke County," under "Improvements" you have listed VDOT & CTB. I would like to suggest that you add the VA Dept of Rail & Public Transportation.
12	I realize the plan has to be very general. But I would have liked to see more specifics as to future development; i.e. review VDOT's emphasis in developing 419 to supporting alternative traffic patterns. This is an example of one item that will be essential to future growth and quality of life.
13	This is all excellent work on a complicated range of issues and I commend everyone involved. There is a need to explore the recycling service, only today I met a couple who just moved here from New Jersey who were puzzled about what to do and all the glass waste! I'm very pleased to see high priority given to the greenways--on pages 16 & 24--really really need to move along. Time is running out for land acquisition. Splash Valley is marvelous for my visiting grandchildren! Parks and Rec excellent job.
14	It does not include any metrics. How will anyone know the quantitative results of this plan?
15	The phrase "cherishing the traditional values of our community" sounds like code for keep things white, male, and fundamentalist christian. The cover of the plan has not one person of color. Clinging to the past will ensure the valley stays the backwater it currently is. The city is doing a better job of embracing diversity.
16	Unfortunately, the survey questions above don't ask the question, 'is there any particular part of this plan that you disagree with.' So, I have am forced to disagree with the plan as a whole because of of a certain portions of the plan I see as a big problem down the road. I really don't have issues with 85% of the plan....its the 15% (Multi-modal Transportation portion around page 16. Also, all of page 17....which sort of reminds me of the days we fought off ICLEI in Roanoke County....LAND USE). Page 17 looks like it was scripted by some pro-UN Agenda 21 Non-Governmental Organization.....I kid you not...I would like to know exactly who edited/wrote that particular page in this document. Hopefully I'll hear from some staffer soon. If not, I will follow this up at the next BOS meeting during citizen's comments. Page 17 doesn't look like much to the untrained eye. My eyes are trained.....particularly while fighting to remove the enemies of economic liberty from the County 2011-2014.

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17	1. It's important to continue connecting the business community and workforce educators in the County. 2. Broadband Broadband Broadband. 3. Keep GO Virginia Initiative on RADAR. Especially important for regional cooperation on Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facilities Authority. 4. Visit the idea of a local transportation authority to help our region compete on the HB2 scoring process.
18	p16--define CORTAN services --if it meets the zoning ordinance, don't require additional subsets p21--define 2-1-1 --a consolidated bus system should be considered (i.e. RADAR, safety motor transport, school buses, sub-set government transportation, etc.) --Roanoke County government is too big and invasive as is the Commonwealth, and the Federal Government is off the charts.
19	1. I mostly agree with question 2, but I disagree with easing government regulations for new site development. We have few enough undeveloped sites; we need to preserve our natural areas, like Explore Park and Read Mountain. We do not need lights at I-81 exits. We have too much light pollution as it is. 2. We need to do a much better job of providing opportunities for recycling. If Roanoke City can do it, why is Roanoke County lagging behind? 3. We cannot become a "caring and inclusive community" without expanding affordable housing and transportation options. 4. Roanoke County needs to carry its share of Greenway funding. 5. Require businesses to charge for new plastic and paper bags, like Aldis. 6. I like very much the emphasis on mixed-use development, sidewalks and town centers. 7. Publicize 2-1-1 and CORTAN/RADAR. 8. Give the community a way to see how the plan is being implemented.
20	Preserve, indefinitely, Roanoke County's Valley Metro RADAR/CORTAN Paratransit system! Too many challenged citizen in our area are completely dependent on it.
21	The devil is in the details of how we do it. Example: Do we buy big buses that we can't fill or do we buy a lot of little vans and run frequent enough service that it is actually useful and people use it and help pay for it? Do we pay for the expert staff at Explore Park needed to make it actually work or do we put our money into fancy infrastructure? The investments in outdoor/recreational amenities is often outside the box of the people who control the money. Sometimes it means NOT spending the money to develop them. A good example is Read Mountain. There needs to be more areas like this one and as the number of people grow, we have more people who need these under-developed sites and we spend more money developing them. Carvins Cove is another done right. The Draft CSP addresses this need I think, but the devil is in the details and spending the money to acquire the land but refraining from building on it goes against the grain of those who want to build something good.
22	Especially appreciate the emphasis on enhancing quality of life and positioning the County for future economic growth.
23	Solid waste (p24)--improving practices should include preventing trash from blowing out of the trucks (it is more than plastic bags). p25--environmental stewardship should have another sentence with specifics, such as "enforcing erosion and sediment controls," "protecting viewsheds," "protecting rural areas," "protecting agricultural lands," "establishing maintenance buffers." p14--we have numerous business parks with only 1-2 businesses (Vinton, Green Ridge, Dixie Campus). Let's fill those out before building more business parks. p24--I support natural resource initiatives (Explore Park, greenways, blueways). p15--I strongly support workforce development programs.
24	I initially believed the final Community Strategic Plan would contain more specific goals. I am glad to see overlap among the initiatives, however. I thought that the final product would be less esoteric and more concrete and measurable--less broad and more specific.
25	Update every 5 years or so to keep it fresh.
26	1. Solid waste and Recycling--incorporate big blues 2. Question in mixing residential and commercial together due to lack of land 3. Improvement of roads is equal throughout the County
27	Wording modification required: "Support improvements to the Regional Transport network 'although Roanoke County has little direct financial investment.'" Sounds like an excuse to quit.

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28	Proper zoning for commercial and industrial use of county land is mentioned, but if we are to attract young families, professionals, and retirees we must make sure that residential zoning is carefully and properly considered. No one will want to move to Roanoke County unless he/she knows that neighborhoods are protected against commercial and industrial uses. I would like to see more professional firefighter/paramedic/EMT positions made available. Our volunteers do a wonderful job and we are fortunate to have them, but experienced personnel in these positions should be a priority. I do like the idea of merging EMS stations and police departments when appropriate. As per question #4, I am not sure if I can be involved in future efforts. I will try to attend a public meeting.
29	Hopefully Roanoke County will take the need to adequately staff Fire and Rescue seriously. For what we pay, we deserve better. Every single citizen. What a resident in Hollins receives should match what a resident in Mount Pleasant receives. Our county's days of dumping dollars into the volunteers should be over. They are not reliable to say the least. Let's pay people to be there, ready to answer your call.
30	I'd just like to add how important sidewalks are to the Strategic Plan. Out of the seven Strategic Initiatives, installing sidewalks along busy streets contributes to at least five of the initiatives. I live and work along Brambleton Ave., which is in dire need of sidewalks. There is a continuous stream of pedestrian traffic, with no safe place to walk. Sidewalks would improve business traffic in this area, promote safety, allow greater access for people who can not afford other forms of transportation, and encourage physical activity, allowing great access to the parks and greenways. Please make installing sidewalks on Brambleton a top priority; we desperately need it.
31	I am really happy to see a plan to expand the greenway and bus transportation hours. Providing more resources for vulnerable people in the valley is something I was happy to see in the plan as well. One thing to add, I would love for Roanoke to get Google Fiber to improve internet communications. I'm not alone in this sentiment, I just hope other people will write in/attend a meeting to say the same.
32	I think the Strategic Plan is a great initiative for the County. Please provide updates frequently particularly at the beginning of the five year period to show progress towards its implementation. A few comments: Please include the summary of goals and objectives provided at the last focus group meeting as a written part of the plan or as a documented appendix to the plan - it provides wonderful guidance and should be acknowledged with the plan, not separately as supplemental material on the web. Page 12 - please include in the first sentence "intercity bus" (such as the Smart Way) and in the second to last sentence, "Roanoke County will also coordinate with local Commonwealth Transportation Board members, Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Valley Metro, and RADAR staff regarding community priorities for future transportation projects." Page 16 - second paragraph, please rephrase "Greenways as well as sidewalks within activity centers are high priorities for pedestrian and bicycle mobility while expanded Valley Metro bus service and CORTAN services are needed within the County." page 17 - first sentence, insert a period after uses, delete "leaving" and begin a new sentence - "Redevelopment and building up, instead of out, are the best opportunities for new growth." last sentence, insert "multimodal" before accessibility. page 24 - second to last sentence, insert "recreational" before alternatives. last sentence, add "neighborhood parks" to the list of amenities. page 25 - at the beginning of the second paragraph, please include this sentence - "While the County pursues future growth and development opportunities, it will seek to minimize land consumption." Thank you for your hard work on this plan! I look forward to seeing the County develop in great ways over the next five years!
33	Infrastructure was addressed as it pertains to attracting NEW businesses. However, we have aging STREETS littered with multiple POTHOLES that are a huge hazard and major negative to attracting anyone, be it a new business or a potential new employee to the area. Our roads are in a poor state of repair! A horrible state of repair! You can't go saying you will develop/implement new infrastructure without maintaining what we have, and that is NOT being done. The tire shops are certainly getting plenty of business.
34	Looking forward to seeing how well it is implemented. Some things such as water resources for fire fighting in rural areas can be very quickly implemented while others more long term.
35	Excellent ideas, the future of Roanoke County

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36	<p>I support the creation of a Strategic Plan for Roanoke County and appreciate the opportunity citizens have been given for their input. I also thank the staff and Board for the time and energy they have devoted to it. As a landowner on Bent Mountain and Poor Mountain, I was interested in the topics of "Economic Development" and "Quality of Life", and I was able to attend the first round of focus group meetings. It was important to me that the impact of the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline be discussed in those groups so that any long-range plan for the county would not include language that would promote the pipeline. In addition, I wanted to see the Strategic Plan include specific language that protected against similar types of future, large-scale projects that are destructive to the environment and to rural communities. The point that I tried to make in both initial discussion groups was that Roanoke County has two remaining rural areas of Bent Mountain and Catawba that are worth protecting and preserving for multiple reasons. Unfortunately, I don't feel like those reasons that I brought up and that other people agreed with made it into the Draft document. Having agricultural, forest and open space resources is something that should be highly valued by Roanoke County, and I strongly believe that needs to be stated specifically in the language of the Strategic Plan. To give you an example of how language in these county planning documents matters, please take a look at a few pages of the following document filed with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. MVP is proposing to undo the protections of a conservation easement on private property in Montgomery County. MVP is using a few sentences about infrastructure that was part of a Montgomery County plan to justify violating the easement on the Schug farm. http://www.virginiaoutdoorsfoundation.org/event/may-2016-energy-infrastructure-committee/ Note: After clicking on the link, scroll down a little and open the document called "F. Mountain Valley Pipeline Materials". It is only necessary to skim over pages 9, 10 and 11 to get an idea of the destruction that the pipeline will cause to this farm. Then note the yellow highlighted sentences on pages 22 and 26 where MVP has used the language in Montgomery County's plan from 2005 to justify the farm's destruction. I am writing to request that staff please, please consider a revision to the Strategic Plan to insert language that would specifically protect against any company being allowed to destroy the current value and future of the rural Bent Mountain and Catawba communities in the name of "infrastructure". I would like to discuss this with either a staff person or a supervisor.</p>
37	<p>I do not see any metrics in the plan. Maybe I am missing something. Strategy needs a scorecard and general and specific metrics. For example, economic development will secure XXX number of large employer(s), medium sized employers, and small employers. The expected increase in above average paying jobs will be XXX. The recruitment or retention/ expansion of employers will comprise XXX number of cold calls by economic development monthly. Closing deals on new employers will be XXX% with XXX% locating to the county in 2017. Closing deals on on expanding businesses/retention will be XXX% with 100% in ramped up operations by end of 2017.</p>