

## In relation to this SomerVision 2030 shared value:

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What are we doing well as a community?

- Protected bike lanes!!!

What can we do better as a community?

- discounts for somerville residents to commute on ride sharing services (like uber-pool or lyft-line) <sup>to make car ownership unnecessary</sup>
- improve transit access
- sidewalk accessibility for wheelchairs, etc.
- support free-range parenting + child independence

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- Bike lanes
- Bicycle racks
- Hubs/Blue Bikes
- Wide, shoveled sidewalks
- McGrath Highway sidewalks + stairs
- New traffic lights - Davis

What can we do better as a community?

- More <sup>raised</sup> protected bike lanes
- Limit parking pass by neighborhood
- Bus lanes
- Fewer food deserts (need to drive to grocery)
- Distribution of street space
- Pavement conditions
- Electric chargers for cars

Green Line

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What are we doing well as a community?

\* GLX \*

Assembly Square MBTA

What can we do better as a community?

\* INTERCONNECTIVITY BETWEEN NEIGHBORING CITIES

dangerous overpasses/bridges

safe + continuous bike corridors

\* dedicated transit lanes

\* innovative new transit

\* Service issues on red line

\* dangerous intersections

\* possible changes in bike ridership?

\* support walking

↳ kids' walking club

↳ closeby neighborhood services

\* infrequent buses

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What are we doing well as a community?

Planned Shared Street on Bow!  
green line extension  
Vision Zero  
Pushing for Community Path

Bringing in  
green line

What can we do better as a community?

tear down highways!!

improve bike access to  
Mystic river  
can we?  
ped/

The Loop  
Transit  
System  
within  
SomerVill

highland  
commute  
during school drop-off  
and school pickup  
buses  
gets mainly slowed  
down.

Culture change  
towards less cars

Working w/ neighboring  
towns & MBTA to  
~~work~~ improve street  
connections

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What are we doing well as a community?

- Some slow streets/  
sensible street design

What can we do better as a community?

- North - South transit
- more protected bike lanes
- bike safety → education for drivers
- Slow Streets  
→ enforcement of speed limits
- more shuttles
- connections to regional bike paths
- sidewalk maintenance
- tree wells

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### What are we doing well as a community?

- supporting existing retail
- LOTS OF NEW BIKE INFRA
- GLX
- COMMUNITY PATH
- BUSES pretty good
- BETTER CROSSWALKS

### What can we do better as a community?

- REMOVE MCGATH!!
- MORE PROTECTED BIKE LANES AS A NETWORK
- BETTER PED ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS ⇒ CALMING
- NORTH ↔ SOUTH CONNECTIONS
- POLICIES TO DISCOURAGE USE OF CARS ⇒ PARKING REMOVAL ⇒ BUS LANES

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- GREEN LINE
- Shared + Protected Bike Lanes
- BLUE Bikes

What can we do better as a community?

- Bike/Driver Relations
- Pedestrian Signal timing (Davis Sq.)  
(Crossing McGrath)
- Accessibility to green spaces
- Elec. Bikes (Hills)
- Biking on Sidewalk



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#### What are we doing well as a community?

- ~~ext~~ sidewalk cafe / activation of sidewalks
- extension of community path
- better bike lines
- pocket park near Forge
- bluebikes expansion

#### What can we do better as a community?

- ~~better~~ handicap accessibility
- too hard to own cars
  - Uber + Lyft = menace
- sidewalks are crappy
- better transit timing to meet people's lives where they are
- [is reducing car use a goal that doesn't is a feel-good solution while creating further harm to marginalized communities?]
- more bike share spots
- Connect Squares



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What are we doing well as a community?

- creative with few existing resources
- Green Line extension
- safety initiatives
- promote Bus Rapid Transit

What can we do better as a community?

- OPTION OUTSIDE OF BUSES TO TRANSPORT LARGER FAMILIES (USING RIDE SHARE / TAXI TOO EXPENSIVE)
- BETTER STREET LIGHTING!
- ADA COMPLIANCE!

- FREE BUSES!

- POINT-BASED FOOD MERIT VOUCHERS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

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What are we doing well as a community?

Having these conversations!

What can we do better as a community?

Shuttles from parking lots to Squares

Listen to pedestrians

Explore/Pilot scooters

Even more public art, in Assembly Row and Squares

More seating, especially creative options

Heat sidewalks to prevent snow/ice longer

More cleanups

Buskers / Music in central business districts

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What are we doing well as a community?

more bike lanes! ☺

What can we do better as a community?

- Enforcing snow shoveling of sidewalks
- Buses tend to run North/South, need more cross town

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What are we doing well as a community?

- GLX
- Community Path
- Bike Planning

What can we do better as a community?

- plan for future technologies
- Better bus service
  - ↳ cross-town service
- Ground McGrath
- Increase pedestrian friendliness
- ~~Flip~~ Flip car/bike/bus priority
- Enforce pickup/dropoff for uber/lyft

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What are we doing well as a community?

- Walkability
  - things to walk to
  - access (curb cuts)
- Fluff Festival
- Supporting block parties

What can we do better as a community?

- More focus in some communities than others
- Make walking connections more visible
- Celebrate small businesses
- Historical ~~place~~ plaques

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What are we doing well as a community?

Public Art  
Events: - Honk-  
Garden Club  
Main St - St Events  
Farm Market  
Someruille Armory

What can we do better as a community?

→ Powerhouse  
→ Madon  
→ Ball  
→ Winter Hill  
Creative Use of  
Vacant lots  
More Multi language Events  
Snow Shoveling by People  
More Youthful Families

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What are we doing well as a community?

- \* Somerville Historical Museum
- \* Festivals + events
- \* Activism for every need
- \* Community preservation Act

What can we do better as a community?

- \* More main street orgs  
like Union Sq. business district
- \* Keep small + local businesses
- \* **ADVOCATE FOR ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS**



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This sentence is a mouthful and very unclear

What are we doing well as a community?

All Festivals

What can we do better as a community?

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- High levels of civic engagement

What can we do better as a community?

- Broader, not just deep, engagement
- Better and more diverse communications to residents
- Participatory budgeting
- Seattle model (vouchers) for campaign finance
  - ↳ expand candidate base
- Increase access to local institutions
- 16 y.o. vote

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### What are we doing well as a community?

- Turnout @ public processes
- History - Revolutionary war
- Prospect Hill - opening the tower

### What can we do better as a community?

- ~~Representative~~ <sup>not as</sup> civic engagement
- Industrial history
- ~~Public processes~~ not diverse
- more neighborhood-based events/  
ways to interact w/ other Somervillains
- encouragement ~~of~~ new comers  
by rooted residents

*value to have 'shared' not just 'one'*  
*Could be more concise 'Community character' can be inclusive*  
*this can be combined w/ diversity one?*

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Community Resurrection  
 Dining Scene  
 Festivals  
 Main Streets or g's  
 CDBG Funds  
 Small Streets  
 East Side Main Streets  
 Rock Fest  
 SAC  
 New murals in East Somerville

What can we do better as a community?

ALot  
 More Beauty, Art + Art  
 Natural spaces  
 More funding for SAC  
 - Build sustainable resourcing models

→ BETTER  
THAN  
CELEBRATING

In relation to this SomerVision 2030 shared value:  
? NEEDED

Foster the unique character (of our residents, neighborhoods, hills and squares) and the strength of our **community** spirit as expressed in our history, our cultural and social life, and our deep sense of civic engagement.

What are we doing well as a community?

- FIUAA Fest
- PORCH FEST
- HONK
- STREET RACES
- RALLIES
- MURALS + PUBLIC ART

What can we do better as a community?

- DO MORE FOR PORCH FEST
- MURALS + PUBLIC ART
- SUPPORT INDUSTRIAL HISTORY  
(AUTOBODY) TO MANUFACTURING

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What are we doing well as a community?

festivals  
parades  
grassroots organizing in neighborhoods  
Block parties!  
events  
porchfest  
businesses work together to build community  
businesses are v. community minded

What can we do better as a community?

- buildings (new) have no character
- more focus on "built" character than community character
- are events representing our communities and welcoming to all?
- how do we keep long term Somerville businesses here?

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Arts Council International Market tours  
Festivals / events  
First Jobs - SCC

What can we do better as a community?

Mitigate local business displacement



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What are we doing well as a community?

- lots of community events

What can we do better as a community?

- IDENTIFY/ENGAGE DISTINCT GROUPS WHO HAVE NOT ~~BEEN~~ BEEN ABLE TO EASILY ATTEND/ENGAGE (DAYCARE AT EVENTS?)

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What are we doing well as a community?

- INCLUDING TRANSLATORS AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

What can we do better as a community?

- MORE TRANSLATION OPTIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR ASIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS
- NOT ENOUGH LOW INCOME UNITS/ HOUSING, POOR SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN EXISTING LOW INCOME HOUSING

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What are we doing well as a community?

- Tolerant
- Local events : bring neighbors together
  - Porchfest/Arts <sup>that might not</sup> <sub>events</sub> interact otherwise
  - Block Party
  - Farmers Mkts
- Grassroots orgs representing different groups, neighborhood groups

What can we do better as a community?

- More diversity in public processes

— need more!

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What are we doing well as a community?

- diversity of ages
- HONK + PorchFest + Veteran's Day Parade (free public events)

What can we do better as a community?

- diversity housing stock
  - with larger unit sizes for sale
  - ↳ pathways to homeownership
- more inclusion of people in Assembly
- more affordable housing

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What are we doing well as a community?

- Sanctuary city
- Multiple generations
- City works hard to reach out + support diverse groups
- Diversity of food choices

What can we do better as a community?

more age diversity  
more immigration services  
more <sup>middle-income</sup> low-income <sup>different</sup> housing  
different-looking  
more ownership opportunities  
more recent-graduate housing  
more jobs / job diversity

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equity & inclusion

What are we doing well as a community?

Translators @ city meetings

Marking advocacy for  
+ celebrating Indigenous  
Peoples' Day.  
Very proud!

What can we do better as a community?

Not just celebrate, but protect & advance  
equity & inclusion

Comprehensive  
Policy to protect & own / minority owned, driven  
businesses eg small business loans

Grow diversity of strategic engagement / participation  
in these processes

City can be more vocal, stronger advocates for  
state level policy re immigration  
+ fair housing.

Empower \$

In relation to this SomerVision 2030 shared value: <sup>civic organizations</sup>  
Celebrate the **diversity** of our people, cultures, housing, and economy, and landscapes

What are we doing well as a community?

- Cultural fairs & events

What can we do better as a community?

→ not fully representative →

↳ more events in East Somerville  
↳ more Haitian, Salvadoran, Brazilian events

→ More Somerville Arts Council funding for events → small grants

→ More empowerment and representation in govt.

→ More affordable housing



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What are we doing well as a community?

- SomerStreets
- SomerVivaX2
- Nibbles
- OHS
- SCC-100 Homes
- Sanctuary city

What can we do better as a community?

- More incubator spaces for small business
- Anti-displacement serv.
- Upfront linkage fees
- More Accessibility.

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What are we doing well as a community?

\* CULTURAL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES

↑

Fluffest, CARNAVAL, SANCTUARY CITY

- \* BLACK LIVES MATTER
- \* TRANSLATION SERVICES
- \* SCHOOLS
- \* School lunch

What can we do better as a community?

\* MORE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

\* ADOPTION OR INCREASING R.E TRANSFER FEE

Diminishing diversity due to  
gentrification + rising prices

ASL INTERPRETERS

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What are we doing well as a community?

SomerViva!

International Festivals

Interpretation at meetings

Increased access to affordable housing  
+ stock/inventory of housing

More opp to work/jobs (Assembly)

Assembly Square + (soon) Union Square Station

Info about housing in multiple languages

Nibble culinary program

What can we do better as a community?

Need more family affordable housing

Formalizing "Sanctuary citizen" housing  
(no sshtg.)  
applications to developers (make official)

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A LOT  
OF THINGS

UNCLEAR

What are we doing well as a community?

- PRIMADES ARE GOOD!
- DIRECTION OF HOUSING SUSTAINABILITY
- EMBRACING TECH
- NEW ZONING W/ HOUSING OPTIONS (CUMMIE HOUSES)
- ~~SAINT~~
- SANCTUARY CITY!
- PLAYGROUNDS ARE RAD!

What can we do better as a community?

- celebrate kinda weak.
- MORE ACTIONABLE
- SOUNDS LIKE PRIMADES

~~SAINT~~

- NOT A GREAT JOB OF CELEBRATING DIVERSITY OF HOUSING

- MORE SUPPORT OF EXIST INDUSTRIES

- CURRENTLY EASY TO DE-DENSIFY

- YIMBY

- HANDS FOR HOUSEHOLD TYPES

Not exact

Maybe Strengthen

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highest inclusionary housing percentage  
(20%)

What can we do better as a community?

make housing more affordable

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What are we doing well as a community?

- nibble
- food represents lots of culture

- age diversity

- community spaces bring folks together

- Libraries - have better representation in books
- are public community spaces accessible to all

Public commitment to sanctuary city

- mobile farmers mkt sells culturally relevant crops

What can we do better as a community?

- better representation @ events

- housing affordability doesn't match sanctuary city representation

- city govt does not represent diversity + staff

- "affordable" areas not served by transit

- new business + housing is too expensive for many



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What are we doing well as a community?

- Community events for stay-at-home moms  
↳ but publicized
- Greenline ☺!!!
- Mixed zoning/use in corridors

What can we do better as a community?

- Empty lot in Teale + elsewhere
- Food desert + abandoned Star on Broadway
- Office buildings (affordable)
- Work-at-home co-spaces  
↳ or "Work-at-the-library"  
type spaces

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STARKED WALK SPACE  
SPACE FOR ARTISTS  
SPACE FOR INVENTORS/INCUBATORS  
MIXED USE  
BIKE PATHS

What can we do better as a community?

MORE LIFE SCIENCE  
MIXED USE  
COMMERCIAL DIVERSITY  
JOB DIVERSITY  
SUSTAINABILITY/DE-BROWNST TOWN TO BUSINESS  
GREEN LINE!!  
BIKE PATHS - MORE

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What are we doing well as a community?

Why only daytime?

\* Assembly Sq. MBTA stop

What can we do better as a community?

- \* Assembly square
- \* big box stores
  - ↳ high priced housing
- \* tradeoff between density and neighborhood character
- \* keep commercial property affordable for small business
- \* Prop 2.5
- \* benefits for locally owned business

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What are we doing well as a community?

- COMMUNITY PATH + GLX FOR
- ASSEMBLY SQ HAS SOME GOOD JOBS (PARTNERS) BUT WORKERS MAY NOT LIVE IN SOMERVILLE
- GARDENTOWN LABS
- GOOD LOCAL BIZ BUT HOW MUCH SOMERVILLE SUPPORTED?
- BON MARKET

What can we do better as a community?

- ASSEMBLY SQ MANY RETAIL JOBS FROM CHAINS
- SUPPORT LOCAL BIZ TO DEVELOP AROUND GLX
- SHARING ECONOMY
- SOMERVILLE CHARACTER?

Make this  
concise  
+  
local focus

then focus like  
on economic development

it's not  
a good  
idea  
if it  
isn't  
a  
good  
idea

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What can we do better as a community?

tax base  
improvement from  
Assembly ...

but it doesn't  
feel like part of  
community

Not doing too well  
for local business

reconnect  
neighborhoods that are  
cut off by highways/  
major roads  
(Grand McGrath!)  
not just limiting w/ attracting C&S, it locate here...  
Equitable wealth creation  
that means, how do we  
build  
capitol?

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What are we doing well as a community?

Live/Work spaces  
GLX  
Green Tech.

What can we do better as a community?

Live/Work Space  
Bus transit to non GLX Nb.hoods  
East-West Transit/Accessible  
routes  
• Connections to assembly  
• Som. Jobs For Som. Residents  
• Incubators

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What are we doing well as a community?

- Greentown Labs / Bow Street Market

What can we do better as a community?

- ensure that city-owned buildings are kept towards public good
- Reduce red tape for local small businesses
- More diversity of commercial property
- Affordable commercial real estate
- Anti-chain zoning
- Prevent commercial displacement



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What are we doing well as a community?

Assembly Square  
Construction  
Co-working Spaces  
Breweries

What can we do better as a community?

buses that go north/south!!!!  
regional buses!  
connect transit nodes  
lack of office/non-retail jobs  
    office space  
lack of good, affordable retail space  
have a diverse array of business types + price points  
assembly square jobs not living wage  
diversity of housing stock



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Business Technical Assistance Program  
(Tech goes Home)

Block Walks in multiple languages

What can we do better as a community?

Support incentives for local vs. chains

Avoid development that gentrifies

Incentivize shopping local, independent

SNAP Match at international markets

City should do more business with local shops

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What are we doing well as a community?

All Festivals

What can we do better as a community?

Support existing local businesses  
Use + activate vacant retail +  
office space  
↳ vacancy fine? Pop ups?  
Lower rent?

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- GLX

What can we do better as a community?

- more local jobs for local people
  - through ordinances
- bridge transit gaps
- improve connectivity of neighborhoods
- diversity of commercial
- incentivize daytime activity in local business
- north - south transit

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What are we doing well as a community?

- create commercial spaces focused on evening activities

What can we do better as a community?

- CREATE MORE SPACE FOR NON-HOSPITALITY BASED DAYJOBS
- ENCOURAGING FLEXIBLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES (DAYCARE AT WORK, FLEXIBLE HOURS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION SNOW-DAYS)
- FREE BUSES!
- POINT-BASED FOOD MERIT VOUCHERS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

## In relation to this SomerVision 2030 shared value:

Commit to continued **innovation** and affirm our responsibility to current and future generations in all of our endeavors: business, technology, education, arts, and government.

What are we doing well as a community?

- Greentown bb
- School improvements
- West branch library improvements
- Climate Forward Plan
- open studios

What can we do better as a community?

- municipal broadband network  
OR at least 2-4 options to every building
- municipal Wifi citywide for all residents
- Alternative (non-natural gas) heating infrastructure
- Repair gas leaks

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Commit to continued **innovation** and affirm our responsibility to current and future generations in all of our endeavors: business, technology, education, arts and government.

What are we doing well as a community?

- BOW MARKET
- COMMUNITY INCUBATORS
- OPEN STUDIOS/ PORCH FEST
- IMPRESSED W/ MURALS
- FREE LIBRARIES
- BOXES FOR THOSE IN NEED/LO HOMES

What can we do better as a community?

FINISH ART-TEAM  
INNOVATE UNDER 93 + H&FRAH  
BETTER USE OF DEGRADE SPACES  
ELECTRONIC VOTING?

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What are we doing well as a community?

- \* New high school
- \* incubators, green labs, Artisans Asylum

What can we do better as a community?

Why were nonprofits left out?

- \* promote businesses that repair + renew
- \* vocational education
- but can these businesses afford to stay?
- \* Are we innovating with new cannabis legislation?
- Are these businesses diverse?

Technology  
and innovation  
that ~~creates~~  
improves  
quality of  
life

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What are we doing well as a community?

Look

Bow Make  
More Creative  
Miles use  
Soccer

can

What can we do better as a community?

maybe the library  
comment belonged  
here → modern  
facilities, pls.

look at website  
aucklandplan2030.com

Modernize city  
services (eg. pay  
putting w/ app, participatory  
budgeting)



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What are we doing well as a community?

- \$10m grant for STEM
- Powderhouse Studios
- Greentown Labs

What can we do better as a community?

- Embedding civic activities & plans in school curriculum
- Better connections & internships programs for Somerville students
- Ensure ~~all~~ different career & college ~~for~~ access programs
- ISD - better inspection and

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What are we doing well as a community?

- Greentown Labs
- Art-centered events

What can we do better as a community?

- accommodate affordable spaces in new development
  - 10% of each new dev to encourage innovation in business, arts
- STEM labs for students
  - after school progs
- more business involvement in arts education

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What are we doing well as a community?

- Innovation School
- Greentown Labs
- Art Farm
- OHS
- 100 Homes
- CLT
- 120 Percentage ↑
- SAC

What can we do better as a community?

- City Council: persons + staff treat like F-T job.
- Municipal / C.W. Wi-Fi
- Accessibility to green spaces
- Elec. Bikes (Hills)
- Biking on sidewalk

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What are we doing well as a community?

New High School  
Foss Park improvements  
GLX  
Nibble  
Tech Goes Home + other Technical Assistance

What can we do better as a community?

More programs for youth - education,  
health, drug prevention  
Get rid. of parking meters!

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What are we doing well as a community?

- including arts as innovation
- public + participatory planning

What can we do better as a community?

- more of equity focus with all areas of innovation economy
- more outlets for participatory planning
- balancing existing local business (+ helping them succeed) with external "innovation" companies
- Find + review existing best practices for community engagement

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What are we doing well as a community?

greentown labs  
artisan asylum  
community media  
bow market  
fab lab  
highlander cante  
SOS  
SAC  
co-working spaces  
powderhouse school  
tufts  
arts + crafts  
bike kitchen

What can we do better as a community?

better small biz incubator space  
more public art  
actually track minority & women owned businesses  
more affordable office space  
tech space  
subsidized offices for non profit or other innovators (ie young entrepreneurs etc)  
tufts needs to give us more \$\$  
more equitable access to tech etc  
for ALL KIDS  
new high school

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What are we doing well as a community?

- fostering unusual businesses,  
e.g. Green Tech
- building relationship with  
law enforcement & children

What can we do better as a community?

- ATTRACTING MORE TECH/INNOVATIVE  
BUSINESSES
- MAKE USE OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL  
FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

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What are we doing well as a community?

- GARRETTOWN LABS
- POWDERHOUSE SCHOOL REUSE

What can we do better as a community?

- MORE FOCUSED INNOVATIONS  
w/ MORE REPORTING
- BE A "LIVING LAB" CITY
- FAIL (FAST)



In relation to this SomerVision 2030 share  
What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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(CLARITY OF LANGUAGE)

- MORE PARTICIPATORY GOV'T (BUDGETING)
- MORE TRANSPARENCY OF PROCESS
  - ↳ GOOD AT TAKING WHAT, NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENS THEN
- ACCELERATE ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS
- DATA DRIVEN
- ACCESS TO WATERWAYS (MYSTIC)
  - ↳ MCGRATH + 95 WALLED OFF RIVER

What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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- Accountability of public processes / officials
- ~~Public~~ Community building / engagement
  - Park days
- Commitment to trees / urban canopy
- Civic spaces / parks / common(s)
  - Carve out more → encourage creative / public rethinking of <sup>some</sup> parking lots

What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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Use actual + strong terms like "environmental racism" "inequality"

↓ food  
transit  
education  
housing  
healthcare  
parking access (non-traditional work hrs.)  
gender  
access to power

~~how do we~~ actual plan to attract + retain families  
active citizenship

quality youth spaces + activities, community center

transportation  
shared mobility  
shared economy

## What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

- Equity
- Transparency
- Being part of regional ecosystem → collaboration
- increase open space
- resiliency + climate change
- utilize existing (+ often vacant) office + retail space and fine vacancies

experiment  
w/ new models  
of open space  
(indoor/outdoor)

• Maintaining what we have  
ex. → eliminate deferred maintenance for parks

\* Be sure to  
include youth  
as a demographic \*

Why was this scheduled  
the same night as may  
overhaul / open space  
meeting???

Address that too small business!

more time/less costs

What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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more election accessibility

Soccer stadium

boat rides on Mystic

more riverway use

SHS tuition: free college-cred courses

Rte 28 - bike lane / not "drag race"

- traffic planning - proactive

bike access to other neighbor cities

(Traffic stop-light coordination (speed enforcement control))

Other than meeting  
of public meetings  
to include other  
population,



SomerVision

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transportation

shared mobility  
shared economy

annex Cambridge

What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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- CONSIDERATION OF THE BOTTOM 1%, SINGLE MOMS/DADS/ DISABLED/ELDERLY/ THOSE WITH FEW OR NO SUPPORT/ADA COMPLIANCE

- BETTER ENGAGEMENT WITH OUTSIDE COMMUNITIES (NOT JUST CAMP!) - MALDEN/MEDFORD/EVERETT
- NEED TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY ↗

What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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- Promote sharing economy + sustainable consumption + carbon neutrality
- Pre-K access + young parent support





What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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- non-profits
- sense of urgency about climate change  
↳ "we're all on the ocean!"
- health / healthcare
- higher education
- regional approach to planning / regional + state coordination
- substance use recovery + the opioid crisis
- strategy to support immigrants
- food insecurity

# What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

- Nothing clear about Native Americans, Indigenous communities

- KID FRIENDLY CONSULTATION, KID ACCESSIBLE WORDS & PICTURES PLAN

multigenerational might not be the right word, but how do we ensure we stay a place for families? a place that supports healthy aging?

MAY HAVE: EQUITY, HEALTH, RESILIENCE, INCLUSION, HOME  
emphasis on arts, literacy, creativity, beauty

The value of sharing  
we are at a state/national level  
important well-being in our community  
→ how do we express our leadership?  
advocate more broadly

## CLEAR CONCISE VALUES

eg: - All our action increase quality of life for all residents

- FOSTER AN INCLUSIVE & EQUITABLE SOMERVILLE

Wellbeing metrics need to be a baseline for metrics

open space is not just parks

+ playing fields - how about how about a meadow? wild spaces

To much building and car culture

more people = more cars

why are we creating so much more development for people we don't have power

Building in) get better - make room for green space people

Flower

Plant

Beauty

Design creative Being the art + public artist out in

Chicago, or Portland, or

Titch Town

Chicago

Edinburgh, or

Birkenhead

Address the systemic issue that it costs \$6 million to create 1 acre of public space - this is an impossible metric

What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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Opportunities to gather in public spaces: informal (more seating) + formal (events)

Maximizing public transportation options + information about how to access  
↳ (How do I use Bluebikes if I don't speak English?)

Anti displacement



What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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- Make the values more digestible - having a few more ~~more~~ focused values is O.K.!
- Include in values statement: what will the future look like?
- ~~Sustainability~~
- Split up Sustainability
  - ↳ Environmental
  - ↳ Education
  - ↳ Health
  - ↳ Housing

What additional values should SomerVision 2040 include?

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- Public Health
  - ↳ Air quality
- Public Safety
  - ↳ Winter Hill
  - ↳ Assembly
- Climate Change
  - ↳ Coord. w/ other communities
- H.S. to College/Univ. Pipelines
  - ↳ Tufts...
- Demand more from Tufts

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Build a **sustainable** future through strong environmental leadership, balanced transportation modes, engaging recreational and community spaces, exceptional schools and educational opportunities, improved community health, varied and affordable housing options, and effective stewardship of our natural resources.

What are we doing well as a community?

- \* communitized electric program w/ renewable energy

What can we do better as a community?

- \* more LEED buildings
- \* innovative building e.g. passive buildings
- stricter regs. + incentives for buildings
- \* tree planting → Beacon St. trees removed
- \* open space

In relation to this SomerVision 2030 shared value: [streamline this]

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~~THIS IS TOO DENSE SPLIT ENVIRO & HUMAN ASPECTS~~

What are we doing well as a community?

- Community path
- New high school

What can we do better as a community?

- Composting (curbside)
- Bus rapid transit - electric buses
- Events in parks + open spaces
- EV charging stations for renters  
+ home owners
- More opportunities to properly  
disposal of hazardous waste



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What are we doing well as a community?

Elementary Schools + Superintendent

Community gardens

Trees

Bike racks: rentals = working with community

Pigeon control

Mini parks/parklets

What can we do better as a community?

Trees - especially @ GREEN LINE ROW.

More affordable housing

UNDERGROUND UTILITY POLES

DEAL W/ THE RATS & STOP USING  
POISON

MORE OPEN SPACE / POCKET PARKS



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What are we doing well as a community?

Energy Conservation

Programs + Initiatives

RISE Engineering Co

like the checker  
↑  
is this part of sustainable Somerville?  
Man's Park, Fox Park, etc

What can we do better as a community?

The city is getting  
on F (fail)  
for preserving or increasing  
natural spaces

re: rec/comm spaces:  
need modern library  
(the staff and programming are great but facilities are sad)  
→ can we preserve the outside though?

This one feels like many different values that work it down, mark it down, are other values and some of things automatically. This shouldn't be building to value but what the collective program should be building to adaptation.

In relation to this SomerVision 2030 shared value:

Simplify/Specify Vision

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How measure  
re.  
Progress

What are we doing well as a community?

What can we do better as a community?

- Neighborhood Seq.
- Development/Density Concentrated in E. Som.

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What are we doing well as a community?

- Community gardens
- SCF

What can we do better as a community?

- encode Somerville Climate Forward plan into zoning, ordinances
- more green space : actually achieve 125 acre goal.
- more gardens, green roofs
- hold developers/city accountable for green space
- transportation improvements  
→ regional connectivity

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What are we doing well as a community?

SOUTH ST FARM ✓

Somerville climate forward

Farmers markets year round

libraries

community path

clothing recycling

Schools are doing well + School com. walking  
toward equity

SCHOOL GARDENS

What can we do better as a community?

trees!

LEED Cert required for new construction

zero waste recycling

more composting

we/oft planned parent hood n

affordable housing

more green spaces w/o active programming

equitable green space

more basketball / soccer / etc. fields for  
open use (not leagues)

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### What are we doing well as a community?

Schools welcome all and support multiple languages

Somer Street events

### What can we do better as a community?

- Use recycled objects to create more public seating/art installations
- Put DZ parking garage underground  
Make USQ a legacy project
- Ensure all space is used for highest good

What  
does  
this  
word  
mean?

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What are we doing well as a community?

more bike lanes!

What can we do better as a community?

- inland flooding
- storm water management
- resiliency measures in buildings

- Buses tend to run slow  
need more cross town

TOO MANY THINGS

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Better definition  
of what  
schools  
in Som.?

What are we doing well as a community?

- Climate Forward Plan
- Somerville Edu. Foundation

What can we do better as a community?

- Implementation of existing plans
- Family success planning



## In relation to this SomerVision 2030 shared value:

Build a **sustainable** future through strong environmental leadership, <sup>MENTIONED IN OTHER GOALS</sup> (balanced transportation modes) engaging recreational and community spaces, exceptional schools and educational opportunities, improved community health, <sup>REPORT</sup> (varied and affordable housing options) and effective stewardship of our natural resources.

What are we doing well as a community?

- NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING
- INFRASTRUCTURE SO FAR

What can we do better as a community?

- SUPPORT + PROTECT EXISTING TREE ~~SPACE~~ CANOPY
- DIFFICULT TO REPLACE STREET TREES, LONG TIME TO WAIT
- CITY WIDE COMPOSTING?
- NOT ENOUGH REC SPACE CURRENTLY
- HAVE LANDLORDS REQUIRED TO MAKE APTS EFFICIENT
- RESILIENCE EFFORTS IS LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY
- MYSTIC / CHARLES WATERFISHED