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Voting Results
Henry Council for Quality Growth Luncheon
Eagles Landing Country Club Meeting Room – April 12, 2006

The members attending the Henry Council for Quality Growth Luncheon were asked to participate in three exercises to help make decisions for the future of Henry County. The exercises were first introduced at the Visioning Open House on March 13, 2006 by the Comprehensive Transportation Planning team and the Comprehensive Planning Team. Each participant was given two dots to vote on Exercise 1 – Preferred Land Use Concepts, which were on laminated cards at each table; for Exercise 2, participants were given \$500 worth of “Henry Bucks” to vote on Transportation Investments; finally, a questionnaire was available for each member to vote on Land Use Issues and Priorities. The results from this HCQG luncheon will be shared with the CTP team and will be included in shaping the decisions for the future of Henry County.

Exercise 1 - Preferred Land Use Concepts

Land Use Concept	Results	Percent
Development Focused Around Activity Centers	77	32.22%
Development Focused Around Existing Communities	48	20.08%
Development Focused Around I-75	42	17.57%
Development Focused Along Arterial Roads	36	15.06%
Development Focused Around Schools	35	14.64%
Development Based on Current Trends	1	0.42%

Exercise 2 – Transportation Investments

Transportation Plan	Amount	Percent
Adding New Roads	\$7,700	14.67%
Intersection Improvements	\$6,600	12.57%
Commuter Rail	\$6,000	11.43%
Improvements to I-75	\$6,000	11.43%
Widening Existing Roads	\$5,700	10.86%
Improvements to Local Streets	\$4,800	9.14%
Traffic Signal Systems	\$4,300	8.19%
Access Management Along Major Roads	\$3,700	7.05%
Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Improvements	\$3,600	6.86%
Local Transit Service	\$2,300	4.38%
Roadways Over/Under Railroads	\$1,800	3.43%
Express Bus / Bus Rapid Transit	\$0	0%
Other	\$0	0%



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Exercise 3 – Land Use Issues & Priorities

Issue	Total Priority Votes	Percent
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Designate and set aside sites for future industrial and office professional developments	13	7.74%
Diversify economic base by nurturing clean industry with high wages	19	11.31%
Encourage existing historic downtowns to become destinations	19	11.31%
Provide more high-tech training opportunities within the County.	5	2.98%
Provide higher educational opportunities within the County.	10	5.95%
Recruit more high-end retailers and restaurants to the County	31	18.45%
Improve and attract public infrastructure to support local industry	16	9.52%
Ensure higher quality development through the use of Smart Growth principles	41	24.40%
Promote local tourism through special events	6	3.57%
Create regulations to limit new development and direct growth	8	4.76%
Grand Total	168	
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES		
Improve public safety by providing more law enforcement personnel and building more fire stations	11	6.43%
Build a County Cultural Center and host local cultural events	12	7.02%
Create Capital Improvements Programs to ensure that adequate facilities and services are provided to citizens	20	11.70%
Create senior service centers	3	1.75%
Create youth activity centers such as YMCA or Boys and Girls Clubs	16	9.36%
Build more libraries throughout the County	3	1.75%
Develop higher educational opportunities such as colleges and/or technical schools	27	15.79%
Improve existing educational facilities – more schools, more classrooms	26	15.20%
Improve infrastructure throughout the County such as water/sewer, utilities	45	26.32%
Increase health service options available in the County	8	4.68%
Grand Total	171	
NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES		
Adopt resource protection ordinances such as stream and resource buffers or impervious surface limits	11	6.75%
Protect farmland and agricultural areas in a manner that also protect private property rights	17	10.43%
Protect natural greenspaces	19	11.66%
Create additional nature parks with trails and other recreational opportunities	42	25.77%
Monitor compliance with newly adopted water protection ordinances	2	1.23%
Protect historic sites by adopting Historic Preservation Districts	16	9.82%



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Issue	Total Priority Votes	Percent
Create architectural and design guidelines for infill development in historic districts	13	7.98%
Create a Historic Preservation Commission	1	0.61%
Build a Performing Arts Center	25	15.34%
Preserve Trees	17	10.43%
Grand Total	163	
SENSE OF PLACE		
Create neighborhood-scale, mixed-use centers close to existing neighborhoods	34	20.12%
Encourage local and regional identity to be carried out through new developments compatible with traditional community character in design, density, and pattern	20	11.83%
Protect historic neighborhoods and downtowns	13	7.69%
Create community gathering places such as parks, community centers, etc.	25	14.79%
Protect views and scenic areas	7	4.14%
Enhance downtown areas with façade improvements and family-oriented events	12	7.10%
Promote mixed-use development	36	21.30%
Promote tourism throughout the County	3	1.78%
Create regulations/ordinances to control the placement and design of signage	6	3.55%
Create landscaping requirements for new developments	13	7.69%
Grand Total	169	
HOUSING		
Encourage the development of higher-end housing	24	13.95%
Work with developers to create additional housing options for active seniors	11	6.40%
Ensure that local workers (police, fire, teachers) can afford to live in the County through the development of workforce housing	24	13.95%
Promote strong communities & high quality of life through the development of pedestrian friendly mixed-use projects	46	26.74%
Ensure new development draws from Henry's historic areas through the development of housing density and diversity guidelines	7	4.07%
Require amenity areas and conservation of open space within new residential areas	13	7.56%
Co-locate schools with major housing areas to promote community ties and enable children to walk to school	16	9.30%
Maintain a high level of housing quality through the use of building codes, design standards, and vigilant code enforcement	31	18.02%
Grand Total	172	
TRANSPORTATION		
Transportation improvements and issues should be better coordinated among the County, Cities, School Board, and other Infrastructure departments	22	12.57%



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Issue	Total Priority Votes	Percent
Manage traffic better through operational improvements such as providing more traffic signals, limiting curb cuts, and constructing turn lanes	32	18.29%
Require housing developments to provide a high level of both auto and pedestrian connectivity to surrounding land uses and streets	15	8.57%
Build more North-South roads to provide alternate routes to I-75	35	20.00%
Build more East-West roads to improve connectivity across the County	34	19.43%
Protect right-of-way for future roadways and widening	6	3.43%
Improve freight and truck movement by constructing truck only facilities	2	1.14%
Develop short-term and long-term funding strategies for transportation projects	18	10.29%
Involve citizens and local officials more in identifying transportation priorities	11	6.29%
Grand Total	175	