

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan – Citizen Comments

Public Comment Summary • April 2026 • 48 Unique Submissions

Overview. The City received **48 unique public comments** submitted April 1–21, 2026 in response to the draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Comments addressed seven primary themes. Many submissions touched multiple topics; percentages reflect share of unique comments mentioning each theme. Dominant concerns centered on police enforcement of speed and perceived jaywalking violations, pedestrian infrastructure, and diverting through-traffic from Main Street.

COMMENT THEMES AT A GLANCE

Theme	#	%	Key Points from Comments
Police Enforcement & Speed	22	46%	Increased enforcement on Main St., Hwy 46, and River Rd. Top issues: speeding, jaywalking, distracted driving, and tailgating. Residents requested dedicated officer presence during peak hours and stricter ticketing.
Pedestrian Safety	18	38%	More crosswalks (every ¼ mile / every side street), enhanced flashing beacons, median safety islands, longer pedestrian signal times, no right-on-red at crosswalks, and new sidewalks on School St. and Old San Antonio Rd.
Alternate Route / Bypass	7	15%	Multiple residents urged rerouting TX-46 off River Rd. and US-87 off Main St., arguing all other improvements are insufficient without a bypass. One proposed a pedestrian-only Main St. with shuttle service.
Intersection Improvements	7	15%	Key intersections flagged: Herff/River Rd. (dedicated right-turn lanes), Longhorn/Hwy 46/Essex (double left-turn lanes), School/Adler/Main (traffic circle preferred), and Plant/River Rd. (opposition to proposed roundabout).
Parking Removal / Reconfiguration	5	10%	Elimination of parallel parking on Main St. to improve sight lines and traffic flow, with off-street replacement lots. One comment specifically opposed parking on both sides of narrow Turner St.
Outside City Limits	4	8%	Concerns about Hwy 46 West toward Pipe Creek (fatalities, speed), Ralph Fair Rd. turn lane configuration, Sisterdale Rd./School St. left-turn hazard, and the Home Depot entrance on Hwy 46 ahead of hospital opening.
Trail / Other Infrastructure	2	4%	Support for the School St. sidewalk proposal. Request for protected left-turn signal (northbound Herff at River Rd.) and improved Plant St. river crossing. One comment opposed Flock surveillance cameras.

MOST FREQUENTLY REQUESTED ACTIONS

1. Increase police presence on Main St. & Hwy 46 for speed and jaywalking enforcement	5. Install flashing beacon crosswalks (Hwy 87, River Rd., Catholic Church, Veterans Plaza)
2. Add crosswalks at every side-street intersection on Main St.	6. Remove / reduce on-street parking on Main St. to improve sight lines
3. Reroute TX-46 off River Rd. / US-87 off Main St. (bypass)	7. Improve Herff/River Rd. intersection with dedicated turn lanes
4. Lower speed limits on Main St. (20–25 mph suggested by residents)	8. Add sidewalks on School St., Old San Antonio Rd., and Highland St.

NOTABLE PERSPECTIVES

- ▶ **Bypass vs. incremental fixes:** Several residents argued that rerouting highway traffic is a prerequisite — all other measures are insufficient without it.
- ▶ **Roundabout opposition:** At least two comments specifically opposed the proposed roundabout at Plant/River Rd., citing pedestrian crossing difficulty.
- ▶ **Pedestrian-only Main St.:** One commenter proposed closing Main St. to vehicles, with remote parking and golf cart shuttles to create a pedestrian district.

CITIZEN COMMENTS — FULL RECORD

ID	Date	Category	Comment
28404	Apr 01, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	Highland St. sidewalks. I saw it as an item on the map, but saw nothing in the text. On Sunday mornings, especially, vehicles are parked on both sides of the roadway next to the curbs and church goers, with children, are walking in the roadway. There is no other space. I have personally witnessed several near misses of pedestrians including children getting hit by cars. I appreciate this study and its positive impact on our community. A fender bender at an intersection is nothing compared to a child or pedestrian getting hit by a car. Sincerely, Leroy Ferry.
28460	Apr 02, 2026	Pedestrian Safety, Intersection Safety	I am concerned about "blind" intersections that result from cars parked close to intersections. I believe more use or enhanced pavement painting to prevent cars from parking right up to the intersection, blocking the view of cars and pedestrians making either a turn on the intersection or crossing it from seeing oncoming traffic in time to avoid a collision. For example, I live at 417 James Street. When I am going west on James Street to stop at the stop sign at Plant avenue, I cannot see the northbound traffic on Plant because of residents parking cars all the way up to the intersection. As I inch out to try to see oncoming traffic I have almost been hit multiple times. Can there not be an ordinance and curb paint to prevent parked cars from parking within 20 feet or so from intersections? This is a problem all around the neighborhoods near Main Street. Also stop signs obstructed by tree growth is hazardous - I have reported multiple times the 4 way stop at Plant and Rosewood.
28471	Apr 02, 2026	Alternate Path	Would prefer that a route around the city be built. Whatever is done with existing roads seems like putting on a band aid. Congestion is just going to grow as population increases.
28531	Apr 05, 2026	Outside City Limits	You really need to do something about Highway 46 west. Too many fatalities on that stretch that goes to Pipe Creek. Lower the speed limit. I drive that road daily and people pass me even if I am doing the speed limit, which in some areas is 60 mph. That is too fast for a winding road. You also need a light coming out of Home Depot, or move the entrance/exit. That intersection will be a nightmare once the hospital opens.
28565	Apr 07, 2026	Alternate Path	It is clear that the downtown area faces significant traffic congestion, especially with the combination of parallel parking and the high volume of pedestrians. I strongly believe that the city needs to seriously consider the development of an alternate route around town. This would alleviate pressure on downtown streets, make the area safer for pedestrians, and improve overall traffic flow. Additionally, I feel that city and county leadership must focus on the needs of the broader community, rather than yielding to a small group of vocal critics on social media. The city's actions should prioritize the well-being of the majority of citizens.
28569	Apr 07, 2026	Alternate Path	For the largest beneficial impact regarding safety improvement, TX-46 MUST be routed off of River Road so that traffic flows on the divided road (Herff) to the 4-lane Main St. to the 4-lane Bandera Rd. This needs immediate attention.
28611	Apr 07, 2026	Pedestrian Safety, Parking	To solve downtown problems: Have Main Street where all the shops are be pedestrian only. Find land for parking cars. Have golf cart rides available to Main Street from the parking lots. Business owners could have parking passes of course.
28612	Apr 07, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	Safety crosswalks every 1/4 mile.
28613	Apr 07, 2026	Police Enforcement, Pedestrian Safety	Wondering if there can be a walk over bridge instead of a crosswalk? Also can there be flashing lights at the crosswalks (yellow caution) where drivers as well as pedestrians would take notice! This is on Hwy 87 going through town. People drive too fast through town, maybe more police presence to help keep the speed down too!!!
28614	Apr 07, 2026	Alternate Path, Pedestrian Safety	Need main street bypass that's faster so speeders have alternative & crash barriers to protect sidewalks. & for the love of all things American NO DARN ROUNDABOUTS.
28617	Apr 07, 2026	Police Enforcement, Pedestrian Safety	Our old hometown, Plymouth, Michigan has an especially vibrant downtown with very crowded restaurants, shopping and music activities. They slowed the speed down, put in a decorative barrier between the lanes with plants to serve as a halfway point, and have multiple stop signs that light up when pedestrians are detected. Heavy fines for jaywalking and speeding deter behavior that leads to people getting injured.

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28618	Apr 07, 2026	Police Enforcement	More traffic enforcement on 46. Accidents will keep happening until law enforcement ramps up efforts.
28619	Apr 07, 2026	Police Enforcement	Enforce ticketing of jaywalking & leave north main/Adler alone regarding a second street light 20' from the other one. This sounds like a laundry list that gives y'all a ton of money but will take at least 10 years and then more money.
28620	Apr 08, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	Mid block crossings with a median safety island allows for a safety island when a right turn only - statistically improving crossings by 70%. Also the city should look into an all stop with a pedestrian crossing. This allows pedestrians to cross with all traffic stopped using diagonal crosses at intersections. Purdue University has been doing this for years with success and is a leading university in road safety research.
28621	Apr 08, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	Reference: Purdue Exponent article on four-way traffic stops and diagonal pedestrian crossings. (https://www.purdueexponent.org)
28622	Apr 08, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	Reference: FHWA resource on pedestrian safety improvements. (https://highways.dot.gov/media/73491)
28623	Apr 08, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	Pedestrian all-phase crossing at intersections and mid block crossings. Add median and landing zones for pedestrians.
28624	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement, Parking Removal	Enforce ticketing of jaywalkers. Remove on-street parking on Main St. Keep bicyclists off of roads that do not have established bike lanes. Don't allow parking on both sides of a narrow street (Turner) by Pinchy's. Hwy 46 is fine, but too many distracted and poor drivers.
28625	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement, Intersection Improvement	Enforce no jay walking. No parking on Main Street. No biking without a bike lane. Traffic issue at Longhorn/46/Essex intersection 3:30-7pm - make two left turn lanes from Essex onto 46, it's already built for it. Two right turn lanes onto 46 from Sheep Dip onto 46. Have cops there for a week or two to train drivers.
28627	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement	I walk in Boerne weekly - along the creek then street-side to Bear Moon and back to the trailhead. Speed is clearly a problem on Main Street; drivers turning onto side streets often don't look for pedestrians until entering the intersection; the few crosswalks with automated walk signs often go unheeded. Police enforcement of both speeding and jaywalking would be a good start.
28628	Apr 08, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	Lighted crosswalks at the intersections by the Catholic Church and Veterans Plaza.
28629	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement	Issue more jaywalking tickets and limit weight of large commercial trucks hauling materials that drive through Main St.
28630	Apr 08, 2026	Intersection Improvement	The intersection of Herff & River Road needs major improvements to address traffic flow. Adding a continuous dedicated right turn lane from Herff onto River would greatly improve flow. Also adding double right turn lanes onto River would reduce congestion.
28631	Apr 08, 2026	Intersection Improvement	In targeted infrastructure projects: Convert W Blanco by the square to one way. For traffic going East on W San Antonio, that intersection is the only way to continue East (on Blanco) or N on Main. The intersection of W San Antonio & Main is right turn only, not practical for a left turn.
28633	Apr 08, 2026	Intersection Improvement	Make School/Adler/Main a traffic circle rather than convoluted lights that will cause confusion and delay.
28634	Apr 08, 2026	Parking Removal	Eliminate parallel parking, create beneficial lanes, where possible turn side streets into city parking lots for free parking. Create protected pedestrian crossing areas within a reasonable distance.
28635	Apr 08, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	More crosswalks needed across Main Street. More enforcement of speeding on Main, Hickman, Oak Park and Herff Streets. Some type of STRONG barrier needs to be erected between pedestrians walking on Main St. past E. Hosack and E. Evergreen towards River Road. Cars are flying on that curve, and as a pedestrian it is frightening.
28636	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement, Pedestrian Safety	First and foremost, start ticketing for speeding!! Boerne used to be on top of this problem. If everyone would slow down, it would help. Through town, on Hwy 46 both East and West and on I-10 through Kendall County. Speed limits are too high and I am so tired of watching large trucks driving aggressively.
28637	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement	Issue jaywalking citations. Stronger police officer presence on Main to issue citations (probably during busiest hours). Add more crosswalks. Longer walking times at crosswalks. No right turns on red at crosswalks. Lower speed limits on Main.

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28638	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement	Enforce consequences for jaywalking. The amount of people who dart across the street along downtown Main is unacceptable. Or include more crosswalks like the one on River Rd with the blinking lights. It's a busy street with not just local traffic - big trucks frequently drive this stretch as a through route.
28641	Apr 08, 2026	Outside City Limits	Anyone who drives on Sisterdale and makes a left on to School St. is putting their life on the line. Please put in a left turn lane. I've almost been rear-ended 3 times. Please lower the speed limit on Sisterdale and take care of this before someone gets killed.
28650	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement	The police need to do something about the drivers in Boerne. They speed and tailgate all the time. People say it's jaywalking that's a problem. But the speed, tailgating and impatient drivers are the bigger issue in my opinion.
28651	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement, Pedestrian Safety	Issue jaywalking citations. Stronger police officer presence on Main during busiest hours - horseback, bicycle, scooter, Segway. Add more crosswalks. Every side street should have a corresponding crosswalk. Also crosswalk signals need to be more aggressive about stopping traffic.
28654	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement, Parking Removal	I've lived in Boerne for 23 years. Take away street-side parking on Main Street. This area is way too tight to have people parallel parking on this street for the kinds of traffic flow we get in this area. You have more than enough money from taxes to build a proper parking garage.
28655	Apr 08, 2026	Outside City Limits	Ralph Fair Road needs to eliminate the fake 'turn lanes' onto and off of Old Fredericksburg Rd. I believe extending the median to make those one way only would dramatically reduce accidents.
28685	Apr 08, 2026	Police Enforcement	Instead of worrying about tint or other minor things, officers need to enforce the phone law. I always see people on their phones while driving - that is far more dangerous than window tint, yet I see no one pulled over for it.
28691	Apr 09, 2026	Trail / Infrastructure	The sidewalk proposal on School Street is fantastic. The River Road crossing on Plant Street needs more than flashing yellows - no one sees it or stops to allow pedestrians to cross. Two big asks: 1. Allow northbound traffic on Herff and River Road to have a protected left-turn signal. 2. Improve the Plant St. river crossing.
28692	Apr 09, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	I've seen in Colorado where at crosswalks, pedestrians carry yellow flags across the streets so cars can easily see them crossing, along with flashing lights. More crosswalks around pedestrian-heavy areas on Main Street and River Road. Unfortunately probably more parking lots so fewer people park on the street.
28693	Apr 09, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	School Street from Main St to Hosack needs a sidewalk. There are only portions of sidewalk on the creek bridges only.
28694	Apr 09, 2026	Pedestrian Safety	Old San Antonio Road is a very busy street with lots of vehicles crossing from San Antonio to get onto 46 East. No sidewalk, and lots of potholes and edge road that's wearing off fast and just gets a dirt patch. Looks like a lake when it rains!
28695	Apr 09, 2026	Police Enforcement	More cops monitoring speed on Main and River Rd. Speed lowered to 20 mph on Main and River. There are too many restaurants, shops, and an abundance of people to have it at 30-35 mph. At the blinking yellow light on Boerne needs a sign that says 'if blinking, stop and look for pedestrians.'
28703	Apr 10, 2026	Alternate Path	TX-46 must be routed away from River Road and US-87 must be routed away from Main St. Without these two basic actions all other efforts to improve safety will be as ineffective as moving 40 tons of sand while only using a teaspoon!
28743	Apr 14, 2026	Intersection Improvement	Can the Hwy 46 and Herff Rd intersection be set up like W Bandera Rd and Main Street - as far as the way the lights are cycled and two lanes being able to turn left from Bandera Rd onto Main? It seems to be the same type of intersection with the same type of congestion.
28759	Apr 17, 2026	Police Enforcement	We live on S Esser Rd and the traffic on our street is terrible all day long, especially around when BHS gets out until after people get home from work. 18-wheeler trucks, cars and school buses go down our street like they are driving on the highway. There are many people including students that walk on the road because there are no sidewalks.
28760	Apr 17, 2026	Other	Remove the illegal FLOCK cameras NOW - anyone can hack them and openly track everyone.
28761	Apr 17, 2026	Police Enforcement	Have PD post a cop or two by Main Street and start handing out tickets for jay walking. That will start telling people to use the crosswalks.

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	Apr 17, 2026	Intersection Improvement	A roundabout at Plant/River is a poor choice. It makes it even harder for pedestrians to cross and makes it more complicated for the drivers. Limiting the left turn off River is a better option. The pedestrian component is key at that intersection and it's more difficult with a roundabout there.