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### Overview

Pol.is is a real-time survey system that helps identify the different ways a large group of people think about a divisive or complicated topic. Here's a basic breakdown of some terms you'll need to know in order to understand this report.

**Participants:** These are the people who participated in the conversation by voting and writing statements. Based on how they voted, each participant is sorted into an opinion group.

**Statements:** Participants may submit statements for other participants to vote on. Statements are assigned a number in the order they're submitted.

**Opinion groups:** Groups are made of participants who voted similarly to each other, and differently from the other groups.

This pol.is conversation was run by Utile Design. The topic was 'Watertown Square Area Plan'.

people grouped

1,076 people voted

973

112,174 votes were cast

1,073 statements were

104.25

votes per voter on average

2.38 statements per author

on average

### How divisive was the conversation?

Statements (here as little circles) to the left were voted on the same way—either everyone agreed or everyone disagreed. Statements to the right were divisive—participants were split between agreement and disagreement.

**How to use this:** Hover to see the statement text. Start on the far right to find out what the most divisive statement was.

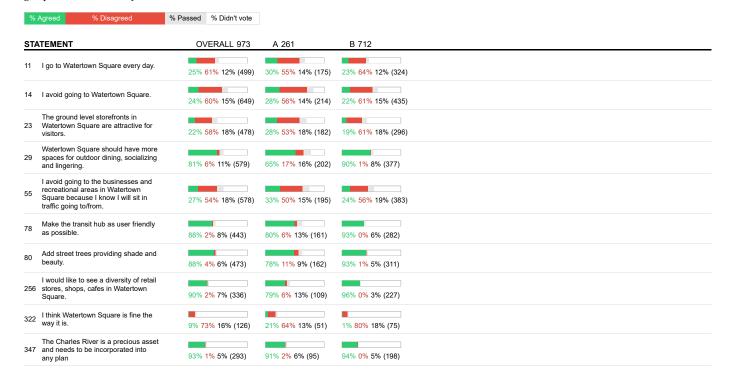


Consensus statements Divisive statements

## **Majority**

Here's what most people agreed with.

60% or more of all participants voted one way or the other, regardless of whether large amounts of certain minority opinion groups voted the other way.



## **Opinion Groups**

Across 973 total participants, opinion groups emerged. There are two factors that define an opinion group. First, each opinion group is made up of a number of participants who tended to vote similarly on multiple statements. Second, each group of participants who voted similarly will have also voted distinctly differently from other groups.

### Metadata

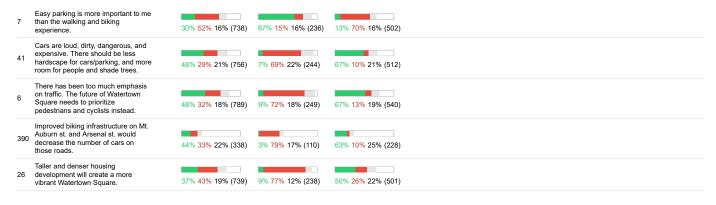
The demographic breakdown of each group, as self reported by agreeing and disagreeing on statements marked 'metadata' by moderators.



#### Group A: 261 participants

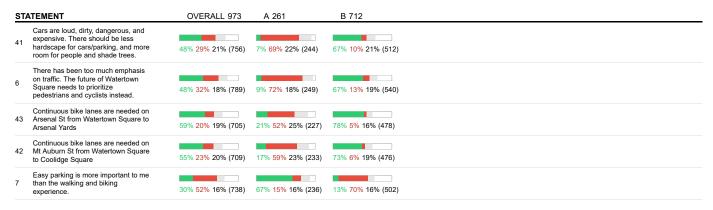
Statements which make this group unique, by their votes:

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#### Group B: 712 participants

Statements which make this group unique, by their votes:



## Areas of uncertainty

Across all 973 participants, there was uncertainty about the following statements. Greater than 30% of participants who saw these statements 'passed'.

Areas of uncertainty can provide avenues to educate and open dialogue with your community.

STATEMENT		OVERALL 973	A 261	B 712
73	Emulate the transformative urban design example of Poynton in the UK.	23% 17% 59% (276)	8% 28% 62% (105)	32% 11% 56% (171)
91	I would want to see how the new traffic patterns play out first.	41% 11% 46% (335)	60% 3% 36% (125)	30% 16% 53% (210)
388	Watertown Yard stop should be moved to the other side of Galen, with a direct bus only part of the bridge connecting to Watertown Sq stop	26% 11% 62% (118)	23% 19% 57% (47)	28% 5% 66% (71)
51	Could include more diversity in open spaces.	47% 12% 39% (428)	32% 27% 39% (168)	57% 2% 40% (260)
34	The public spaces and events in Watertown Square are inclusive for people of all ages and people with disabilities.	39% 21% 38% (445)	44% 19% 35% (171)	36% 22% 40% (274)

### Graph

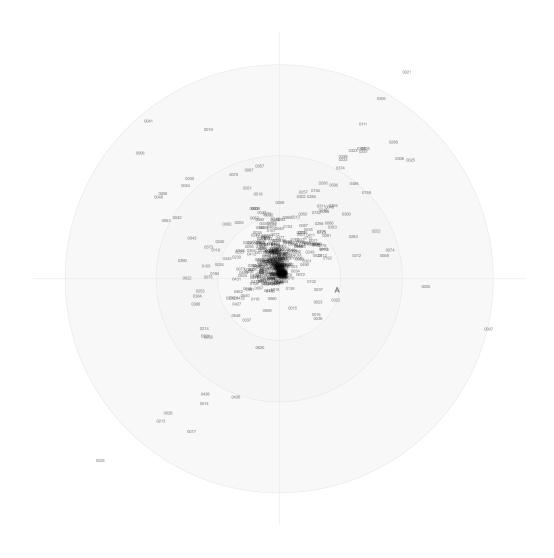
Which statements were voted on similarly? How do participants relate to each other?

In this graph, statements are positioned more closely to statements which were voted on similarly. Participants, in turn, are positioned more closely to statements on which they agreed, and further from

statements on which they disagreed. This means participants who voted similarly are closer together.



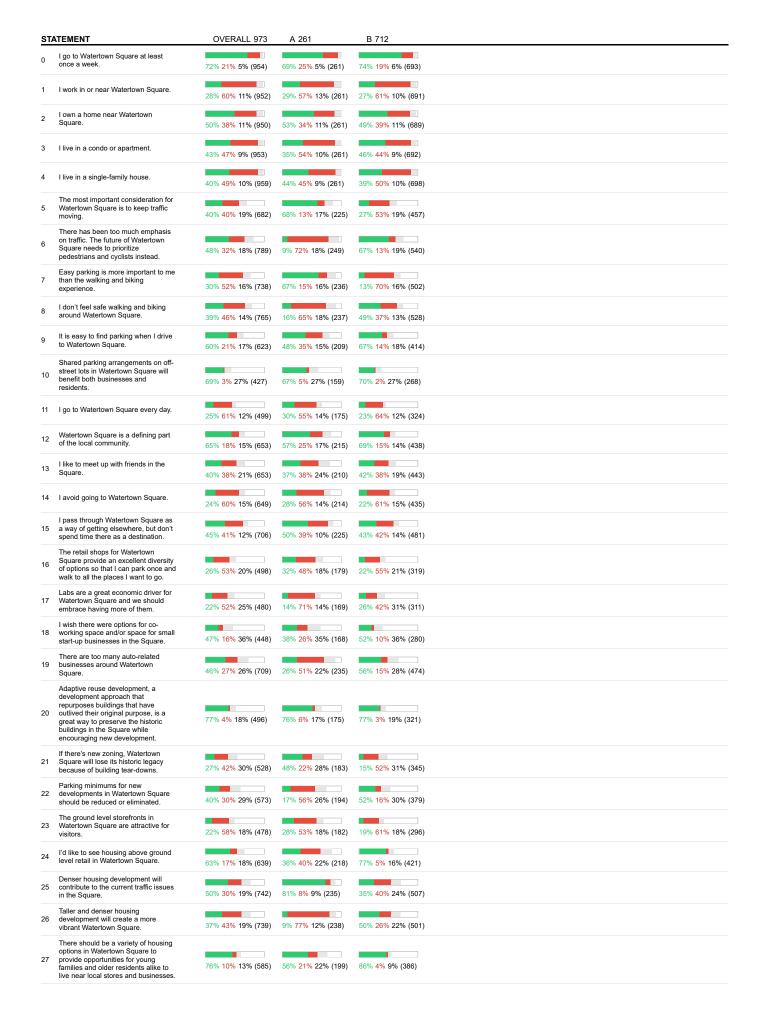
Click a statement, identified by its number, to explore regions of the graph.



# **All statements**

Group votes across all statements, excluding those statements which were moderated out.

Sort by: Statement Id





















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	mass transit use year round. The quality of roads and sidewalks in	75% 3% 21% (182)	64% 9% 25% (62)	80% 0% 19% (120)
410	Watertown is poor: cracks, potholes etc Roads and sidewalks need more investment	76% 8% 15% (195)	82% 7% 9% (64)	73% 8% 18% (131)
411	We do not need more lab space. It will all be empty in 10 years when the biotech bubble inevitably bursts	61% 14% 24% (185)	87% 3% 9% (65)	47% 20% 32% (120)
412	Bike lanes need to be protected with more than a line of paint. They shouldn't become uber parking.	59% 15% 24% (197)	28% 40% 30% (66)	74% 3% 22% (131)
413	Watertown Square needs to reduce it's impervious surfaces and plan for natural hazards when building new infrastructure.	68% <b>2%</b> 30% (150)	60% 3% 36% (55)	72% 1% 26% (95)
415	The derelict MBTA trolley shed should be turned into an indoor bus terminal, and walkable grocery store at ground level, with housing above.	65% 9% 25% (160)	58% 24% 16% (53)	69% 1% 28% (107)
416	You can't fix Watertown Square without addressing Newton Corner (circle of death). The traffic is connected.	61% 14% 24% (177)	70% 11% 17% (62)	55% 16% 27% (115)
417	The Watertown Sq intersection should allow much fewer turning movements.	31% 17% 51% (99)	13% 42% 44% (38)	42% 1% 55% (61)
419	Watertown Sq should be safe enough for children to cross alone. Nobody should need to drive to school.	69% 8% 22% (199)	51% 19% 29% (68)	78% 3% 18% (131)
424	If the Watertown Connector bus reliably ran every 10 minutes, all day long, every day, I'd leave my car at home more often.	46% 14% 38% (136)	38% 20% 40% (49)	50% 11% 37% (87)
425	Slip lanes and right-on-red make it impossible to cross the square safely as a pedestrian.	52% 12% 34% (133)	34% 25% 40% (47)	62% 5% 31% (86)
427	Charles River Rd provides no necessary access, and should be closed to car traffic and repurposed for recreation, per DCR's actual mission.	37% 31% 30% (133)	10% 64% 25% (48)	52% 12% 34% (85)
428	Outdoor space for families with young kids would be a nice addition.	58% 19% 22% (157)	35% 43% 20% (48)	68% 8% 22% (109)
429	The rotaries shown in the kick off event presentation slide #8 could be a good solution.	33% 16% 50% (105)	25% 25% 50% (40)	38% 10% 50% (65)
430	Truly affordable housing should be a main priority in Watertown Square.	51% 21% 26% (141)	32% 44% 24% (50)	61% 9% 28% (91)
431	Build the square for people, bikes, and mass transit options, not cars with 1 passenger.	53% 19% 26% (208)	12% 57% 30% (63)	71% 3% 25% (145)
432	Eliminate parking minimums for new housing development. We should be encouraging tenants/owners without cars.	43% 25% 30% (178)	14% 53% 32% (64)	60% 10% 28% (114)
433	Cycling and walking will not be a viable option until truly safe infrastructure is installed. Safety > parking	54% 9% 36% (166)	32% 22% 45% (53)	64% 3% 31% (113)
436	We over value historical preservation at the expense of current residents.	36% 38% 24% (180)	22% 52% 24% (53)	42% 33% 24% (127)
438	We should not be afraid of taller buildings.	41% 38% 20% (215)	13% 75% 11% (69)	55% 20% 23% (146)
442	New residential buildings should be required to have at least two parking places a per unit.	21% 56% 22% (114)	37% 37% 24% (45)	10% 68% 21% (69)
443	Town parking in the winter is problematic.	52% 15% 31% (158)	65% 10% 23% (55)	45% 18% 35% (103)
445	The intersection of Watertown St and California St needs to be rethought. It is dangerous to bicycles and pedestrians	61% 7% 30% (164)	44% 18% 37% (61)	71% 1% 26% (103)
446	Don't emphasize "improving" vehicle traffic. It will just pull more cars. Provide alternatives such as buses connecting to the Commuter Rail	58% 11% 30% (160)	37% 30% 32% (56)	69% 1% 28% (104)
448	The greenway path should be extended underneath the Galen st bridge to allow a convenient crossing point for cyclists and pedestrians.	74% 3% 21% (155)	74% 5% 19% (51)	75% 2% 22% (104)
451	It is too hard to get from California st to Galen st at rush hour- new traffic patterns are needed	62% 9% 28% (150)	56% 14% 29% (55)	65% 6% 28% (95)
452	All the good squares have a bookstore-Watertown needs one!	70% 10% 19% (186)	62% 20% 17% (69)	75% 4% 20% (117)
453	Watertown Square redevelopment should prioritize bike/ped and connections to nearby library,			

	schools, recreational areas, and	61% 18% 20% (218)	23% 50% 26% (73)	80% 2% 17% (145)
454	dining/retail.  I do spend some time in destinations			•
454	in the Square, but would hope for more shops that meet my needs.	84% 2% 13% (179)	78% 4% 16% (66)	87% 0% 11% (113)
456	Traffic can be kept moving through the Square by reducing total vehicles (particularly single occupant trips) and by better transit movement	52% 18% 29% (160)	15% 47% 36% (57)	72% <b>1%</b> 25% (103)
457	More residential above stores in the Square would help small businesses and make the Square more lively.	68% 12% 18% (174)	40% 32% 27% (65)	85% 0% 13% (109)
458	The Square needs more green spaces and better access to those that exist.	74% <b>7</b> % 18% (189)	57% 17% 25% (63)	82% 2% 15% (126)
459	Slow traffic is safer. It could be made smoother by installing small roundabouts instead of traffic lights.	50% 20% 29% (148)	32% 37% 30% (56)	61% 9% 28% (92)
461	I WOULD like to meet up with friends in the Square if there were more pleasant, congenial spaces to meet in.	79% 3% 17% (191)	68% 11% 20% (60)	83% 0% 16% (131)
462	Bike lanes would be used even in winter if they were made safe. Need more separated bike lanes.	49% 21% 29% (158)	12% 53% 33% (54)	68% 4% 26% (104)
463	I avoid going to shops and recreational areas because they are not sufficiently attractive.	40% 35% 24% (158)	32% 47% 20% (53)	44% 29% 25% (105)
464	There should be roundabouts instead of traffic lights.	33% 21% 44% (116)	33% 38% 28% (39)	33% 12% 53% (77)
465	There should be parking maximums, not minimums.	36% 16% 47% (116)	15% 32% 52% (40)	47% <b>7% 44% (76)</b>
467	YES to putting parking underground behind the square and using the parking lot for dining, art and green space!	58% 14% 27% (174)	35% 36% 28% (60)	70% 2% 27% (114)
468	Illumination of street lighting should be directed downwards for pedestrian safety without lighting the night sky.	83% 3% 13% (173)	76% 5% 18% (60)	86% 2% 10% (113)
473	Arsenal street should have a continuous, protected bike path that connects the Watertown Cambridge Greenway with Watertown square.	63% 13% 22% (201)	32% 38% 29% (62)	76% 2% 20% (139)
475	Watertown square should be a rotary	31% 24% 45% (100)	26% 42% 31% (38)	33% 12% 53% (62)
476	Watertown Square needs a good bread bakery.	70% 8% 22% (150)	73% 9% 17% (52)	68% 7% 24% (98)
477	We need to find a way to encourage developers who want to build labs to build housing instead.	47% 17% 35% (131)	46% 23% 29% (47)	47% 14% 38% (84)
479	I would love to see some space for artists' lofts.	55% 13% 31% (145)	44% 32% 23% (52)	62% 2% 35% (93)
480	The delta could be enlarged and actually utilized if the buses could be moved to the car barn yard on the other side of the river.	42% 15% 42% (126)	43% 21% 34% (46)	41% 11% 47% (80)
481	I would like to see more park benches. They should face each other rather than facing the street.	64% 8% 27% (169)	61% 22% 16% (62)	66% 0% 33% (107)
482	Nonantum Rd should be river level (no lights) and Galen St connected by bridge to the Sq to redirect through traffic to the other river side	21% 14% 63% (94)	27% 16% 55% (36)	17% 13% 68% (58)
483	I would love to be able to purchase a foreign language magazine or newspaper in the square.	36% 19% 44% (109)	22% 31% 45% (44)	46% 10% 43% (65)
484	The Watertown Sq should be considered as an extension of the Charles River Walk	65% 11% 22% (191)	46% 26% 27% (65)	76% 3% 19% (126)
485	Watertown should focus on single family housing and not be spoiled by apartment buildings	28% 46% 25% (159)	52% 16% 30% (59)	14% 64% 22% (100)
487	Would like new builds to have more interesting architectural design but in keeping with our historic heritage	72% 3% 23% (176)	88% 1% 10% (59)	64% 5% 30% (117)
488	We need more trees all over the square to help with noise and air pollution and offer shade.	82% 3% 14% (190)	68% 6% 24% (58)	87% 2% 9% (132)
490	We need signage with bike "rules" for the Greenway. Been nearly knocked over dozens of times when a cyclist hasn't announced his approach	53% 13% 32% (144)	73% 3% 22% (53)	41% 19% 38% (91)
492	Enhancing shop offerings and embracing year-round appeal to cater to diverse residents, families, bikes, and cars.	78% 4% 16% (183)	60% 14% 25% (63)	88% 0% 11% (120)

493	We need more local coffee shops	65% 11% 22% (167)	49% 22% 28% (57)	74% 5% 20% (110)
494	The Galen/Watertown St intersection needs to be reconfigured at the same time as the Square	78% 2% 19% (167)	68% 5% 26% (60)	84% 0% 14% (107)
495	Could Saltonstall have something more exciting and unique than a baseball diamond? A community garden or farm.	46% 20% 33% (139)	28% 37% 33% (45)	55% 11% 32% (94)
498	We need to value public transportation by consolidating the 4 bus stops in & near Watertown Sq. & Yard into one well designed transit hub.	80% 3% 16% (161)	77% 5% 17% (58)	81% 1% 16% (103)
503	The current Watertown Yard is wasted space and significantly underused as a transit/bus hub needs to be reconsidered & upgraded.	79% <mark>2%</mark> 18% (174)	70% 5% 23% (55)	83% 0% 15% (119)
506	Attract 'practical' retail to the Square such as a small supermarket or convenience store.	70% 10% 19% (168)	58% 23% 17% (51)	75% 4% 20% (117)
509	Outdoor dining should be prominent, not hidden behind restaurants.	62% 16% 20% (192)	43% 36% 20% (58)	70% 8% 20% (134)
513	Careful design of public greenscape with long-lived trees should be part of every Watertown Square development plan, public or private.	87% <mark>2%</mark> 9% (205)	84% 3% 12% (64)	89% 2% 8% (141)
514	I favor more height for low income and workforce housing. I see no problem with 7 or 8 or even 10 stories. And units above retail shops.	33% 43% 22% (199)	9% 71% 18% (64)	45% 30% 24% (135)
515	The library desperately needs more space. It should expand to a 3rd and 4th floor.	33% 21% 44% (118)	23% 42% 34% (47)	40% 7% 52% (71)
516	Our city zoning code should require provision and maintenance of healthy public green space, including shade trees, in every development	77% 7% 15% (200)	67% 14% 18% (61)	81% 4% 14% (139)
521	Would like to see options for unique specialty shops /gifts/local artists.  Maybe w/ a monthly guest spot.	70% 4% 24% (165)	63% 8% 28% (57)	75% 2% 22% (108)
522	more outdoor dining	73% 8% 18% (197)	59% 21% 19% (61)	80% 2% 17% (136)
524	Please encourage public transportation and cycling infrastructure to reduce single-occupant vehicles in the Square.	60% 19% 20% (205)	18% 50% 31% (64)	79% 4% 15% (141)
535	The bike paths leading in and out of Watertown Square are very dangerous. This is a major impediment to bike commuting and needs a solution.	50% 12% 36% (140)	22% 28% 48% (49)	65% 4% 29% (91)
539	Watertown Square should have a mix of old and new buildings	68% 9% 22% (163)	53% 19% 26% (56)	75% 3% 20% (107)
540	Expand the Bluebikes network to have more stations throughout Watertown, this will help with mobility in the square	43% 24% 32% (134)	22% 55% 22% (45)	53% 8% 37% (89)
542	To encourage bike commuting to bus lines in the Square, bike parking needs to be secure and protected from weather.	71% 7% 21% (170)	50% 23% 26% (56)	81% 0% 18% (114)
545	There should be a place for public performance in the Square.	58% 17% 24% (179)	40% 35% 24% (62)	68% 7% 23% (117)
546	We need more rooms for community gatherings/meetings in the Square.	49% 21% 29% (151)	34% 47% 18% (55)	57% 6% 36% (96)
548	We need dense housing development at many price points to encourage a diverse flourishing neighborhood	57% 23% 19% (204)	21% 59% 19% (61)	73% 7% 18% (143)
556	Both safety and parking are equally important for residents and visitors. We should be able to have both	70% 11% 18% (166)	91% 0% 8% (59)	58% 17% 23% (107)
559	I would love to go more often to the farmers market. But it closes too early for me. Maybe one in the weekend would be an alternative.	63% 4% 32% (112)	56% 4% 39% (41)	67% 4% 28% (71)
563	The amount of parking that private developers build should be left to the market, not government mandates.	24% 36% 39% (83)	24% 39% 36% (33)	24% 34% 42% (50)
574	There should be specific spots for ride share and strict enforcement of cars blocking bike lanes, bus lanes, and car lanes	69% 11% 19% (153)	47% 26% 26% (57)	82% <b>2</b> % 15% (96)
585	The most critical issue facing Watertown Square is traffic density and inefficiency.	52% 16% 30% (157)	73% 8% 17% (56)	41% 20% 37% (101)
	Treat trees as infrastructure to			

589	regulate climate stress. Plant trees to create green corridors to reduce heat islands.	89% <b>2%</b> 7% (169)	83% 6% 9% (62)	93% 0% 6% (107)
590	Don't feel like high rises is the way to go	52% 25% 21% (205)	81% 9% 9% (65)	38% 33% 27% (140)
604	The proposed bike lanes will kill all of the stores on Mt. Auburn, the only place with stores of any interest.	20% 53% 26% (49)	61% 15% 23% (13)	5% 66% 27% (36)
620	We shouldn't let the desire for historic preservation get in the way of progress	50% 29% 20% (115)	32% 41% 25% (31)	57% 25% 17% (84)
623	I don't support bike lanes.	20% 59% 20% (44)	69% 15% 15% (13)	0% 77% 22% (31)
634	The Square should be welcoming rather than frantic. It should be designed to be green and environmentally friendly.	82% <mark>2%</mark> 14% (81)	64% 8% 28% (25)	91% 0% 8% (56)
635	No more tall lab/glass buildings, out of character with what remains of Watertown's charm	52% 22% 25% (104)	80% 3% 16% (30)	41% 29% 28% (74)
637	Need to make it easier for bicycles to cross square to continue on Charles river bike path.	62% 13% 24% (99)	17% 46% 35% (28)	80% 0% 19% (71)
638	I would like to see a shuttle between watertown square and Waverly square.	47% 11% 41% (51)	29% 23% 47% (17)	55% 5% 38% (34)
639	The square needs a cafe (open in the evening), an ice cream shop, a multilingual newspaper/magazine shop/kiosk, wine bar is a good idea.	77% <mark>2%</mark> 19% (71)	70% 5% 23% (17)	79% 1% 18% (54)
640	You cannot reduce parking spaces, but could put them underground.	41% 19% 38% (72)	40% 22% 36% (22)	42% 18% 40% (50)
643	People should be able to use business/bank parking lots when those businesses are closed.	82% <b>4</b> % 13% (106)	78% 12% 9% (33)	83% 1% 15% (73)
644	Building affordable housing should be a top priority	60% 16% 23% (90)	27% 45% 27% (22)	70% <b>7%</b> 22% (68)
649	If pedestrian access was easier and safer, I wouldn't mind parking further away to get to some shops/restaurants in Watertown Square.	61% 10% 28% (89)	40% 11% 48% (27)	70% 9% 19% (62)
653	The store fronts are unattractive and need to be revitalized.	68% 6% 25% (94)	65% 21% 13% (23)	69% 1% 29% (71)
658	Affordable Senior housing is needed in and around Watertown Square	56% 11% 31% (79)	45% 35% 20% (20)	61% 3% 35% (59)
661	Watertown Square looks runs down.	71% 12% 16% (99)	72% 12% 16% (25)	71% 12% 16% (74)
662	The river should be more visible	64% 16% 19% (99)	50% 30% 19% (26)	69% 10% 19% (73)
671	We need a well-marked, safe connection between the Charles River Greenway and the Watertown- Cambridge Greenway. Currently is unclear/unsafe.	74% 2% 22% (74)	35% 11% 52% (17)	85% 0% 14% (57)
672	I cycle through it often and find it safe and easy.	5% 40% 53% (54)	11% 17% 70% (17)	2% 51% 45% (37)
692	Lights on W Square trees are festive. Fairy lights on Main & Mt Auburn trees/across road would be inviting. Opt for low glare & harshness.	55% 12% 31% (63)	52% 14% 33% (21)	57% 11% 30% (42)
693	Utilize WHS student talent for outdoor art & musical performances. Create community service options for NAHS (Nat'l Arts Honor Soc.) & Band.	50% 12% 37% (56)	43% 31% 25% (16)	52% 5% 42% (40)
697	Dense housing does not have to increase traffic if the city could drop its parking minimum requirements - Cambridge did this.	43% 20% 36% (79)	8% 56% 34% (23)	57% 5% 37% (56)
700	Watertown should work with the MBTA to increase the frequency of the 71 and 73 buses to encourage the use of public transportation.	81% 3% 15% (99)	68% 4% 28% (25)	86% 2% 10% (74)
701	The MBTA bus yard needs more parking spaces for commuters.	37% 24% 37% (77)	29% 37% 33% (24)	41% 18% 39% (53)
702	The MBTA bus yard needs more seating and shelter for commuters.	77% 1% 21% (92)	52% 4% 43% (23)	85% 0% 14% (69)
704	A longer pedestrian crossing light would improve pedestrian access from Watertown square to the MBTA bus yard.	56% 11% 32% (81)	47% 26% 26% (23)	60% 5% 34% (58)

705	Add a Charlie Card kiosk to the MBTA bus yard.	81% 0% 18% (104)	79% <mark>0%</mark> 20% (29)	82% <b>0</b> % 17% (75)
706	We beed more frequent and reliable buses from Watertown to major work and MBTA hubs.	75% 0% 23% (106)	65% <mark>0%</mark> 34% (26)	78% 1% 20% (80)
709	Add a over-the-road pedestrian bridge linking Watertown Square to the MBTA bus yard.	55% 19% 25% (89)	59% 18% 22% (22)	53% 19% 26% (67)
711	Bicycles belong on wide Pedestrian Sidewalks & Rail Trails. Bicycles do not belong on streets with Cars.	20% 52% 26% (67)	44% 22% 33% (18)	12% 63% 24% (49)
716	Pedestrians should be the only priority when considering "Walkability", not Bicyclists.	33% 44% 21% (98)	66% 22% 11% (27)	21% 53% 25% (71)
721	Widen the bridge or build a second bridge to improve traffic. Vehicles traffic is not going away, we need more lanes.	34% 37% 28% (81)	50% 18% 31% (22)	28% 44% 27% (59)
722	The library, City Hall and the Farmers' Market at Saltonstall Park are the primary reasons I go to Watertown Square	58% 18% 23% (86)	33% 37% 29% (27)	69% 10% 20% (59)
723	Charles River Road should be better lit at night for safety of pedestrians and cyclists.	67% <mark>8% 24% (73)</mark>	60% 13% 26% (23)	70% 6% 24% (50)
725	Cutting traffic lanes in our cold- weather city in favor of bike lanes any further is not practical.	35% 33% 30% (95)	73% 7% 19% (26)	21% 43% 34% (69)
731	Town should restore abandoned property like library building on Mt Auburn at School street for useful purpose - such as artist studios!	75% 10% 14% (78)	57% 23% 19% (21)	82% 5% 12% (57)
734	The square has become very unfriendly in its being designed for rapid traffic flow.	67% 4% 27% (65)	47% 17% 35% (17)	75% 0% 25% (48)
735	The city should increase the percentage of affordable units that it requires for larger projects.	61% 17% 20% (68)	38% 44% 16% (18)	70% 8% 22% (50)
741	There needs to be deeper setbacks for any new building on Main St	40% 27% 32% (59)	77% 0% 22% (18)	24% 39% 36% (41)
742	New buildings should be no higher than 4 floors.	36% 38% 25% (75)	79% 12% 8% (24)	15% 50% 33% (51)
743	The river is a resource to be shared by all of us. There should be no more large apartment buildings built on the river.	54% 14% 30% (62)	87% 0% 12% (16)	43% 19% 36% (46)
744	No buildings near the river should be higher than the tree canopy.	46% 23% 29% (64)	75% 10% 15% (20)	34% 29% 36% (44)
745	The parking lot behind CVS needs more trees.	61% 10% 28% (67)	42% 21% 36% (19)	68% 6% 25% (48)
746	I would support turning the parking lot behind CVS into green space if the parking could be underground.	56% 16% 26% (71)	35% 60% 5% (20)	64% 0% 35% (51)
747	The MBTA car barn should be green space for all Watertown residents to enjoy rather than high rise housing.	31% 22% 46% (54)	35% 21% 42% (14)	30% 22% 47% (40)
759	We need more trees on Main St to help with noise abatement and shade	83% 2% 13% (81)	75% 8% 16% (24)	87% 0% 12% (57)
763	Cars entering and leaving from convenience store and auto shop on Main Street are currently a flagrant hazard to pedestrians on the sidewalk	34% 14% 51% (49)	7% 38% 53% (13)	44% 5% 50% (36)
764	Watertown Square is a major barrier to getting across town by bike. Any redesign should make biking through the square safer and easier.	63% 8% 27% (68)	27% 33% 38% (18)	76% 0% 24% (50)
766	The bus connections should be consolidated to improve transfers.	66% 1% 32% (65)	75% 5% 20% (20)	62% 0% 37% (45)
767	Buses should be given priority along with bikes and pedestrians. This should include enforced bus lanes and signal priority.	56% 13% 29% (65)	21% 21% 57% (19)	71% 10% 17% (46)
768	More housing in Watertown Sq will help lend it more vibrancy of having residents around 24/7.	52% 22% 25% (71)	9% 61% 28% (21)	70% 6% 24% (50)
769	It takes too long to navigate Watertown Sq as a pedestrian.	57% 15% 27% (70)	15% 36% 47% (19)	72% 7% 19% (51)
771	Galen Street needs a major rehab, including mixed use residential/commercial, better intersection design, and bus/bike lanes.	78% 3% 17% (80)	61% 14% 23% (21)	84% 0% 15% (59)
772	I think a pedestrian bridge over Main Street could be part of the solution, making it easier to safely reach the	43% 19% 36% (57)	41% 35% 23% (17)	45% 12% 42% (40)

773	Charles River Path I avoid biking through Watertown square because it is unsafe; I would bike more if there were better infrastructure	52% 10% 37% (59)	11% 33% 55% (18)	70% 0% 29% (41)
774	Redevelopment of the MBTA bus shed area should prioritize entertainment and recreational uses.	37% 18% 43% (48)	31% 31% 37% (16)	40% 12% 46% (32)
775	Watertown is already the 8th most densely populated city in MA. Please, no more huge apartments;not interested in being the next Somerville.	42% 38% 18% (80)	88% 7% 3% (26)	20% 53% 25% (54)
777	Pedestrians and cyclists should not be lumped together into one group. Needs are very different.	83% 1% 14% (74)	85% 0% 15% (20)	83% 1% 14% (54)
778	Denser housing will contribute to the continued degradation of all forms of transportation, as well as other public services and maintenance	27% 53% 18% (54)	70% <mark>0% 29% (17)</mark>	8% 78% 13% (37)
780	Family housing (3+ bedrooms) should be prioritized, not studio or single bedroom.	55% 17% 26% (63)	64% 17% 17% (17)	52% 17% 30% (46)
784	There should be spaces and activities around the square that do not require payment or shopping.	72% <b>4</b> % 23% (69)	42% 15% 42% (19)	84% 0% 16% (50)
785	Hatch Maker Space is too small. The old police station should be transformed into a Library Annex including a larger room for Hatch.	63% 4% 32% (65)	58% 11% 29% (17)	64% 2% 33% (48)
788	Let's see Saltonstall be more effectively used. The playground is so small. Retain the flexibility of the space but not just be a field.	64% 7% 27% (54)	56% 18% 25% (16)	68% 2% 28% (38)
791	Affordable family housing is needed.	75% 12% 11% (87)	39% 43% 17% (23)	89% 1% 9% (64)
794	I would love regularly spaced pedestrian bridges across the Charles along the greenway; Crossing can currently mean an extra mile of walking	68% 5% 26% (60)	50% 11% 38% (18)	76% 2% 21% (42)
796	I'd love an indoor public green space to walk in the winter and host winter farmer's markets.	61% 10% 28% (49)	33% 33% 33% (12)	70% 2% 27% (37)
800	Retail spaces should prioritize small, independent businesses - not large chains.	71% 8% 20% (60)	47% 17% 35% (17)	81% 4% 13% (43)
810	Wider sidewalks take away more parking, more travel lanes.	21% 26% 52% (42)	30% 15% 53% (13)	17% 31% 51% (29)
837	Fewer parking lots, more green space	48% 22% 30% (50)	15% 53% 30% (13)	59% 10% 29% (37)
839	Multiple single lane rotaries are the way to go, not multilane.	35% 16% 48% (37)	16% 41% 41% (12)	44% 4% 52% (25)
855	Would be great to line trees between the streets, sidewalks and the never ending pavement/front parking lots along Main, Mt. Aub and Galen.	82% 2% 14% (69)	81% 12% 6% (16)	83% 0% 16% (53)
871	Streets are way too wide. Consider 1 side parking, with one side wide tree pits, benches, and protected walk/bike lanes.	61% 26% 11% (42)	18% 81% 0% (11)	77% 6% 16% (31)
898	Need to keep it local and affordable on the first level or it's going to be vacant	62% 11% 25% (51)	60% 20% 20% (10)	63% 9% 26% (41)
907	With two big residential builds approved on Main St, within a block of city hall, focus future big housing on Galen, Mt. Auburn, Arsenal.	28% 35% 35% (42)	30% 46% 23% (13)	27% 31% 41% (29)
909	Watertown square lacks businesses that would draw people from outside Watertown to visit.	78% 3% 18% (66)	76% 11% 11% (17)	79% 0% 20% (49)
915	Preserve historic brick buildings (or at least facade) in square	48% 27% 23% (43)	80% 20% 0% (10)	39% 30% 30% (33)
917	Negotiate with MBTA to convert the Galen Street bus barn area into a mixed use campus of housing, recreational, and retail uses.	72% 17% 10% (40)	60% 40% 0% (10)	76% 10% 13% (30)
931	Bike traffic lights at all intersections will protect rider safety and improve traffic movement	50% 17% 32% (34)	0% 45% 54% (11)	73% 4% 21% (23)
934	Make Spring Street one-way all the way for a separated bike lane.	36% 16% 46% (30)	0% 50% 50% (10)	55% 0% 45% (20)
942	We should have a winter farmers market space.	77% 4% 18% (48)	60% 20% 20% (10)	81% 0% 18% (38)
945	Temporary housing and long term affordable housing are needed.	61% <mark>9%</mark> 28% (42)	25% 25% 50% (12)	76% 3% 20% (30)

954 The square should have easier access to the river path.	78% 7% 13% (52)	83% 16% 0% (12)	77% 5% 17% (40)
Need to integrate tree canopy into this renovation, not just spaced out islands of single trees, true pocket parks that connect	81% 3% 14% (27)	57% 14% 28% (7)	90% 0% 10% (20)
959 It is the 21st Century, I have no problem with tall buildings	48% 35% 15% (45)	11% 88% 0% (9)	58% 22% 19% (36)
I think height restrictions should be 960 lifted for low-income and senior housing developments	52% 27% 20% (40)	22% 77% 0% (9)	61% 12% 25% (31)
Decrease width of roads, make more space for continuous green space, trees, nature paths, pedestrian ways (look at Downtown Greenway)	69% 23% 7% (42)	20% 80% 0% (10)	84% 6% 9% (32)
An emphasis on small/local businesses would draw me to Watertown square more than an increased presence of large chains.	72% 11% 16% (43)	63% 27% 9% (11)	75% 6% 18% (32)
981 Sustainable development of the square is of key importance.	79% <mark>2%</mark> 18% (44)	50% 10% 40% (10)	88% 0% 11% (34)
We need longer street crossing times for pedestrians in Watertown Square.	44% 16% 38% (18)	25% 25% 50% (4)	50% 14% 35% (14)
There is no shade when waiting to 1000 walk across the 5-way intersection and that needs to be addressed	76% 14% 9% (21)	50% 33% 16% (6)	86% 6% 6% (15)
More setbacks from major street for 1002 all new buildings around Watertown Square	45% 20% 35% (20)	62% 0% 37% (8)	33% 33% 33% (12)
1003 No more separate bike lines. It's highly under utilized	39% <b>43%</b> 17% (23)	77% 11% 11% (9)	14% 64% 21% (14)
1007 Provide covered seating for all bus stops	88% <b>4%</b> 8% (25)	87% 12% 0% (8)	88% <b>0% 11% (17)</b>
While parking garages are not beautiful, they are way more 1008 attractive than parking lots and provide more parking over a smaller surface area	65% 15% 19% (26)	75% 25% 0% (8)	61% 11% 27% (18)
1011 Crossing Watertown Square on a bicycle currently is scary.	77% <mark>0%</mark> 22% (22)	28% 0% 71% (7)	100% <mark>0% 0% (15)</mark>
1013 We should prioritize moving people, not vehicles.	64% 28% 8% (25)	25% <b>75%</b> 0% (8)	82% <b>5% 11% (17)</b>
We need more trees everywhere in 1016 Watertown and the Square is a prime example.	92% <mark>0%</mark> 8% (25)	85% <mark>0%</mark> 14% (7)	94% 0% 5% (18)
Denser housing in the Square will 1018 increase transit use and thus improve transit service.	47% 29% 23% (17)	0% 80% 20% (5)	66% 8% 25% (12)
1022 Eliminate parking minimums; provide maximums.	50% 11% 38% (18)	0% 50% 50% (4)	64% 0% 35% (14)
I am excited about incorporating 1024 green stormwater infrastructure, rain gardens, underground storage & infiltration in the Square	78% 4% 17% (23)	83% 0% 16% (6)	76% 5% 17% (17)



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