

Youth Recommendations for Improving Transportation & Mobility

Use data and traffic-management tools to reduce congestion and cut-through traffic. One student recommended adaptive traffic signals that respond to changing traffic demand, targeted rush-hour parking restrictions where additional travel lanes are needed, and strategies that reduce the number of vehicles on the road during peak periods. The student emphasized keeping commuter traffic on appropriate routes rather than pushing it onto residential streets where children, pedestrians, and cyclists may be at greater risk (Josette Fogden-Hernandez, *Traffic Congestion*, 2026).

"signals could adapt to the traffic demand"

~ Josette Fogden-Hernandez, Traffic Congestion, 2026

"separate pedestrians from vehicles and encourage people to take public transportation"

~ Fogden-Hernandez, 2026



Make congested streets and intersections safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Students recommended raised crosswalks, curb extensions, safer separation between vehicles and pedestrians, greater use of public transportation, and continued collection of crash and near-miss data to identify dangerous locations and determine whether safety improvements are working (Fogden-Hernandez, 2026).

Inspect roads every month so potholes can be found and repaired sooner. One student recommended replacing seasonal checks with monthly inspections because students reported encountering potholes frequently and believed earlier detection would reduce roadway hazards (Raymundo Lorenzana, *Potholes*, 2026).

"I think these checks should be monthly instead."

~ Raymundo Lorenzana, 2026

Keep Alex311 available as an easy way for residents to report potholes. One student valued being able to submit a report and photograph and receive an estimated repair timeline. The report emphasized that resident reports help alert the City to hazards that might otherwise remain unnoticed (Lorenzana, 2026).

"the app gives people the option to report it"

~ Lorenzana, 2026

Repair potholes as quickly as possible and keep roads maintained throughout the year. One student emphasized that potholes should not remain on roads for long because they can damage vehicles and create safety hazards, especially when they are difficult to see at night (Lorenzana, 2026).

"we need potholes fixed soon as possible"

~ Lorenzana, 2026

