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4/28/2021	62	Catalytic Project Ideas	What about the area on the other side of 65 (off exit 231 - from the interstate down to the traffic light at the Public intersection)? That is a huge area and we need guidance on how to develop that for the best of Calera? I'm surprised that this was omitted from the plan.	We've taken some time to look into your question, and since there is quite a lot of undeveloped land (approximately 122 undeveloped acres) we agree that it should be addressed in some way. To address this question appropriately and to stay within our scope of work we have updated the future land use map to show mixed use along the eastern side of HWY 31 from the 231 exit to CR 70. Doing so would allow for more flexibility for uses (including artisan manufacturing), provide for improved landscape and aesthetic standards, and promote better pedestrian connections than the suggested general commercial use that is shown now. The following pages were updated - 26, 38, 40, and 52.	
4/28/2021	40, 42, 44	Future Land Use	Why are pictures of Calera not used on these pages? It would have been nice to see pictures of what our residential med-high and high looks like.	Pictures from Calera were used when there were good examples, otherwise the planning team tried to use regional examples. Future land use should be visionary, so we want people to see the best possible examples.	
4/28/2021	135	Economic Development - ED 2.2	Downtown buildings shouldn't be used as a storage facility. Downtown should have opportunities for several OWNERS not renters. Ideas never see the light of day, either being told it wouldn't work or worrying about the lease not being renewed.	On April 05, 2021 the City of Calera adopted new B-3 Downtown District and MXD Mixed-Use District Zoning. The updated zoning has a new permitted use table and storage facilities are not a permitted use in the B-3 Downtown District. The planning team has no control on whether a building is for sale or for lease downtown. For more information about the updated zoning, visit www.CaleraALRezoning.com .	

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4/28/2021	138	Economic Development - ED 2.12	The important thing we can develop is local eating establishments (not fast food) If we are truly going to be sustainable we have to keep our visitors(tournaments, HOD, high school sports) here. If we continue to have first Friday and farmers markets, we should have Calera farmers there. All the farms are from Chilton Co. If we are going to be a 6A program, teams coming from 1 or 2 hours away should be able to grab a bite to eat before the trip home. We have a lot of vacate land already zoned commercial that are locked from further development on prime locations.	Good point. See page 138, action 10 - we recommend that the City recruit additional sit-down restaurants.	
4/28/2021	48	Future Land Use Table 3.1	Protection for farms (small or large) from residential and commercial zoning that borders their property. Often times the farm/agriculture is outside the city limit but the commercial or residential is inside. The commercial or residential property should have to provide protection against damaging the farm which often provides vegetables or livestock. Example, commercial property can place buildings on the sides of the property line (0 ft setback). Common sense should be if facing a residential or agriculture property (inside or outside of the city) nothing should be right on the side of the property line.	Thank you for your comment. We will pass this suggestion on to the City. The City's Zoning Ordinance provides guidance on buffering and setback requirements.	

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4/29/2021	95	Transportation and Infrastructure - T&I 1.2	Consider a traffic light instead.	Thank you for your comment. This project was studied by Skipper Consulting Inc., a group of traffic engineers, several options for this intersection were studied and it was determined that a roundabout was the best option. Further study will be taken once funding is secured and public meetings will take place.	Blue
4/29/2021	96	Transportation and Infrastructure - T&I 1.7	Need left turn lane at signal at HWY 31 and SR 25. Need traffic light at the 234 exits going north. With the roundabout you cannot turn left going towards the airport.	We've updated Action T&I 1.7 on page 96 to include your suggestions.	Purple
4/29/2021	97, 98	Transportation and Infrastructure - T&I 1.8	We need speed humps and tables in many subdivisions. Explore the usage of rumble strips at some neighborhood stop signs.	Thank you for commenting! We've passed your suggestion about rumble strips onto the City Engineer.	Blue
4/29/2021	100	Transportation and Infrastructure - T&I 2.1	Downtown sidewalks are awful and not ADA compliant.	We agree! Having ADA compliant sidewalks downtown should be a priority for the City - see catalytic project idea number 4, page 75 - we recommend that the sidewalks be widened and ADA compliant.	Purple
4/29/2021	107	Transportation and Infrastructure - T&I 2.3	Walking and biking trail from Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum to Long Branch.	See the map on page 108 - phase 1 of the proposed trail connects the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum to the Long Branch subdivision.	Purple
4/29/2021	117	Livability and Public Services - L & PS 1.2	Amen! Much needed!	We agree! Thanks for commenting!	Red

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4/29/2021	122	Livability and Public Services - L & PS 2.3	Huge need for Calera!	We agree! Thanks for commenting!	
4/29/2021	133	Economic Development - ED 1.3	City should be driving economic development.	They should and are - updating the public realm is one way to do that.	
4/29/2021	136	Economic Development - ED 2.4	Use a development position, not campaign.	A campaign would help the city market that they are looking for additional development.	
4/29/2021	137	Economic Development - ED 2.8	City position should focus on development!	We agree! Thanks for commenting!	

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5/13/2021	95	Transportation and Infrastructure - T&I 1.3	I may have already said but I see the roundabout at exit 228 as an issue . Traffic lights are a better option . One issue I see is north bound exit turning left toward town . Cars can't hardly get onto 25 due to traffic . A traffic light would allow that to be made more accessible . Another thing I see is 18 wheelers in a roundabout sounds like a cluster of traffic backup .	Thank you for your comment. This project was studied by Skipper Consulting Inc., a group of traffic engineers, several options for this intersection were studied and it was determined that a roundabout was the best option. Further study will be taken once funding is secured and public meetings will take place.	
5/17/2021	1	Future Land Use Action 1.1	There appear to be used Feme trailers on a lot by the overpass of I65. Can they be dismantled and used for scrap metal? They don't appear in usable condition.	This is out of the scope of this comprehensive plan. We have passed this comment onto the City.	
5/17/2021		Catalytic Project Ideas, Transportation and Infrastructure	I am in a power wheelchair and have a wheelchair accessible van with a side ramp that I have to deploy to get in and out of my van. Van Accessible parking is a must for me to be able to shop in downtown Calera. There is currently no accessible parking on Hwy 25 or Hwy 31. The sidewalks are also in disrepair and disjointed. I see where the city is supposed to have an ADA Transition Plan. I haven't had a chance to ask the city if they do but intend to do so because if they don't it would significantly impact the handicap community from shopping in our downtown area.	We appreciate your comment. We agree that the lack of handicap parking and ADA accessible sidewalks are a problem, especially in Downtown Calera. We have updated catalytic project idea number 4 (page 75) to state "This plan recommends the following streetscape improvements and beautification recommendations for U.S. 31 between Main Street and 18th Avenue and for State Route 25 between U.S. 31 and the CSX railroad: (1)Expand the sidewalks and ensure that they are ADA compliant. (2)Provide dedicated van accessible parking to ensure that those with disabilities can enjoy and shop Downtown. We've spoken to the City Engineer and he assures us that the City is working on the ADA transition plan.	

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5/17/2021		Future Land Use	I would like to see bridges and/or tunnels built at every railroad track, like the rest of the United States has provided their citizens; This, instead of killing our trees and crowding our area and land with new homes.	Thank you for your comment. We've passed this comment onto the City Engineer. Unfortunately, if the city were to pursue this idea they would have to work with the railroad companies who are notoriously difficult to work with.	
5/17/2021	16	Future Land Use	We can not be sustainable city with a ratio of 46% of houses between 100,000 and 150,000 range. We can not support the business we need. We can not support the restaurants we need. We are a 6A school still in 2A thinking.	Thank you for your comment. We agree that the city needs additional housing types at a range of price points. Please see page 53 Action FLU 1.5.	