

# IOPThrives - Listening Session May 29, 2024

Current run (last updated Jun 3, 2024 1:59pm)

**15**  
Activities

**31**  
Participants

**26**  
Average  
responses

**69%**  
Average  
engagement

## TEST: How do you find the temperature in this room...

Really nice...thanks for asking	0%
On the chilly side	0%
Sort of warm for my taste	0%
HOT like a summer day in South Carolina	0%
Why even ask...nobody ever agrees!	0%

Response options    Count    Percentage

Really nice...thanks for asking    0    0%

On the chilly side    0    0%

Sort of warm for my taste    0    0%

HOT like a summer day in South Carolina    0    0%

Why even ask...nobody ever agrees!    0    0%

**0%**  
Engagement

**0**  
Responses

## When you describe this island to others... what is ONE WORD you MOST OFTEN USE (or can hyphenate TWO-WORDS)...

family-fri  
changir  
lovely 1  
joy beauti  
nice naradis

### Responses

Paradise	Privilege		
Family-friendly	Busy	Traffic	
Wonderful	Safe	Safe	
Friendly	Changing	Traffic	
Lovely	Traffic	Fantastic	
Awesome	Paradise		
Family-friendly	Changing		
Pleasant	Changing	Paradise	
Family friendly	Family-friendly		
Beautiful	Safe	Lovely	
Changing	Privilege	Joy	
Traffic	Friendly	Friends	
Dated	Privilege	Crowded	
Business-driven	Safe	Nice	
Home	Joy	2. Lovely	Great
Beautiful	Busy	Beautiful	
Fabulous	Lovely	Beautiful	

90%

Engagement

65

Responses

### Responses

Beautiful	Beautiful	Friendly
Beautiful	Family-friendly	
Crowded	Beautiful	Beautiful
Beautiful	1. A	Beautiful
Paradise	Paradise	Fantastic
Changing	Awesome	A

### TRAFFIC: What concerns you the most? (Answer your TOP Priority)

Traffic congestion on the IOP Connector 58%  
 Traffic congestion on main roadways on the island 35%  
 Traffic through residential neighborhoods 8%  
 Other - please use note cards to write it down 0%

Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Traffic congestion on the IOP Connector</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>58%</b>
Traffic congestion on main roadways on the island	9	35%
Traffic through residential neighborhoods	2	8%
Other - please use note cards to write it down	0	0%



Engagement

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Responses

# PARKING: What solutions do you believe is where we should be considering (Answer your TOP Priority)

Redesign of current parking areas to consider long-term solutions to beach parking 12%  
 Consider 'surge pricing' for peak parking times 40%  
 Campaign to incentivize use of technology (Sensors and APPS) to provide timely parking updates 24%  
 Other - please use note cards to write it down 0%

Response options	Count	Percentage
Redesign of current parking areas to maximize use	3	12%
Consider long-term solutions to beach parking (possible low parking deck)	3	12%
<b>Consider 'surge pricing' for peak parking times (resident's not included)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40%</b>
Campaign to incentivize shuttles, biking and alternative access to beach for visitors	3	12%
Use of technology (Sensors and APPS) to provide timely parking updates	6	24%
Other - please use note cards to write it down	0	0%

81%

Engagement

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Responses

# TRAFFIC: What concerns you the most? (Answer your SECOND Priority)

Traffic congestion on the IOP Connector 39%

Traffic congestion on main roadways on the island 46%

Traffic through residential neighborhoods 7%

Other - please use note cards to write it down 7%

Response options	Count	Percentage
Traffic congestion on the IOP Connector	11	39%
<b>Traffic congestion on main roadways on the island</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>46%</b>
Traffic through residential neighborhoods	2	7%
Other - please use note cards to write it down	2	7%



Engagement

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Responses

# PARKING: What solutions do you believe is where we should be considering (Answer your SECOND Priority)

Redesign of current parking areas to consider long-term solutions to beach parking 17%  
 Consider 'surge pricing' for peak parking times 25%  
 Campaign to incentivize use of technology (Sensors and APPS) to provide timely parking updates 21%  
 Other - please use note cards to write it down 8%

Response options	Count	Percentage
Redesign of current parking areas to maximize use	4	17%
Consider long-term solutions to beach parking (possible low parking deck)	1	4%
<b>Consider 'surge pricing' for peak parking times (resident's not included)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25%</b>
Campaign to incentivize shuttles, biking and alternative access to beach for visitors	5	21%
<b>Use of technology (Sensors and APPS) to provide timely parking updates</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25%</b>
Other - please use note cards to write it down	2	8%



Engagement

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Responses

# What CREATIVE SOLUTIONS might you suggest be explored further to assist with peak season traffic and parking?

Two lanes off the island and one on

Reverse traffic in the afternoon!

## Responses

Two lanes off the island and one on

Reverse traffic in the afternoon!

Two lanes off the island and one on

Paid premium parking fee along Palm, free county and reduced fee at city lot. Moves visitors outside of neighborhoods and push to front beach

Alternative traffic routes to marina and wild dunes via waterway

Shuttle the island workers from a remote location off island.

Prevent back ups by not allowing cars to wait on a spot to clear. Keep traffic moving using "traffic ambassadors"

Actively manage traffic outflow similar to a college football game on weekend afternoons

Mt. Pleasant traffic lights and maybe have police officers help guide the traffic at the peak times when leaving island times from off shoot roads.



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Responses

## Responses

System that allows you to schedule parking in advance and that tells you when all spaces are full. Charge for parking on Palm with redesign.

Communication with Dorchester and Berkeley County residents, not just Charleston County

Quit trying to attract more tourists  
Charge for parking  
Limit hours to 2 other than commercial areas

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Charge

Regulate the times that the various STR's and accommodations have check in and check out to prevent the surge ingress and egress.

Signs and texts saying when parking is full

Parking structure shared cost with business.

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Signage on Mt P side re parking status.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL: What do you consider to be the TOP PRIORITY?

Stormwater flooding/routing of water 64%

Septic tank issues and enforcement 8%

Education (and possibly incentives) to residents regarding proactive steps to help 12%

Other - please write suggestions on provided notecards 16%

Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Stormwater flooding/routing of water</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>64%</b>
Septic tank issues and enforcement	2	8%
Education (and possibly incentives) to residents regarding proactive steps to help	3	12%
Other - please write suggestions on provided notecards	4	16%



Engagement

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Responses

# BEACH SAFETY: For you...what would be the most beneficial things to address regarding beach safety?

More police presence during busy times.

Emergency access on busy days

## Responses

More police presence during busy times.

Emergency access on busy days

Controlling crowds during summer season has a big impact

Enforcement and patrolling

Coyote

Enforce beach codes

On island ambulance

Maintain clear access paths for any needed emergency response

Clear emergency access points

Coyote problem

Notice of rip currents etc

Coyotes

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Enforcement of limits on group gatherings

Crowding

Shoot the coyotes

Coyote issues that aren't being resolved.



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Responses

## Responses

Enforcement of existing ordinances on the beach.

Cover up holes

# ISLAND SAFETY: What comes to mind as where you'd like to see a focus to improve safety on the island (think pedestrian, bike, animal control, etc.)?

Signage for visitors crossing Palm Blvd

Coyotes

## Responses

Signage for visitors crossing Palm Blvd

Coyotes

E-bikes

Communicate Mechanisms to report problems without calling 9-1-1

Beach renourishment

Coyotes

Parallel parking on Palm Blvd

SAFTEY OF full DITCH ON 41. Drain & maintain. Stagnant for a year. Children playing in it. Alligator in it.

Bike paths

Kids on E-bikes

Golf cart paths are terrifying.

Pedestrian crosswalks should attract attention of drivers and include golf cart.

Fixing Wild Dunes/Sweetgrass in entrance

Traffic

Keep bikes off of palm blvd. Should use waterway. Signage improvement and enforcement if necessary



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Responses

## Responses

Guns on the beaches/free carry laws

Sidewalk & bike paths around the island perimeter (Palm, Waterway, 41st, 21st)

Bike lanes

Sidewalks

Guns and overcrowded beaches.  
Coyotes

Dedicated bike lane on Palm

Stopping at crosswalk and speeding

More crosswalks on Palm

Manage septic

Flashing lights/signage at pedestrian crossings on Palm

Bike safety: no bikes on Palm

Coyotes

Sidewalks throughout island

Water quality

Bikes should be directed to Water way and not on Palm Blvd.

Dedicated Pedestrian & Bikes lanes

Bike lanes

Traffic

Water quality

# QUALITY OF LIFE: What would be your TOP PRIORITY for supporting overall quality of life on the island?

More social events with broad appeal 36%  
 More programs/activities provided by the Recreation Center 0%  
 More programs/activities specifically geared for youth 0%  
 Better enforcement of Short-Term Rentals 40%  
 Better enforcement/regulations around noise ordinance 8%  
 Additional attention to wild animal control 16%

Response options	Count	Percentage
More social events with broad appeal	9	36%
More programs/activities provided by the Recreation Center	0	0%
More programs/activities specifically geared for youth	0	0%
<b>Better enforcement of Short-Term Rentals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40%</b>
Better enforcement/regulations around noise ordinance	2	8%
Additional attention to wild animal control	4	16%



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Responses

# QUALITY OF LIFE: What would be your **SECOND PRIORITY** for supporting overall quality of life on the island?

More social events with broad appeal 9%  
 More programs/activities provided by the Recreation Center 14%  
 More programs/activities specifically geared for youth 0%  
 Better enforcement of Short-Term Rentals 27%  
 Better enforcement/regulations around noise ordinance 18%  
 Additional attention to wild animal control 32%

Response options	Count	Percentage
More social events with broad appeal	2	9%
More programs/activities provided by the Recreation Center	3	14%
More programs/activities specifically geared for youth	0	0%
Better enforcement of Short-Term Rentals	6	27%
Better enforcement/regulations around noise ordinance	4	18%
<b>Additional attention to wild animal control</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32%</b>



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Responses

# What notes would you like to share with the Enrichment Task Force to guide their work?

A tax money repurposed for our community vs attracting tourists

## Responses

A tax money repurposed for our community vs attracting tourists

Great island and community. Focus on accentuating the positive

Group communication like tennis pickle ball, bridge groups

Please  
Look at this tiny island through the lens of OVERTOURISM  
being studied all over the world  
We are addicted to the almighty ATAX and it feeds on it

This is a good way to follow up on the STR referendum failure. Taking a step back and listening.

Coyote problem is huge. I shouldn't have to be fearful to walk my dogs near the beach. I'm always on alert.  
  
There should be an age limit on e bike use.

Please look at the 30% pot of ATAX money and how it is spent.

You are making a difference for all residents and visitors. Thank you.



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Responses



## Responses

Maintain the big picture.

We love our pickle ball courts but we need more bc Mt. Pleasant people are coming over and using them as well. So it is full.

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Thank you.

E

Please push for balance and respect for all stakeholders

Collaborate

E

Need long term beach erosion management program

Thank you for your energy and commitment. Your work is so appreciated!

Thank you for your efforts!!!

Thanks for your efforts

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Thank-you

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# Using ONE WORD (or hyphenate TWO-WORDS)...how would you describe this session today?

meaningful  
beneficial org  
informa  
if-they-list  
areas

## Responses

- Organized
- Collecting-feedback
- David-excellent
- Informative
- Thoughtful
- If-they-listen
- If-they-listen
- Informative
- Informative
- Beneficial
- Meaningful
- Informative
- Effective inputs
- If-they-listen
- Hopeful
- Unity
- Informative
- Important
- Informative
- Great information
- Easy
- Thoughtful
- Informative
- Balanced
- informative
- Good
- Beneficial
- Productive
- Informative
- Organized
- Meaningful
- Useful
- Fabulous



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Responses

## Responses

Restaurant nights  
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Up the Livability area of IOPPD to enforce STR and noise issues, especially in residential areas

### Please select what describes you the best...

Full-time resident on the island 84%  
 Part-time resident (8 months or less) 8%  
 Business owner/proprietor 4%  
 Both resident and have business interest 4%  
 Visitor to the island 0%

Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Full-time resident on the island</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>84%</b>
Part-time resident (8 months or less per year)	2	8%
Business owner/proprietor on IOP	1	4%
Both resident and have business interest	1	4%
Visitor to the island	0	0%



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Responses

