

Public Listening Session for those Unhoused
Draft Recommendations
Augusta Task Force on Homelessness
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- Transportation
 - Create City Bus system; one big loop
 - Huge barrier critical services are on the outskirts.
 - Create a bike program; provide and help maintain
 - Create a fund for car repairs, especially for those living in vehicles
- Obstacles to Survival
 - Litter... and more;
 - Lack of basic sanitation; Dumpster (and Porta Potty) needed near Trestle on Water St.
 - Rules for camping too ridged; nowhere to go
 - Lack of Daytime Shelter and assistance
 - Lack of year-round Nighttime shelter
 - Lack of access to computers
 - Storage of belongings; constant worry about theft
 - Jail; Revolving door, not a part of the solutions as it currently operates
- Obstacles to progressing out of homelessness
 - Case Management; Not easy to arrange, feels like too many hoops to jump through
 - Too difficult to get to appointments
 - Mailing address needed to sign up for many services
 - Identification needed to get into system
 - Access to computers and assistance with navigating various forms and websites needed
 - Jail; criminal record creates barriers that don't seem to ever go away
 - The medical system;
 - Not set up to serve the homeless
 - Puts people back on the street with no support or plan
 - Costly for providers
 - Lack of pro-active response
- Housing
 - Lack of Availability
 - Too expensive; even before first last and current payments
 - Vouchers are not enough
 - Landlords need incentives and support
 - Lack of progressive steps from the street to real independence. Under transportation, create a fund for car repairs for folks living in their vehicles
 - Application fees are a barrier
 - Pets not welcome in many places
- 2nd Chances
 - Homelessness results from many factors

- System needs to meet people where they are and support the entire process of moving back to being housed