

# Theme and Summary Statement Worksheet

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## Sub-Topic: Investments

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### Themes

Vibrancy  
 Music / Arts / Culture  
 Destinations / things to do / major attractions  
 Thriving businesses  
 Significant investments  
 Lots of people  
 Physical revitalization

## Summary Statement

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**Themes identified by the group:** *speed of light, comfortable, Mars, the moon, inexpensive, science experiments.*

**Summary statement:** *In the future, space travel will be fast, affordable, available to multiple destinations, and contribute to a greater understanding of the science and nature of our galaxy.*

Notice that the sub-topic and themes are captured in the summary statement.

## If the community’s vision for the future becomes a reality, what will our sub-topic be like in Columbia?

Significant investments and physical revitalization will bring vibrancy and lots of people downtown, leading to major attractions and exciting destinations: music, arts, and cultural venues and thriving business with the end result of an unbelievably cool downtown.

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## Sub-Topic: Housing

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More housing  
 Revitalize existing housing  
 Variety  
 Promote downtown housing  
 Overlay districts

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## If the community's vision for the future becomes a reality, what will our sub-topic be like in Columbia?

In the future, downtown Columbia will have a variety of safe housing options, including new revitalized units, for all age groups with easy access to desirable amenities developed within established guidelines.

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## Sub-Topic: Mobility

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Accessibility to downtown businesses  
Usability of parking structures  
Optimizing the mix of pedestrian / traffic / parking  
Alternative conveyance

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## If the community's vision for the future becomes a reality, what will our sub-topic be like in Columbia?

In the future, downtown should provide a vibrant experience that offers residents and visitors transportation and parking in an optimized infrastructure that is equivalent to the more desirable communities in the US and Europe.