Community Conversation Questions

1. What do you like most about living in Prince William County? (strengths)
   - Combination of urban and rural environment. Convenience of having access to both
   - Diversity of our community, demographics
   - Parks and Open Space opportunities, access to nature, and positive environment
   - Community feel, welcoming
   - Well educated community
   - What other comments or insights do you want to share that would be important to
     PWC’s strategic planning process?
   - Higher Education such as GMU and NOVA Community College

2. What do you like least about living in Prince William County? (weaknesses)
   - Lack of good paying jobs that lead to people leaving the county for work
   - Overcrowding of schools
   - Traffic (keep repeating the same problem)
   - Need for a stronger commercial tax base
   - Need to expand Multimodal options
   - Improve local bus routes
   - Need more lifelong education programs
   - Increase recreational opportunities for all ages, opportunities for youth to participate
     in the community and connect with elders
   - Better coordination between land use/transportation
   - Running out of developable land and space to attract new businesses and be
     marketable

3. If you were in charge, what would you change about Prince William County?
   - World class school system who grow up to work and live in PWC
   - Capitalize on existing resources - open up more land with access to existing
     transmission lines for data centers and high-tech jobs
   - Streamlining of processes, and offer assistance to help small businesses
   - Economic Development authority to coordinate new growth
   - Increase affordable housing opportunities

4. What do you believe should be the top 3 priorities for the community over the next 4 - 5
   years?
   - Commitment to affordable housing and transportation opportunities, population is
     continuing to grow
• Environment and Sustainability Chapter – Addresses energy, preservation, climate change, etc.
• Create equitable education opportunities
• Increase community collaboration and engagement with youth and socially disadvantaged
• Transportation as a major focus, specifically expand VRE opportunities and a new devoted track to increase capacity
• Expand virtual learning and alternative learning opportunities (private school, specialty schools, home schooling, better address different approaches and needs
• Resources for families who need assistance with school
• Diversity and inclusion initiatives

5. What other comments or insights do you want to share that would be important to PWC’s strategic planning process?
• We to take into consideration diversity and inclusion, and education (people need to be educational if they are not familiar with it)
• Help educate the community and be cautious in implementing and engaging with the community on controversial issues like diversity, history, etc.
• Well defined terms (diversity, affordable housing, etc.)
• Incorporate equity into land use and transportation decisions
• Continue to engage the community
• Promote walkable, inclusive, and transit-oriented communities