



Community Safety and Technology

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

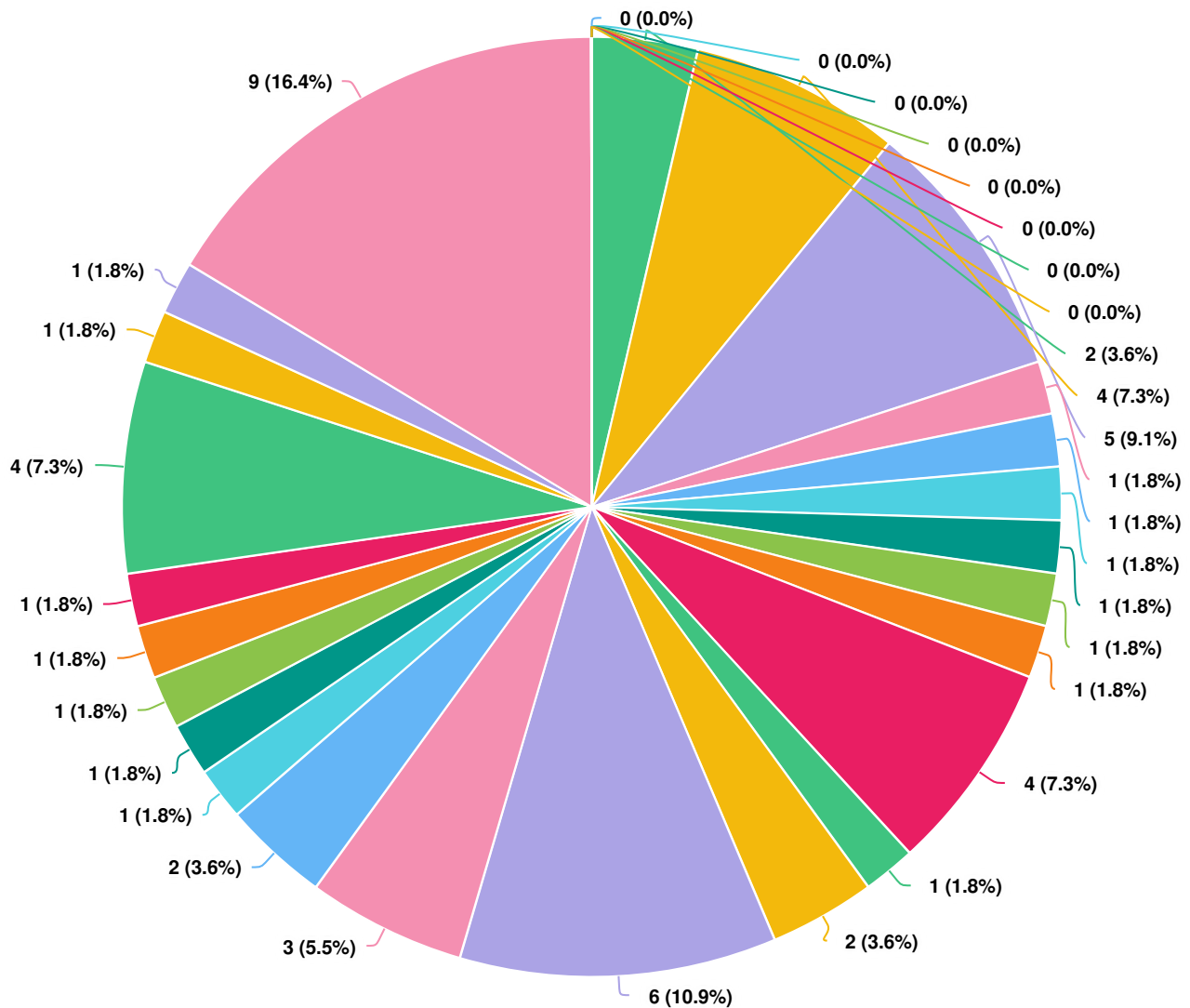
24 March 2025 - 23 April 2025

PROJECT NAME:

Community Safety and Technology

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

Q1 Which neighborhood do you live in? In which ward do you live? Use this map resource to help determine.



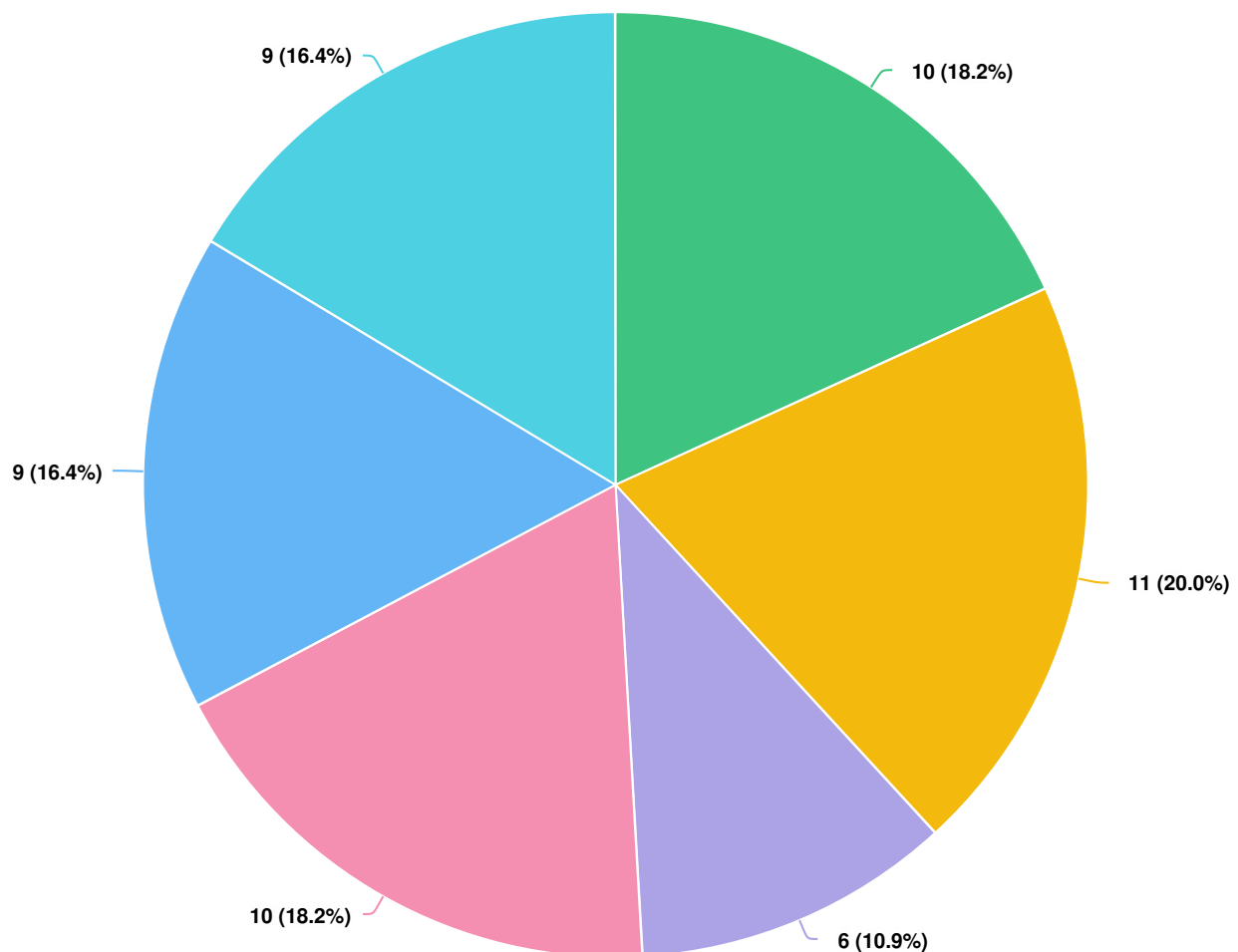
Question options

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| Alexander Park | Blue Earth Park | Buscher Park | Country Club Park | Dotson Park |
| East Madison Avenue | Eastwood Park | Erlandson Park | Five Corners | Highland Park |
| Jaycee Park | Lincoln Park | Minnesota State University campus | North (airport) | North (Hiniker Park) |
| Peacepipe Park | Rasmussen Park | Riverfront Park | Skyline | Thomas Park |
| Tourtellotte Park | University Park | White Oaks Park | I live outside the city of Mankato. | Downtown |
| East University | Franklin Rogers Park | Liberty Park | North (industrial) | Sibley Park |
| The Prairie | Washington Park | | | |

Optional question (55 response(s), 6 skipped)

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Q2 In which ward do you live? Use this map resource to help determine.



Question options

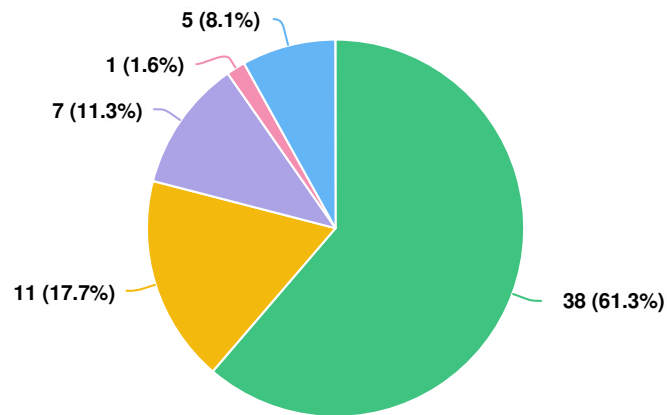
● Ward 1
 ● Ward 2
 ● Ward 3
 ● Ward 4
 ● Ward 5
 ● I live outside the City of Mankato.

Optional question (55 response(s), 6 skipped)

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | How important is it to you that Mankato continues to improve community safety through new initiatives and technology invest...



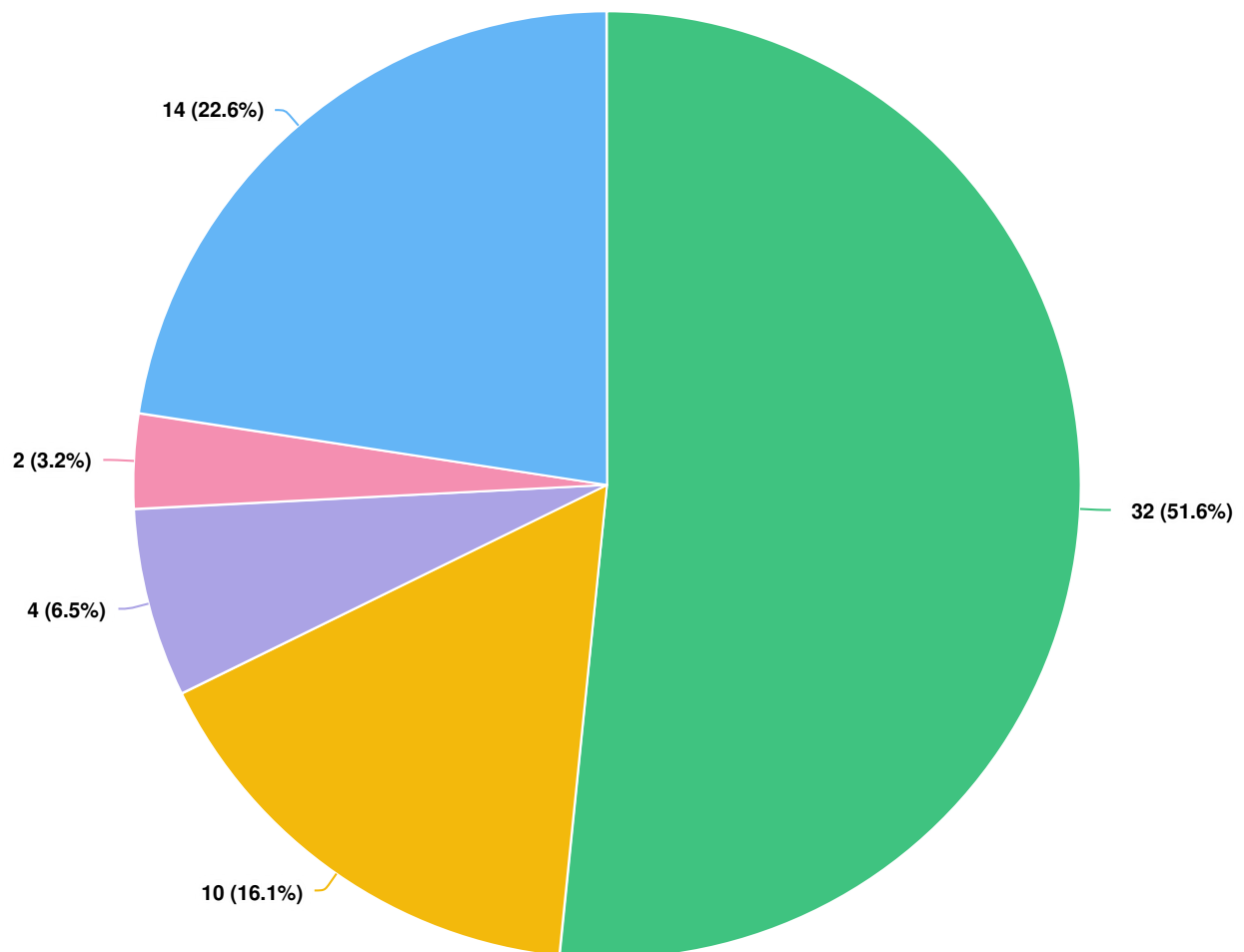
Question options

☒ Very important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Neutral ☐ Not very important ☐ Not important at all

Mandatory Question (62 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 How supportive are you of using advanced technologies (e.g., cameras, license plate recognition, mobile trailer cameras) to enhance community safety and address crime more efficiently?



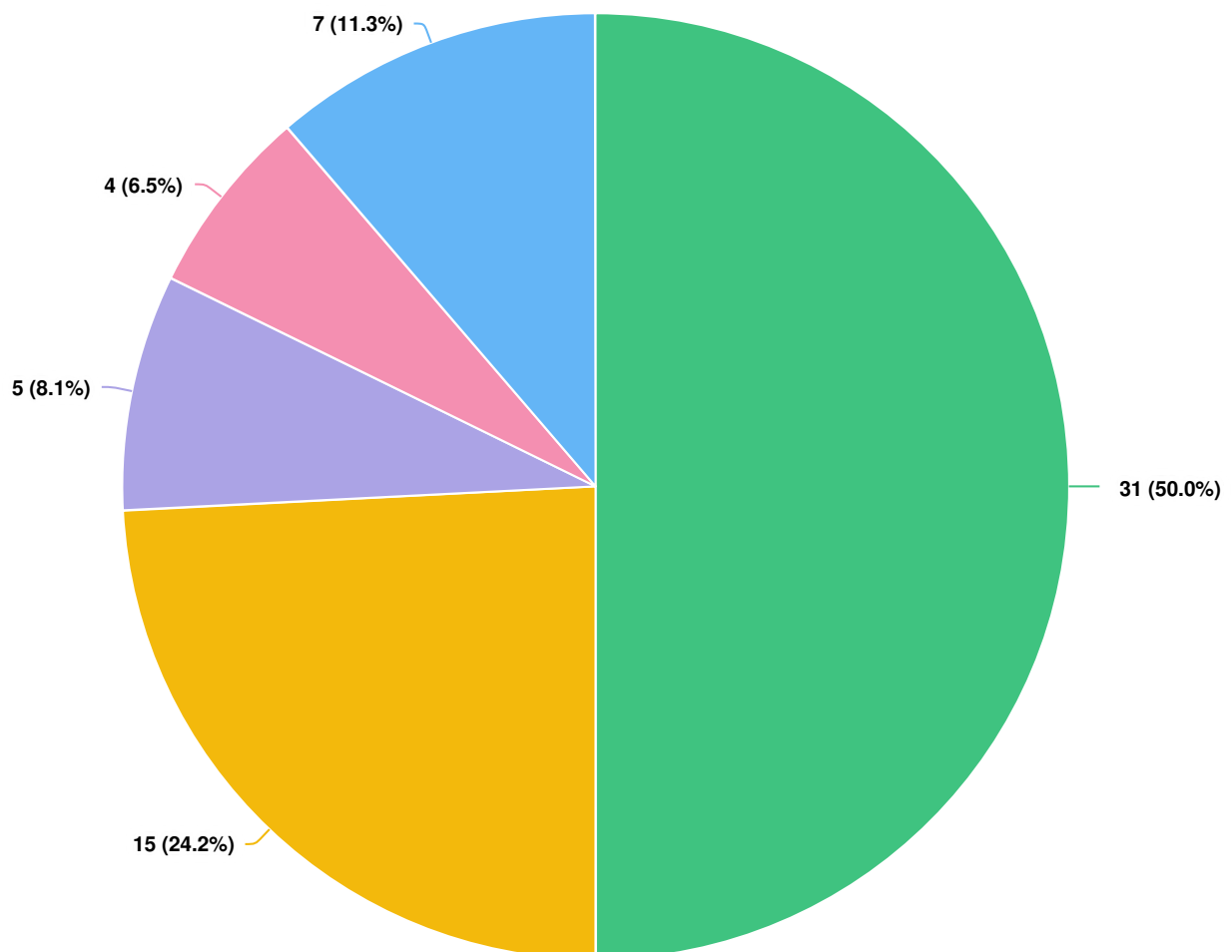
Question options

● Very supportive
 ● Somewhat supportive
 ● Neutral
 ● Somewhat opposed
 ● Strongly opposed

Mandatory Question (62 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 | Do you believe investing in new technologies is necessary for Mankato to remain a safe and thriving community?

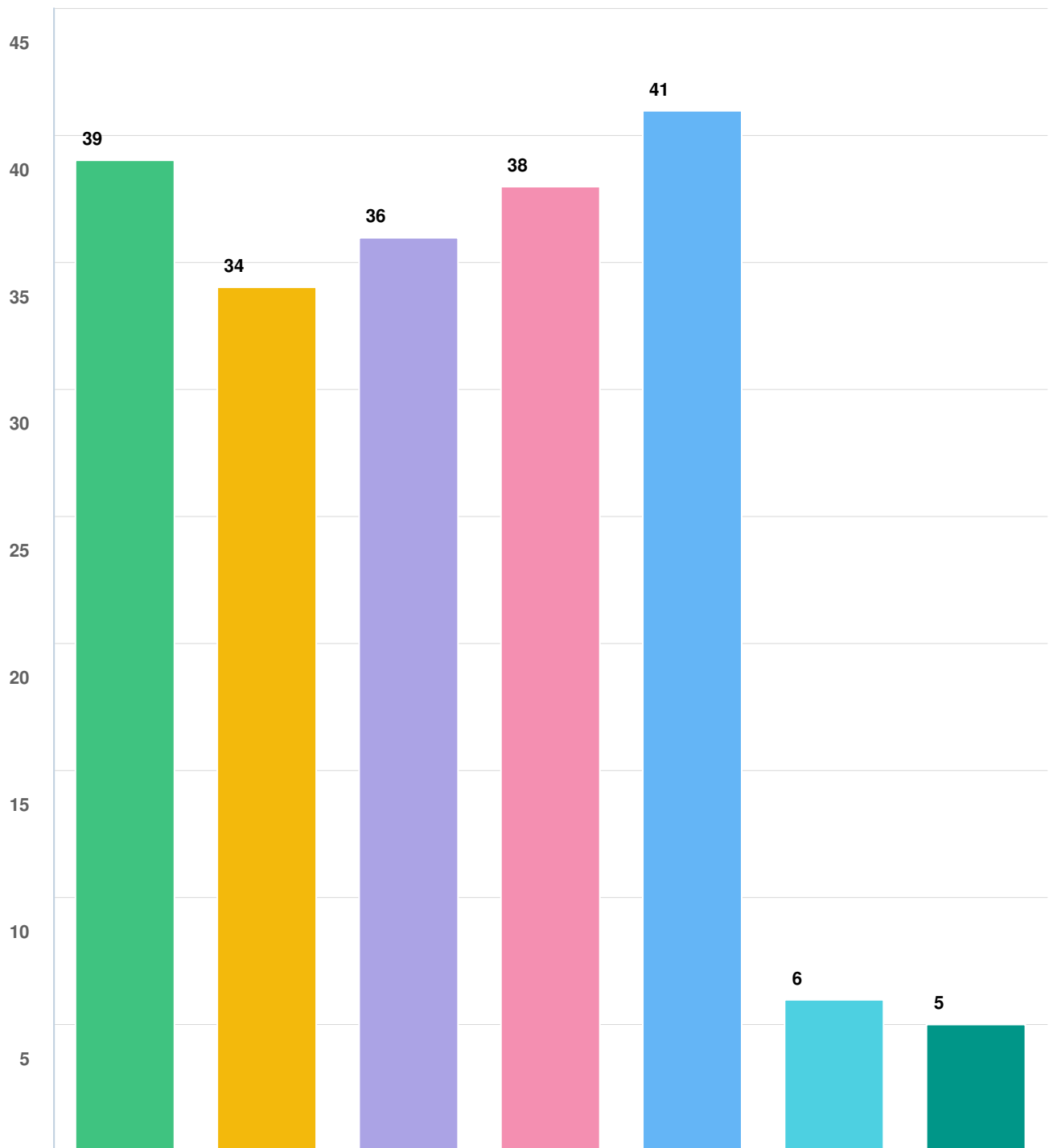


Question options

Strongly agree Somewhat agree Neutral Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (62 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 What benefits of implementing new technologies in community safety are most important to you? (Select all that apply)

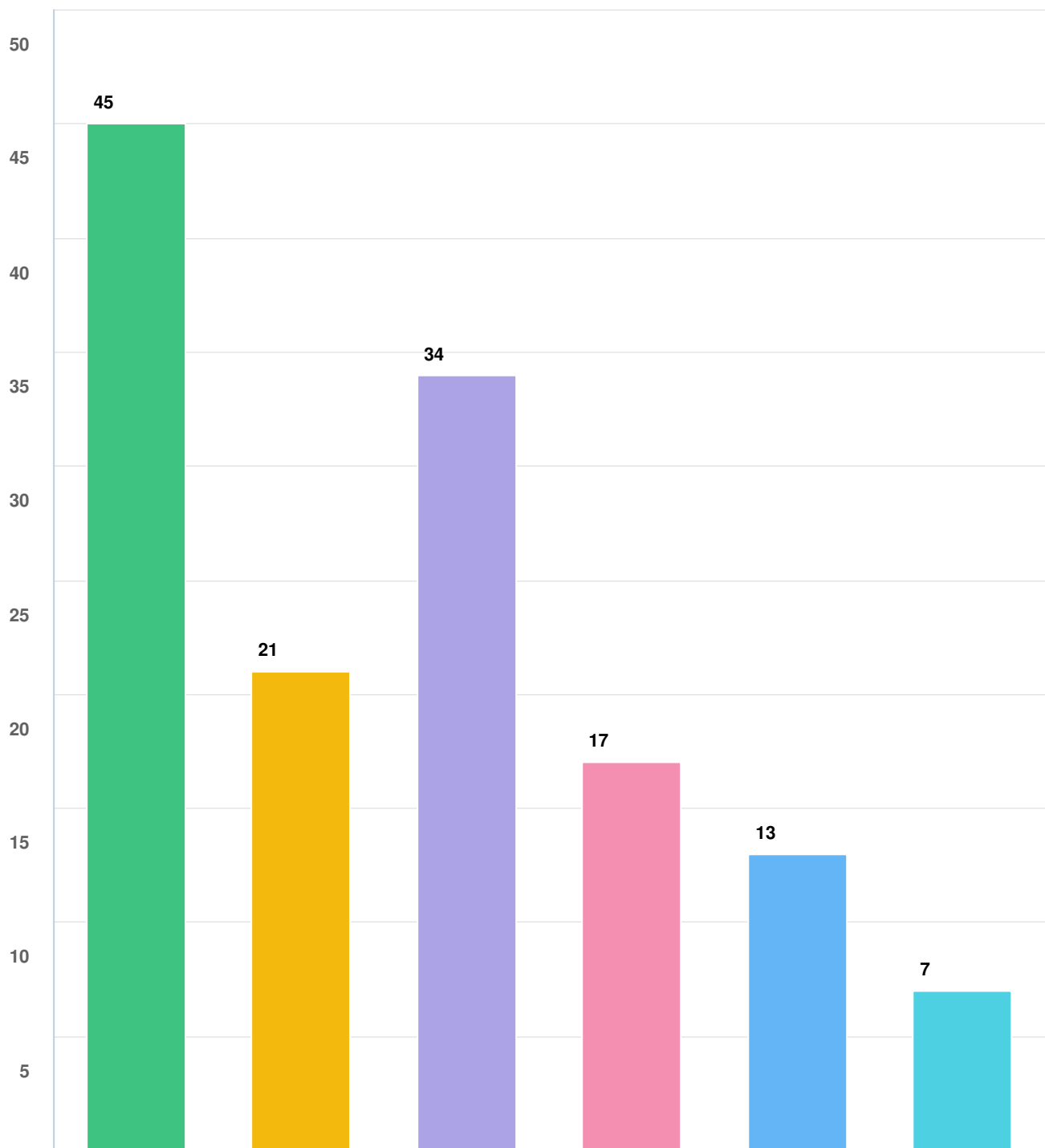


Question options

- Enhancing efficiency
- Solving crimes faster
- Solving crimes more effectively
- Making our community safer
- Detering crime
- There are no benefits.
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (62 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

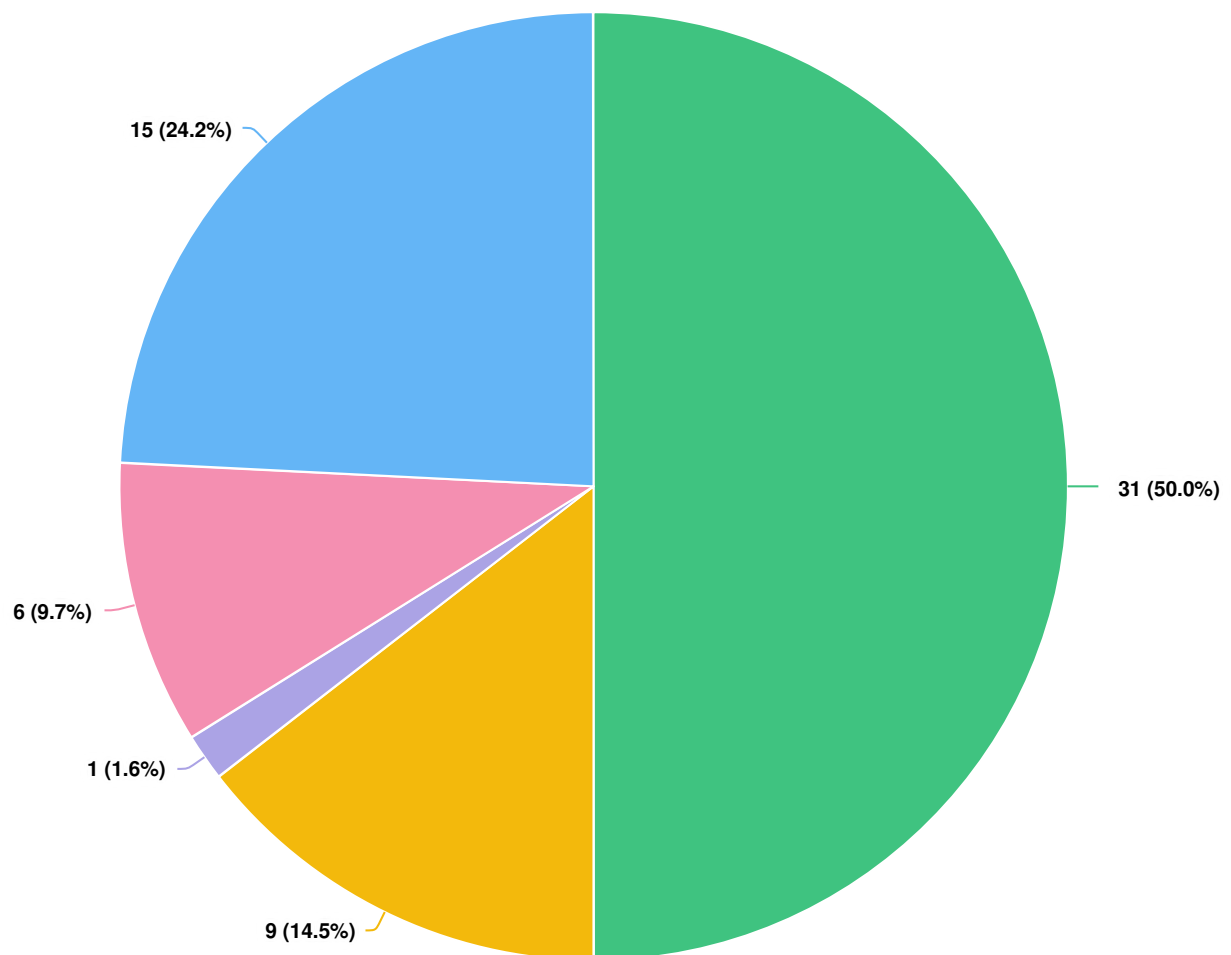
Q5 What concerns, if any, do you have about adopting these technologies?**Question options**

- Privacy and data security ● Cost and resource allocation ● Potential misuse or lack of accountability
● Effectiveness in achieving safety goals ● I have no concerns about adopting these technologies. ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (62 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q6 Please indicate your level of support for Proposal 1:



Question options

Strongly Support Somewhat Support Neutral/No Opinion Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose

Mandatory Question (62 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 | Comments on Milestone Cameras:

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3/25/2025 10:46 AM

I'm glad to see the older cameras would still be used - they can still help in other areas that are lacking and could benefit from surveillance.

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3/25/2025 10:55 AM

As a software developer, I do not believe that using AI for something this importing is a good idea. AI technology is really mislabeled and has a lot of shortcomings that are not evident to the end user, therefore leading to a significant potential of issues.

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3/25/2025 11:32 AM

A FAR better use of city funds than replacing the street lights on North Riverfront 1 year after installing what's there now!

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3/25/2025 11:38 AM

Who has access? Maintenance costs? Staff needed to develop and run system?

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3/25/2025 01:21 PM

I would hope that any footage determined by AI to be of a supposed suspect be reviewed by a human. AI is not the solution to every problem & is still very flawed & there are known struggles within it to differentiate between people of color. We can't assume criminals are only POC & increasing surveillance of everyone in Mankato is not the solution. I would expect total transparency from law enforcement as to how this footage will be used & who has access to it.

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3/25/2025 01:40 PM

Anything that can help the Department of Public Safety solve crimes more efficiently and effectively is a great thing. It is an added benefit that the system is interconnected with other cities/counties making it easier for agencies to work together to keep communities safe.

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3/25/2025 03:13 PM

Strongly support as long as there is transparency and accountability!

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3/25/2025 03:33 PM

Invasion of privacy.

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3/25/2025 05:14 PM

They are needed very badly to deter crime, protect residents and visitors, and to solve crimes if they happen. People expect cameras

everywhere. Everyone even walks with a camera in their hand or pocket. Many homes have doorbell or security cameras. People know that know and we expect them to be everywhere in high crime areas especially.

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3/25/2025 07:35 PM

All AI models are highly susceptible to human bias, they are easiest and sexist and will be used to harm members of our community that are "illegal". No human is illegal and no cops are good cops.

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3/26/2025 09:07 AM

they are needed in and around the high crime apartments and neighborhoods, not where we already have cameras.

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Too Much AI

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Overall I think very useful, but AI is still fairly new, and not 100% accurate. Would hate for officers to get lazy and rely on AI. Privacy also big concern.

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3/27/2025 01:36 PM

I'm not really a fan of AI in general, and I think we have been fine so far, so why do this if it's not really necessary.

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I think an AI enhanced system in downtown would be a good preventative as well as greatly increasing efficiency.

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It's very helpful for the crime evidence.

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I'm glad that the old cameras would be reused, I like how these cameras provide extra information and allow information to be found faster

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I love milestone cameras!

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Can't stop progressing with technology. Saves time and resources.

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According the the Washington Post, the commission on civil rights

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and others find privacy rights abuse along with officials abusing the system capabilities for personal vendettas and stalking.

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3/27/2025 09:05 PM

This is a great piece of equipment but due to financial concerns I don't think it would be a great fit for Mankato. If the Mankato was a hot spot for crime then the amount of money wouldn't matter. Overall, would vote for these cameras if money wasn't an issue.

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I have concerns about the effectiveness of the technology used and the potential abuses or misuses this could mean for the public. What guarantees do we have against abuse of surveillance in the name of "safety"?

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This is very important, especially in the downtown corridor where a lot of crime occurs, especially related to bar activity. This seems like a useful tool for law enforcement which will help them be more efficient. It seems common sense and inevitable that this technology will upgrade the existing infrastructure.

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Privacy is already attacked on so many fronts, online and in person, we are aware we are always being filmed, always being observed. We do not need yet more invasive technologies filming us at all times while we are in our communities. Crime rates are historically low, and we do not need to be trading our precious budgets and already-invaded privacy for what will likely be a null improvement. When we are monitored all day every day, from the moment we wake up, go online, go to work, go to the store, go home, how can we be sure that this is for our benefit and not vulnerable to exploitation? How can the city of Mankato ensure our data and privacy will be kept safe from people who want to track us for nefarious purposes, such as a stalker or doxxer? I strongly disagree that this is at all beneficial or needed.

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3/31/2025 09:18 AM

My concern is with community-wide surveillance, which I don't think is justified due to its infringing on people's privacy. I'm sure others in the community are concerned about the breadth and depth of any proposed city-wide surveillance system. It is worth noting that several court cases, including the U.S. Supreme Court (Carpenter vs. U.S.) and the 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals, relying on Carpenter (involving Baltimore) have ruled that the prolonged use of modern technology to monitor citizens' movements is unconstitutional and requires a warrant. Additionally, a recent case is pending against the City of Norfolk, VA, regarding the Flock Surveillance System. The case involving Flock is Schmidt et. al. vs. City of Norfolk, et. al.. This

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Anyone in public is constantly on camera for a variety of reasons. This will be a fantastic opportunity to enhance public safety and solve crime quickly and at a higher rate.

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We don't need them and the cost is something we should not have to pay for. Our taxes in this state are ridiculous the way it is! Mankato is spending enough on all the other "projects" in downtown.

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4/14/2025 09:19 AM

This proposal reflects a thoughtful and proactive approach to keeping our downtown area safe and responsive. I strongly support the use of AI analytics to aid in locating missing persons and accelerating investigations—this could be a game-changer for the community. I also appreciate the plan to repurpose existing cameras, which shows responsible and strategic use of city resources.

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AI programming is known to be racist. Use of AI can lead to more biased law enforcement practices. AI is also incredibly harmful to the environment with significant energy and water use. Every search is the equivalent of dumping out a bottle of water. People also have the right to go about their daily business without being surveilled. I am very concerned the department could use this to assist ICE investigations and actively oppress community members

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4/21/2025 12:30 PM

Investments in technology should benefit all Mankatoans, not serve only to make things easier for one profession in a community of tens of thousands. AI is the most mistake-prone and damaging of all new tech tools, and its benefits have never been properly studied or proven. Focusing on homelessness, food insecurity, and mental health treatment would be exponentially more beneficial use of \$130,000.00 than spending it on furthering a high-tech police state.

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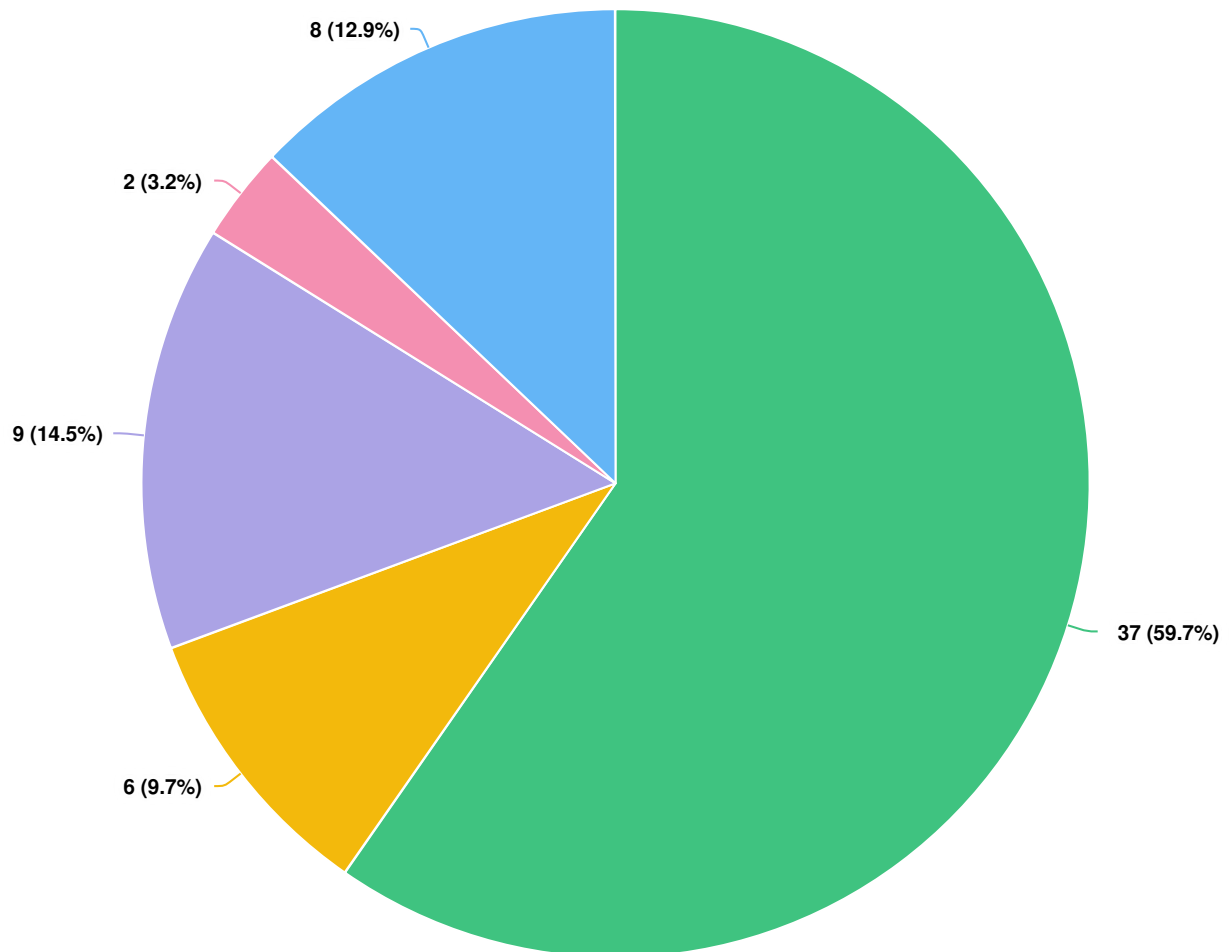
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Again, AI should not be used for law enforcement.

Optional question (31 response(s), 31 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q8 Please indicate your level of support for Proposal 2:



Question options

Strongly Support Somewhat Support Neutral/No Opinion Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose

Optional question (62 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 | Comments on License Plate Recognition and Axon Cameras:

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3/25/2025 10:46 AM

This sounds like a fantastic idea - my only concern likely comes from my lack of understanding on how this technology works. I'm assuming plates and sometimes be miss-identified through the technology when cars are dirty or covered in snow. I'm assuming an officer would have to verify the alert? I would hate for someone to be falsely accused of something because their plate was misread by technology.

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Improving license plate recognition technology would be a positive investment in the community. Again, I would expect a double check system to be implemented to ensure accuracy.

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Fantastic way for officers to be alerted of license plates in the system, especially those that may not be in the area of a camera, to catch those vehicles and react appropriately.

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Strongly support as long as there is transparency and accountability!

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I don't think it'll be utilized for the way its intended.

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Another benefit is that it protects officers from crashes and distractions so they don't have to read license plates and call them in or type them into the computer.

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Only in favor of this because I've been followed by police multiple times while doing nothing wrong. I assume they're running my plates but it is rather uncomfortable. Maybe if they can do that quicker, they won't feel the need to follow me for 5 minutes.

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Would make it easier for officers to scan plates.

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its good for safety when police need to look up license plate.

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Overall these cameras would help officers to proactively identify

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potential offenders and stolen vehicles.

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It can enforce the parking restriction.

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This helps with identifying persons and can reduce the risk of the police of typing in the license plate numbers.

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Um.... I don't like ALPR

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Helps officers stay safe without having to add plate numbers when driving. Saves time and more efficient.

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Only downside to me personally is the fact that it only stores up to 18 hours of footage. 9 times out of 10 by the time you figure out that you recorded evidence without realizing it, the recording will be gone. Great equipment otherwise.

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Adding this technology in squad cars will be of great benefit, especially as the squad cars are mobile and moving around the city. Looking at the proposal, there are a ton of other police departments in the State who already use this technology. Mankato ought to be included in this category to ensure they are being progressive and innovative and LEADING THE WAY. Aside from crime solving, it seems this technology would also help with missing persons, amber alerts, and other welfare check/ BOLO activity

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Absolutely Not! This is nothing more than another way to invade people's privacy. This will be abused to the nth degree and everyone knows it. There is no watchdog in place to make sure they are not misusing the technology. one thousand times "NO"!!

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Activating ALPR in squad cars is a smart move—especially since the technology is already in place. Real-time alerts for stolen vehicles and missing persons can make a real impact in urgent situations. I'm glad to see Mankato exploring ways to enhance public safety with tools that are efficient, practical, and potentially life-saving.

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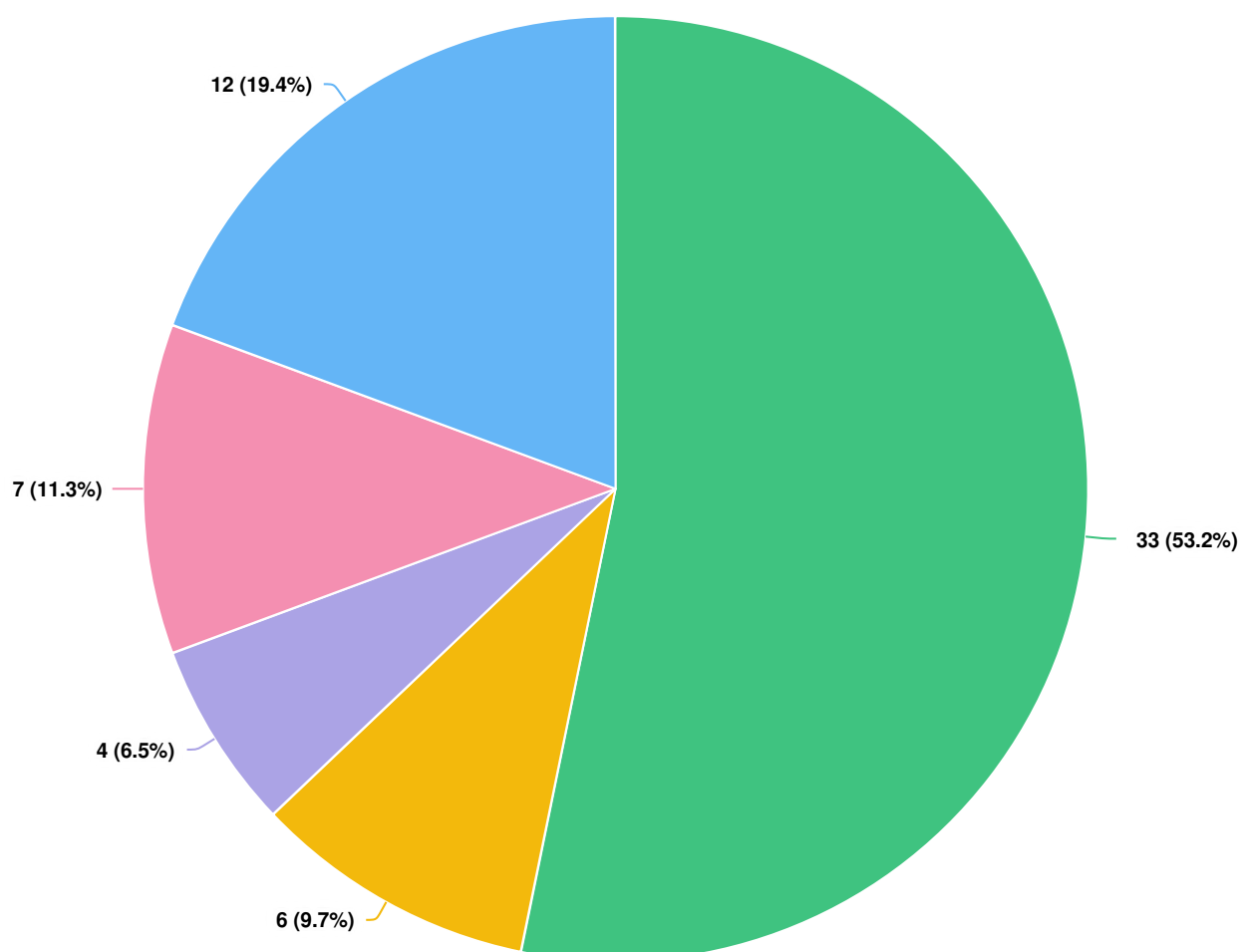
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This could prove a useful technology for certain instances, but also be used overwhelmingly for nefarious purposes. The State of Minnesota has an abysmal track record of pulling over and murdering black and brown people over minor traffic offenses. If this technology furthers the excessive use of force that is rampant in MN policing, it must be banned.

Optional question (20 response(s), 42 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q10 Please indicate your level of support for Proposal 3:



Question options

● Strongly Support
 ● Somewhat Support
 ● Neutral/No Opinion
 ● Somewhat Oppose
 ● Strongly Oppose

Optional question (62 response(s), 0 skipped)
 Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 Comment on Flock cameras:

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3/25/2025 10:46 AM

With the reality of sex trafficking and other safety concerns, it's about time we connect to a nationwide law enforcement network to keep citizens safe.

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This states this will "Provides real-time intelligence sharing between agencies" but at the same time you state "The Mankato Department of Public Safety is committed to using these tools responsibly, ensuring they are applied fairly and with proper cause". However, these are contradicting statements, since you give up control of how the technology is used as soon as you connect it to a nationwide network where you no longer have any influence over who operates the tech and how.

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If the technology's primary use is to communicate the location of known missing person's locations, I agree with this. However, my previous concerns with privacy and who will have access to this technology and what sort of "intelligence" will be shared between law enforcement agencies are still present.

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If connected to a nationwide law enforcement network, it could possibly alert public safety and/or catch registered/known criminals coming into our city from out of state.

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Strongly support as long as there is transparency and accountability!

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We don't need to spend money on this. Donate to the food bank.

Screen Name Redacted

3/25/2025 05:14 PM

Police can't be everywhere at every point in time. These are perfect technology to have eyes everywhere at every time. I can't think if a better deterrent to drug trafficking, human trafficking or criminal activity. We want Mankato to be a safe community and we want our public safety officers to be safe too. When crime does happen, we want to quickly be able to respond and gather evidence to find suspects, find witnesses, make an arrest, and successfully prosecute criminals. Video is one of the best ways to gather that evidence and save lives.

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These cameras can and will be used to crest a surveillance state. We are endangering the people in our community that are seeking asylum. It will create a state in which people will become easy targets for ice.

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I do not like the idea of joining the national surveillance network. That is WAY too "big brother" for me

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Could be potential for mechanical issues

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I think that these cameras could be useful, but I would need to look into the company that provides the service.

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It can also help for crime.

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This helps catch criminals, especially when trying to cross city lines.

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I love flock cameras!

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Helpful for serious issues like missing persons.

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According the the Washington Post, the commission on civil rights and others find privacy rights abuse along with officials abusing the system capabilities for personal vendettas and stalking.

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This camera store up to 30 hours of footage which isn't ideal but better than the AXON camera. Easy installation and faster response times.

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3/27/2025 10:47 PM

I have concerns about misuse of this to unwantedly monitor and track people. Again, what guarantees do we have that this technology will not be used in a breach of people's privacy in the name of safety? What accountability?

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This Flock technology seems like it would be very helpful and

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increase police efficiency. It seems like it would also help with solving investigations. There are only so many roads in and out of Mankato so having FLOCK technology on heavily trafficked roads would be very helpful

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Proven to be a very effective tool in many other communities.

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I guess I'm ok with this one if it helps find missing persons etc. I think the cost of the 13 cameras would be acceptable.

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Adding Flock cameras near city strengthens safety not just in Mankato, but regionally. Real-time collaboration with other agencies and the ability to help locate missing persons quickly would be beneficial to all.

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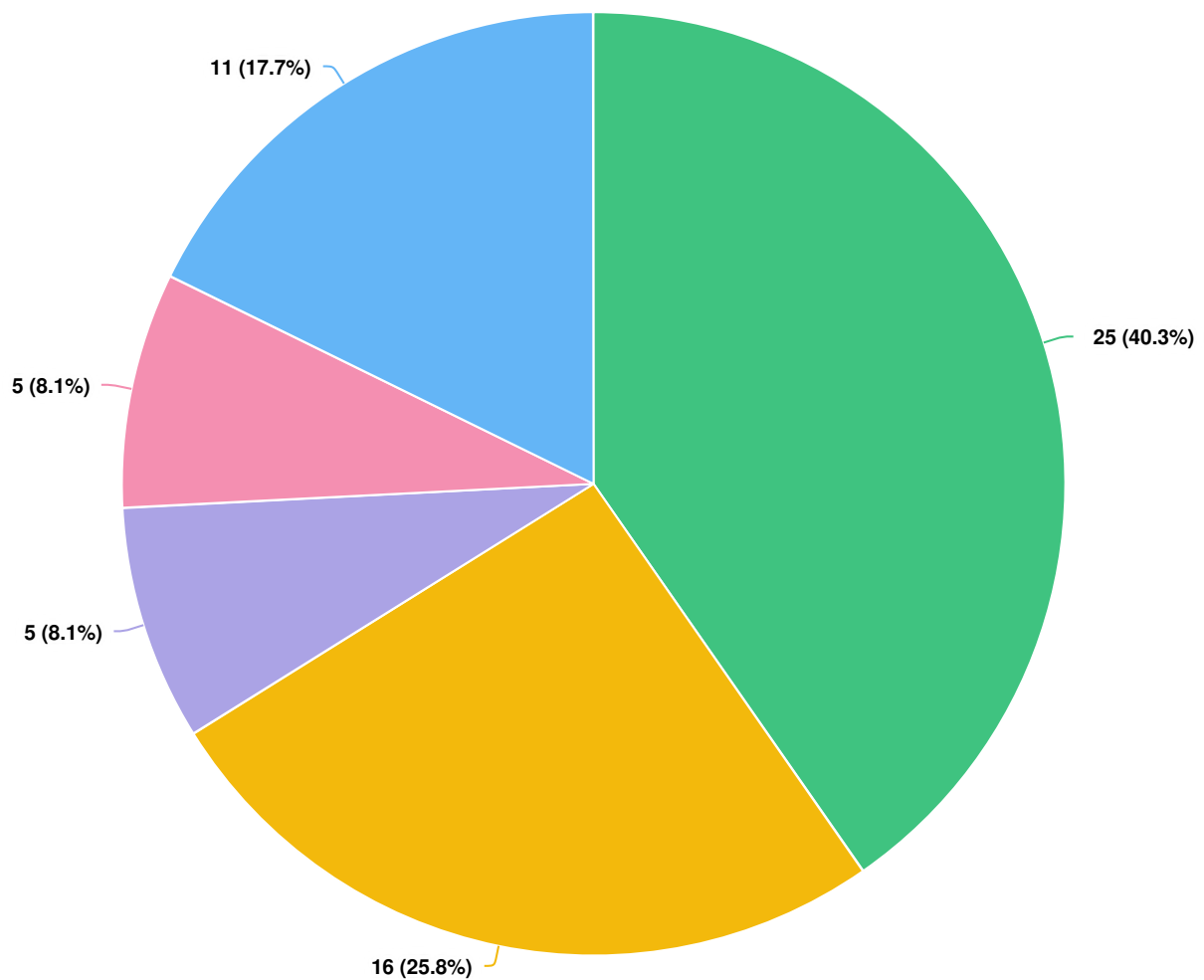
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Currently in use by exactly how many, and which cities in Minnesota?

Optional question (24 response(s), 38 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q12 Please indicate your level of support for Proposal 4:



Question options

● Strongly Support
 ● Somewhat Support
 ● Neutral/No Opinion
 ● Somewhat Oppose
 ● Strongly Oppose

Optional question (62 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q13 | Comments on mobile trailer cameras:

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I am very much in favor of this. When everything was happening with George Floyd, I was very nervous to step outside at night. The first time I have ever seen one of these in action was near my home several months ago - a funeral was occurring nearby for what I was told was a suspected gang member. I actually felt safer and like I could walk around without concern of someone hurting me. And if something did occur, I felt more at ease knowing there would be camera footage. Having the flexibility of being able to move these around would be incredible for making citizens feel more safe and secure as well as helping to deter crime.

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Is there research showing this actually helps in high event situations?

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I don't believe these are necessary at all at "high profile events" (whatever that means) in Mankato as all events should be policed by actual officers and any additional cameras be used as last resort supplemental resource if an investigation is needed. I believe these would eventually end up in lower income neighborhoods & would not contribute to a welcoming sense of community.

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With more and more violence happening at large gatherings and/or events, this would allow officers to more efficiently monitor crowds, and may serve as a deterrent as well.

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Strongly support as long as there is transparency and accountability!

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We don't need to spend money on this.

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This would be a lower priority and possibly could be a shared resource to or from another community if needed.

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If crime is heavy in one area, these would be great to use in those areas to deter crime.

Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 01:36 PM	These mobile trailer cameras are tried and tested in many jurisdictions, and I can't really think of any downsides to getting some for here.
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 01:37 PM	It's expensive but defiently helpful for the crime.
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 01:39 PM	I would have appreciated this when crime rates started going up in my neighborhood
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 01:40 PM	they are easy target for crimes!
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 01:55 PM	Would be great if protests turn violent or have hot crime spots that need to be reduced. Deterrence is a plus.
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 09:05 PM	Depends on the purpose/event of using one of these. Great equipment to use for rallies or some sort of event that has many people in one area. Don't think this would be useful in other instances.
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 10:47 PM	I wonder about their effectiveness to "deter activity". How much added benefit do they provide if other camera equipment is implemented? Also they kinda ugly
Screen Name Redacted 3/29/2025 01:05 AM	This is another no-brainer which would greatly help our law enforcement, especially as they observe crime trends in certain areas. This would greatly help with crime deterrence and case clearance.
Screen Name Redacted 3/29/2025 09:24 PM	Yet more funding we do not have for something we do not need that will only encroach on our privacy more.
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Allows police to target changing areas of concern for a variety of reasons.

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That's just creepy.

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unnecessary and costly. Sounds like "1984" the temporary surveillance can be done by the police and other safety officers when needed.

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Mobile trailer cameras are a great solution for increasing visibility and safety during high-profile events or in areas with temporary concerns. I appreciate that they're intentionally visible—both as a deterrent and a reassurance to the community.

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I'm concerned about the use of this tech to monitor certain neighborhoods or community events. Again bias can easily be introduced in the use of this tech.

Optional question (24 response(s), 38 skipped)

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Q14 | What additional feedback or comments do you have about using technology to improve community safety in Mankato?

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We absolutely need these pieces of technology implemented. I frequent social media websites and I see a lot of citizens stating Mankato is turning into "little Chicago" or "Little Minneapolis". I don't quite agree with them on that but it's sending the message that more and more people who live in town don't feel as safe as they do in other communities. Making our citizens feel safer is the first step to a successful community and allowing our city to grow and flourish.

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I welcome information that shows the effectiveness of any of this technology from other like-size communities that currently use this.

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Overall some of these items are probably good, but there are some adjustments needed to ensure the data generated is used responsibly and does not end up being misused.

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I don't believe AI & increased surveillance is the answer to crime issues in Mankato. A well-trained & socially responsible police force should be the first line of defense. Mankato police should also have mental health professionals or social workers on staff to deal with individuals experiencing crises & have the training to de-escalate any and all situations without the use of violence if at all possible. I believe these Mankato PD does its job well in preventing crime in our community & I would expect any & all implementations of proposed technology be subject to intense public scrutiny to ensure that the public's best interests are the utmost priority.

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I think this technology upgrade to new and existing systems, as well as the new purchases (e.g. the portable trailer), would all be great uses of the City of Mankato's technology dollars and to promote safety in the community.

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Strongly support as long as there is transparency and accountability!

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This "project" makes me feel less safe in the community actually.

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I would suggest reviewing the effectiveness of the technology with those cities that have had these proposed plans in place for at least two years. What was the impact? Cost effectiveness? Crime rates? Privacy concerns?

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Again, cameras are everywhere today and each day more are being installed on property, homes, cars, buildings, etc. Mankato has been very responsible with policies and procedures - like the drone and body-worn camera policies. Criminals have so many tools and have a huge advantage over victims. In order to have a safe community, we

need to provide Public Safety with effective and efficient tools and technology to protect us as well as themselves. These solutions are extremely cost effective and the best deterrent for crime that is available today. I would speculate that criminals will avoid Mankato with this technology in place. I have full trust in the city staff to use this technology responsibly and to protect private data.

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Nobody likes being watched or followed. When the Trump administration becomes a dictatorship in the near future, this will only harm our citizens.

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Say no to AI. Say no to Nazi's. Keep our community safe by fighting against fascism. No one is illegal on stolen land. Choose kindness.

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Maybe this technology could have helped solve the murder near All Seasons Arena.

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All of this will do NO good until our weak and spineless County Attorney starts 1) doing more than slaps on the wrist 2) enforcing gun laws and sentencing for felon with a gun, obliterated serial numbers, crime while in possession of a gun, and 3) contacting the feds for federal charges on #2.

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This technology is already in use by many cities across the state and country.

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The privacy implications (legal and ethical) of implementing or improving cameras are significant. I'm not convinced that these improvements are warranted.

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I think that these technologies are more beneficial than harmful and can lead to good use in the city of Mankato. Let's get it done!

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Measures need to be taken to prevent misuse.

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I think cameras are very important.

Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 01:39 PM	N/A
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 01:55 PM	No technology or devices make any difference except in how you use them. Use them wisely.
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 09:05 PM	Make sure that any surveillance data can not fall into the wrong hands. A lot of things can go wrong when bad people misuse power like this.
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 10:47 PM	My biggest concern is going to be in the potential to misuse this technology, especially in the cases of people suspected of crimes. How effective is the technology, especially in AI? What protections do the people have in this case? What avenues do the public have to keep police accountable with this technology? Thank you for your time
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2025 11:12 PM	Cameras are over used
Screen Name Redacted 3/28/2025 04:11 PM	Most people want to live in a community in which they feel safe. Giving law enforcement all the tools available to create a safe community is money well spent. Making it more difficult for criminals to avoid detection and capture will make our community a safer place to live in.
Screen Name Redacted 3/29/2025 01:05 AM	I think it is important for Mankato PD to remain current with the trends and technology that is out there. These proposals seem like they are in line with that. These tools can greatly help law enforcement in the course of their duties.
Screen Name Redacted 3/29/2025 09:24 PM	This is an unnecessary expense that will make Mankato residents less safe rather than more safe.
Screen Name Redacted 3/31/2025 09:18 AM	I'm sure others in the community are concerned about the breadth and depth of any proposed city-wide surveillance system. It is worth noting that several court cases, including the U.S. Supreme Court (Carpenter vs. U.S.) and the 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals, relying on Carpenter (involving Baltimore) have ruled that the prolonged use of modern technology to monitor citizens' movements is unconstitutional and requires a warrant. Additionally, a recent case is

pending against the City of Norfolk, VA, regarding the Flock Surveillance System. The case involving Flock is Schmidt et. al. vs. City of Norfolk, et. al.. This case was filed on October 21, 2024. I'm unsure why the City would consider purchasing a system whose constitutionality is suspect and anything but settled. Schmidt is being represented by The Institute forJustice: <https://ij.org/case/norfolk-virginia-camera-surveillance/> Proceed with caution.

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I am not a technical resident of the city as I live in South Bend township, but I work in Mankato, shop in Mankato and spend time in Mankato. Anything you can do to keep our community safer and make police officers jobs safer and more effective against crime is a good investment.

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Thank you for being a department that is willing to make an investment in the safety of our community by using the technology available.

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Even if it enhances public safety minimal use should be the goal. Having Big Brother watching contributes to mistrust and the perception that it is us against them. I am satisfied with the existing security, just because more is available does not mean it is wanted. Where will the survey results be posted? Even if the public is opposed, will it make any difference in the decision????????????? doubtful. Sounds like more heavy handed government

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My taxes are too high the way it is. We don't need to spend this kind of money on these tech items. Pretty soon there will cameras in our neighborhood, our cars (because we use public roads) and everywhere else. its creepy knowing you're being watched. What we have is good enough!

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I appreciate the City's efforts to prioritize community safety through these thoughtful technology enhancements. It's encouraging to see transparency and public input being valued in the decision-making process. Thank you, City of Mankato!

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We deserve a city that understands safety is built by ensuring everyone has the resources they need to care for themselves and their community. This means supporting social programs that help us meet our basic needs—not subjecting us to ineffective and invasive surveillance technology. You have the power to stop this expansion

and prioritize programs that actually keep people safe. There is no valid reason to do otherwise. This project would enable 24/7 tracking of residents' movements, feed personal data through error-prone AI systems, and potentially assist ICE in targeting vulnerable members of our community. Our community deserves investments in real safety—housing, food access, healthcare, education, and social support—not invasive and ineffective AI surveillance.

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Improving safety through technology should focus on providing real-time benefits to the citizens of the Greater Mankato Area. Public Safety should be at the very bottom of the list for technological investment, because improving the lives of Mankatoans elsewhere, lessens the reliance on an outdated system of policing.

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This type of technology does not reduce crime, but rather increases surveillance and disproportionately impacts low income people and people of color.

Optional question (35 response(s), 27 skipped)

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