

# Survey Results: Website Improvements

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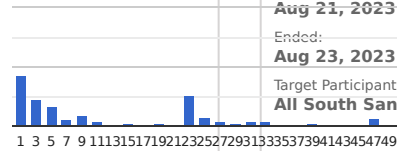
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**166**  
Total  
Participants

163 of 353 initially invited (46%)  
3 others  
Margin of error:  $\pm 8\%$

Applied Filter:  
**Locals only**  
Participants for  
filter:  
**146**

**Response Time (hours)**

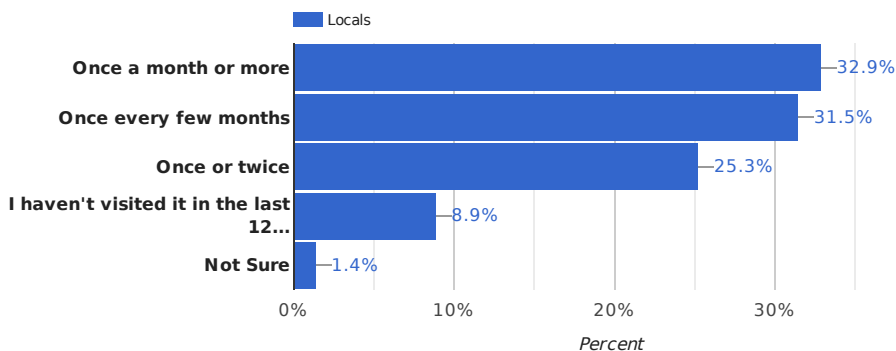


Started:  
**Aug 21, 2023 11:06am PDT**  
Ended:  
**Aug 23, 2023 11:06am PDT**  
Target Participants:  
**All South San Francisco**

**Q1** Over the last 12 months, about how often have you visited the City of South San Francisco website ([www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net))?

(146 responses by )

Options	Locals (146)
Once a month or more	32.9% (48)
Once every few months	31.5% (46)
Once or twice	25.3% (37)
I haven't visited it in the last 12 months	8.9% (13)
Not Sure	1.4% (2)



**Q2** Have you ever found it hard to find information or accomplish a goal when you visited the website?

(135 responses by )

Options	Locals (135)
No	46.7% (63)
Not Sure/Never visited the website	11.9% (16)
Yes, and I had a hard time with:	41.5% (56)



searching results are not accurate
Permits, parks
Finding contact information in different city departments
A lot of things
Online class registration, pool hours
finding how to log in for a council meeting
Can't find uptodate organization chart
Having to download report PDFs linked to council/commission agendas, rather than open in browser
Figuring out who to call
Finding applicable codes
The intranet has no information.
Accessing council live stream
Master fee schedules, similar level items
Finding updated event information
Getting to park and rec registration
searching the website to find a specific resource
finding board members
how to get a tour of new police station
calendar of events
The search feature
Finding city events
Too much information on the home page, too busy, making it harder to find information
finding city council meeting zoom links
Finding information I wanted
finding an address to write to city leaders
LOCATING INFORMATION I'M LOOKING FOR
Trying to find out more details on something I read about
Finding relevant information about hours or where to go
Find link to council live meetings and commissions meeting minutes aren't updates
Building department info
street/curb problem and flooding of front yard

### Q3 Think about the last time you visited the City website, what were you trying to do? (Choose ONE)

(130 responses by )

Options	Locals (130)
I have never visited the website	3.8% (5)
Pay a bill or fee	0.8% (1)
Report a problem	10.0% (13)
Reserve/rent a public facility or park	3.8% (5)



Park and Rec classes

Register for Parks and Rec classes

register for a class/drop in pickleball

Register for swim class

Enroll in fall music classes

Class registration

Adult exercise classes

research corrupt city official behavior

Looked for City Calendar of events.

Find a city event

Parks & Rec information

I can't remember

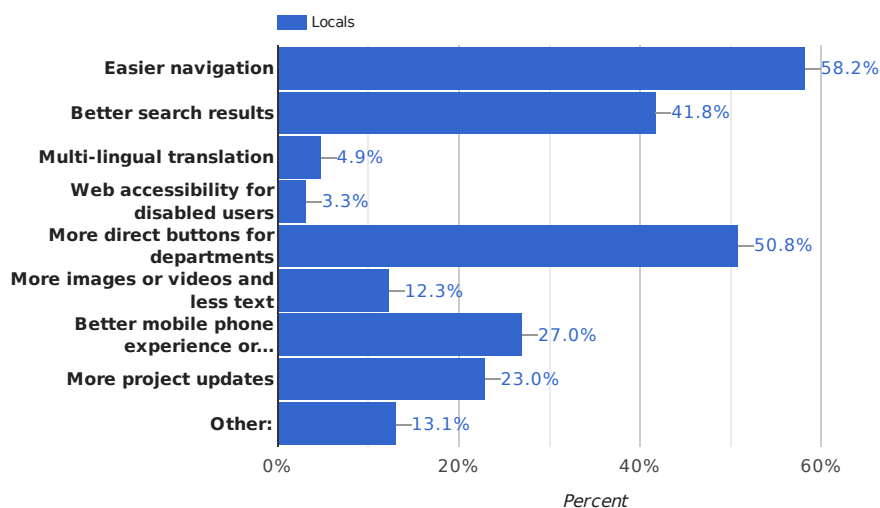
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**Q4** Which of the following changes, if any, would improve our website the most? (You can choose up to FOUR, if any)

(122 responses by )

Options	Locals (122)
Easier navigation	58.2% (71)
Better search results	41.8% (51)
Multi-lingual translation	4.9% (6)
Web accessibility for disabled users	3.3% (4)
More direct buttons for departments	50.8% (62)
More images or videos and less text	12.3% (15)
Better mobile phone experience or performance	27.0% (33)
More project updates	23.0% (28)
Other:	13.1% (16)





now employee meetings familiar really access  
 update department  
 confusing going look email reply find  
 staff events direct page type links  
 site instead city make least  
 phone reading around months  
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 services calendar help time move

SSF has wonderful services and programs, and there is a ton of good information on the website. However, the website does not do your offerings justice, as it is clunky and looks dated. Information is often embedded many layers deep, making it hard to find what you are looking for.

I contacted a department (don't recall which one but I'm sure you can figure out) to find out about property lines. The lady that replied was very vague in her reply with absolutely now empathy at all. I should have saved the email to provide it. She had the glamorous title but not helpful at all, not realizing she is a city employee that should be assisting South San Francisco residents.

Links from the development construction map to the appropriate planning documents/presentations for each numbered project.

None I can think of right now.

None

more services info, food pantry, free shots, more on the classes offered for free. more advanced notice, not tomorrow is movie night in paradise valley. Calendar should be updated for at least 4 months out.

There should be a button on there to communicate if you are going to miss a class, rather than have to send an email

More modern design that showcases the city's strength. The current site design is a bit drab.

Search engine directions are misleading and confusing. Missing my yellow pages!

None at this time, thanks.

More content around how to become more engaged, contribute, and share feedback.

More direct email addresses for city staff, there are times that you want a record of your conversation, or the resolution to a problem. I realize that email is time consuming, but it would be helpful to have that type of correspondence option available.

Monthly summaries of what's going on in each department

Better calendar of events and meetings

Make it easier to see the Council Agenda and watch the council meetings.

Have reports open in browser instead of downloading pdfs

A flow chart for common and slightly less common city requests so we know who to contact

Appreciate all you do and wish to learn more about how to get around and navigate the new building.

Too much staff and really very little help

Please let employees/the public know what is happening in the city.

Drop down too fast, obscures reading and navigation

a lot of "page not found" links - get rid of them.

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The communication handwork call

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City Calendar should be on the main menu

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Navigation that is like the City of Austin TX's website.

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This is the 2nd time I'm completing this survey.

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I know all that familiar with it. I moved here about 15 months ago and I was trying to familiarize myself with the city services, etc. To tell you the truth, I can't really remember particularly about when I visited the site.

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Update the UI! it looks like its from the 90s.

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Yes update it with real pictures and updates of events.... Rsvp or registration to events should be easier and website should have more Spanish language content!!

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make all inquiries or emails be responded by a person with their e-mail or phone number, instead of a canned reply or answer

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