DOWNTOWN’S NEXT STEP
Vivid Past, Resilient Future

Main Avenue | College to 8th
Community Open House
March 14, 2024
Project Background
Project Purpose

- Improve safety, accessibility, and economic vitality of downtown Main Avenue
- Expand and improve pedestrian space
- Improve safety along the corridor
- Proactive streetscape enhancements
Conceptual Design

Over 2,000 public interactions

19 total BID and/or City led meetings
- Listening sessions with 15 business representatives
- 6 stakeholder meetings that included businessowners
- 3 community open houses

2 online questionnaires with over 2,200 responses
- 168 business responses in questionnaires

Online review of preferred conceptual design
Conceptual Design Feedback

What's most important?

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<th>Feature</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Supporting and enjoying local businesses</td>
<td>76%</td>
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<td>A comfortable, safe experience for bicyclists and pedestrians</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Gathering with others in the community</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Showcasing Durango's unique identity and character</td>
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<td>Unique experiences at different times of year</td>
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<td>Efficient travel along Main for cars</td>
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- More outdoor patios: 77%
- More space for pedestrians and crosswalks: 57%
- More public plazas and community gathering spaces: 53%
- Heated and/or enclosed outdoor patios in winter: 41%
- More trees along the street and additional landscaping: 40%
- Bike safety and bike parking: 37%
- Art, murals, sculptures, etc.: 34%
- Better parking management: 31%
- Pop-up/temporary opportunities for local vendors: 26%
- More frequent special events: 24%
- Nighttime lighting and security improvements: 23%
- Other: 20%
- Play areas for children: 12%
- Increased ADA accessibility: 11%
- More/larger outdoor shopping displays: 6%
- Trolley stop improvements: 6%
Design Balance

Pedestrian Mall

Preferred Streetscape Design

Current Conditions
Engineering Design Process Overview
Project Area
Engineering Design

Phase 1: Design (College to 8th)  
Two blocks (College - 8th) but establishing templates/design detailing for whole corridor

- Plan layouts and grading sections
- Materials, furnishings, and landscaping palette
- Selection and detailing of water quality treatments
- Utility connections, coordination, and design
- Construction documents ready for bid (phasing, drawings, specifications, cost estimates, etc.)
Project Schedule

PHASE 1: Inventory & Analysis
PHASE 2: 30% Design
PHASE 3: 60% Design
PHASE 4: 90% Review
PHASE 5: Final Bid Package

We are here
What’s New/
Key Topics
Multimodal Safety

- Expanded sidewalks to increase space for people walking
- Shortened crossing distances
- Increase accessibility along Main Avenue
- Improved safety for people biking
- Increase traffic calming
Deliveries

- Deliveries in the center left turn lane will continue
- Delivery zones for winter months
- Loading zones provide additional parallel parking during the warmer months
Parking

- Spaces lengthened from 20 to 22 feet to accommodate larger vehicles
- Added required accessible spaces on Main Avenue (4)

### College to 8th Parallel Parking Supply

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<th>Total existing parallel parking spaces between College to 8th on Main Avenue</th>
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<td>Total existing parallel parking spaces between College to 8th during the seasonal bumpouts program.</td>
<td>20-29</td>
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<td>Total public parking spaces between College to 8th in the conceptual design (initial version).</td>
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<td>Total public parking spaces between College to 8th in the current design.</td>
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Parking

- Standard Parking Space (22’ x 8’)
- Accessible Parking (24’ x 13’)
- Flexible, Loading/Time Limited Parking Space (44’ x 8’)

Downtown’s Next Step: Durango Main Avenue | College – 8th Design
Maintaining Character

• Maintaining iconic views
• Careful material selections
• Opportunities for art and landscaping that showcase Durango’s character
Wider Sidewalks

• Sidewalks will be 5’ wider
• More pedestrian space
• Replaces seasonal pedlet/parklet
• Safer environment for all
Curb Extensions

- Increase safety for people walking by reducing crossing distance and increasing visibility
- Evaluated turning templates of various delivery trucks that come downtown and adjusted curb extensions to ensure they will be able to turn
Snow Plowing and Maintenance

- Considered in design
- Snow storage/removal will still follow existing protocols
Utilities and Stormwater

- Replacement of aged water line
- Careful consideration of curb extensions and utilities alignment
- Spot improvements for other utilities
- Required water quality facilities, to filter street runoff before it enters the river
Design Progress
600 Block (College – 7th)
700 Block (7th – 8th)
Sections

End Block Improvements

Mid Block Improvements
Open House Stations
Open House Stations

• Background Information
• Design Components
• Preliminary Design Review
• Next Steps
Share Your Thoughts

• Distribution of:
  • Loading Space, Accessible Parking Spaces and Basic Parking Spaces
  • Curb Extensions
  • Trees
  • Specialty Pavement Treatments
  • Other Amenities

• Space or Amenity Desires Specific to Your Business
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