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

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

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

Over 2,000 public interactions

Online review of preferred conceptual design
Conceptual Design Feedback

What's most important?

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<tr>
<th>Comment</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>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Gathering with others in the community</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 (for restaurants, bars, coffee...): 77%
- More space for pedestrians and crosswalk: 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
### Engineering Design

**Phase 1: Design (College to 8<sup>th</sup>)**

- Two blocks (College - 8<sup>th</sup>) 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**

- **40** Total existing parallel parking spaces between College to 8th on Main Avenue

- **20-29** Total existing parallel parking spaces between College to 8th during the *seasonal bumpouts program*.

- **27** Total public parking spaces between College to 8th in the *conceptual design* (initial version).

- **26** Total public parking spaces between College to 8th in the *current design*.
Parking

- Accessible Parking (24’ x 13’)
- Standard Parking Space (22’ x 8’)
- 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
600 Block (College – 7th)
700 Block (7th – 8th)
Sections

End Block Improvements

Mid Block Improvements
Open House Stations
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- 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
Q&A
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