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Meeting Agenda

Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Thursday, May 16, 2024

4:00 PM

Development Service Center

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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After determining that a quorum is present, the Committee on Persons with Disabilities of the City of Denton, Texas will convene in a meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Training Rooms 3-5 at the Development Service Center, 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, Texas, at which the following items will be considered:

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Citizens wishing to speak shall have registered under the REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES detailed at the beginning of this agenda. Registration is required prior to the time this agenda item is read into the record. This time is reserved for citizen comments regarding items not listed on the agenda. No official action can be taken on these items. Presentations from Members of the Public is limited to five speakers per meeting with each speaker allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

[CPD24-015](#) Consider approval of minutes for April 11, 2024.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

[CPD24-016](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding sidewalk

projects, bike and pedestrian projects, and the ADA transition plan.

Attachments: [CPD24-016 AIS.pdf](#)
[CPD24-016 Presentation.pdf](#)

[CPD24-017](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding the Design Downtown Denton plan.

Attachments: [CPD24-017 AIS.pdf](#)
[CPD24-017 Presentation.pdf](#)

[CPD24-018](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give direction regarding Committee issue priorities for 2024.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet.pdf](#)
[Exhibit 2 - Presentation AOI.pdf](#)

[CPD24-019](#) Staff General Update memo.

Attachments: [CPD24-019 Staff General Update Memo.pdf](#)

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

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AGENDA CAPTION

Consider approval of minutes for April 11, 2024.

City of Denton Committee on Persons with Disabilities

After determining that a quorum was present, the Committee on Persons with Disabilities of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in Training Rooms 3-5 at the Development Service Center, 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Joe Rivas, Vice-Chair Sally Austin, and Members, Daniel Clanton, Heather Barahona, Isaiah Heck, and Judy Patman.

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no e-Comments from the public.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CPD24-009 Consider approval of the minutes for January 18, 2024.

Vice-Chair Austin moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Clanton. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Chair Rivas, Vice-Chair Austin, and Members, Austin, Barahona, Heck, and Patman.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (0): None.

B. CPD24-011 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

C. CPD24-012 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding disability and accessibility features on the City's website.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

D. CPD24-014 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding Librada "Lily" Cantu Inclusive Playground.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

E. CPD24-013 Staff General Update Memo

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Members provided concluding items.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Joe Rivas
Chair

Ryan Adams
Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding sidewalk projects, bike and pedestrian projects, and the ADA transition plan.



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

ACM: Cassey Ogden

DATE: May 16, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding sidewalk projects, bike and pedestrian projects, and the ADA transition plan.

BACKGROUND

By implementing a master sidewalk work plan, the City can forecast sidewalk projects based on anticipated bond funding. Staff can prioritize sidewalk segments based on PPI score, design completion, roadway project completion timeline, and reimbursable grant status.

Since funding became available from the 2019 bond package, the City has installed nearly 30,000 LF of sidewalk/Sidewalk, of which over 7,600 LF was designed in-house by our Capital Improvements Program [CIP] team. We estimate that the CIP will install approximately 40,000 LF of [total] Sidewalk/Sidepath or mixed-use path in 2024, 2025, and 2026. By the end of our 2019 Sidewalk Bond Fund issuances, the City is estimated to have designed and constructed over 70,000 LF of pedestrian infrastructure.

The City's CIP is currently implementing 5,250 LF of 10ft multi-use path on Sycamore Street (North Side), and 2,882 LF of 5-foot bike lane on Welch Street. These projects are set to be completed in 2025. Looking ahead, we're planning to launch a shared mobility study to identify transportation-disadvantaged communities, standardize bike lane designs for different corridors of the City, and prioritize bike lane projects via a bike lane implementation plan. This comprehensive plan will also guide our future bike lane projects, ensuring they meet the needs of our community.

The City is taking a proactive approach to ADA implementation, demonstrating our commitment to accessibility and inclusivity. We've developed departmental Annual ADA Work Plans, and a 5+5 Year ADA Work Plan is in progress. To enhance the expertise of staff in the subject matter, the City plans to offer department-specific ADA training using the latest standards. We're also in the process of developing an internal ADA Dashboard to track projects in Annual Work Plans and ADA Transition Plans. With a new ADA Coordinator in place, we're exploring various Federal and State funding opportunities for Citywide ADA Implementations.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Farhan Butt
Deputy Director of Transportation

Prepared by:
Carlotta Cowan
Assistant to the City Manager

CITY SIDEWALK WORKPLAN & ADA UPDATE



Committee on Persons with Disabilities
May 16, 2024



Outline

- Sidewalk Work Plan
 - Mission and Goals
 - Benefits
 - Segment Completions [2021-23]
 - Planned Construction [2024-26]
- Bike Lanes and Micro-Mobility [Shared Mobility]
- ADA Transition Plan and Implementations
 - Implementation Strategy
 - Phase 1, 2, and 3
 - ADA Grievance Procedure
 - Key Milestones

Mission and Goals

Mission

Maintain a Master Sidewalk Work Plan strategy that provides for the Sidewalk Infrastructure, responsibly utilizing the voter-approved sidewalk bond funds with emphasis on priority areas, thematic design, and installation of the City's Sidewalk Infrastructure utilizing the voter-approved sidewalk bond funds with emphasis priority areas.

Goals

- Provide improved sidewalk connectivity Citywide
- Install sidewalk segments where the need is the greatest based on true pedestrian potential
- Ensure a data-driven approach by creating a Pedestrian Potential Index (PPI) scoring Criteria
- Include segments in Capital Street Projects when possible
- Coordinate with Development Services for better tracking of sidewalk installation by private developments
- Maximize bond funding and continue funding efforts

Benefits

Fair and Equitable Prioritization

A Master Sidewalk Work Plan

Safe Routes to School

Capital Street Projects

Use of Bond Funds

ADA Transition Plan

Private Developments

Helps to create trust with our citizens.

Allows projects to be planned well in advance based on anticipated funding.

Shows the City's planning consideration for Safer Routes to School.

Including CIP segments reduces construction interruptions for residents.

Utilizes the 2019 voter-approved sidewalk bond funds responsibly.

Maximizes the ADA Transition Plan sidewalk accessibility data

Provide perimeter street sidewalk projects by private developments [avoid overlaps]

Segment Completions using 2019 Sidewalk Bond Funds

2
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1
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3

Capital Projects completed the following segments either as a stand-alone segment or as part of a larger Capital Improvement Project.

Austin Street (east side) Oak to McKinney - 5'x500LF	McKinney Street (north side) Frame to Bell Place - 5'x650LF
Bell Avenue (east side) Sycamore to Hickory - 5'x735LF	McKinney Street (each side) Loop 288 to S. Fork - 6 & 12'x6,070LF
*Bernard Street (west side) Parvin to Acme - 5'x1,050LF	McKinney Street (each side) Bell Place to Frame Street - 5'x620LF
Devonshire Ct. (north side) Nottingham to Avondale Pk - 8'x170LF	McKinney St. (south side) County Courts Bldg. to Ruddell - 5'x622LF
Egan Street (north side) Gap area near Lovell - 5'x250LF	Medpark Drive (both sides) Colorado to Brinker - 8'x1,200LF
Hanover Drive (north side) Emerson to existing SW - 12'x483LF	*Meadow Lane Pl. (each side) Hercules to Meadow Ln - 5'x320LF
Hickory Street (each side) Welch to Carroll - 5'x2,120LF	Mill Street (north side) Cross Timbers to Industrial - 5'x870LF
Hickory Creek Rd (south side) Nautical Ln to FM 2499 - 5'x1,100LF	Nottingham Drive (south side) University to Churchill - 5'x3,100LF
Hickory Creek Rd (south side) Riverpass to FM 2181 - 5'x6,600LF	Parkway Street (south side) Elm to Locust - 5'x330LF
Hercules Ln (each side) Sherman to Huntington - 4' to 8'x1,860LF	Robertson Street (north side) Bell to Skinner - 5'x60LF
Londonderry Lane (each side) FM2181 to Westminster - 5'x800LF	Vintage Blvd (south side) near Hidden Meadows Trail - 5'x300LF
Maple Street (north side) Bernard to existing sidewalk - 5'x120LF	*Segments were installed as part of the overall Street Improvement Project.



Planned Construction

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6

Mulkey Lane (west side) Oak Tree to Paisley – 5’x1,260LF (SRTS)	Mulberry Street (north side) Elm to Mid-block – 5’x250LF
Audra Lane (east side) Audra to Lattimore – 5’x980LF (SRTS)	Mulberry Street (north side) Industrial to Russell - 5’x150LF
Lattimore Street (south side) Audra to Pin Oak – 5’x1860LF (SRTS)	Piner Street (both sides) Hickory to Oak – 5’x700LF
Stuart Road (both sides) Sun Valley to Windsor - 5’x4,850LF (SRTS)	Russell Street (both sides) Hickory to Mulberry – 5’x700LF
Emerson Ln (south side) Wilsonwood to Glenwood – 5’x1,130LF (SRTS)	Carroll Blvd (west side) Hickory to Oak - 5’x350LF
Emerson Ln (south side) Woodhaven to Brookfield – 5’x370LF (SRTS)	Elm Street (both sides) At Mulberry Intersections - 5’x280LF
Glenwood Lane (west side) Emerson to E. Windsor – 5’x530LF (SRTS)	*Hickory Creek Rd (each side) Riverpass to FM1830 - 10’x5,060LF
Pockrus Page (north side) Post Oak to Pecan Creek Elem. – 5’x900LF (SRTS)	Locust Street (west side) Parkway to McKinney - 5’x550LF
Sycamore St. (north side) DCTA Station to Welch Street - 10’x5,250LF (TASA)	Loop 288 (south side) Denton Katy Trail to Brinker - 5’x1,650LF
Loop 288 Gaps (both sides)	*Mayhill Rd (each side) Quailcreek to Colorado - 5 & 10’x3,620LF
(east side) Market Street to existing sidewalk – 5’x1,100LF	*Mayhill Road New Bridge (each side)
(west side) community shelter to existing sidewalk –5’x1,480LF	Mayhill to Colorado Blvd - 5’ & 10’x2,860LF
(west side) community shelter north to University - 5’x2,510LF	*S Bonnie Brae St (both sides) FM1515 to Roselawn - 5’ & 10’x8,450LF
Industrial Street (east side) Hickory to Mulberry – 5’x350LF	University Drive (south side) Boyd to Old North - 5’x2,250LF



*Segments will be installed within the overall Street Improvement Project.

Stay Informed – PPI Criteria Reminder

Go to www.discussdenton.com/citysidewalks

For the latest updates.

You will also find project Q&A, map links and Project Manager contact information.

Pedestrian Potential Index (PPI) Criteria

- Downtown/Commercial
- Transit < ¼ Mile
- Existing Pathway (worn-beaten path)
- Park/Greenbelt < ¼ Mile
- School < ¼ Mile
- University < ¼ Mile
- Community Shelter < ¼ Mile
- Pedestrian Involved Accident < 3 years
- Sidewalk Connectivity
- ADA Compliance Rating*

Each criteria has a scoring of 0 **OR** 1.

*ADA Compliance Rating is compiled of the sidewalk index score (provided by the ADA Transition Plan) for each block contained in the entire segment range and can be 0 **TO** 1.

Home / Major Infrastructure Projects / City Sidewalk Improvement Projects

City Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The intent of this page is to provide the most up to date information on City sidewalk installation projects through 2025. The sidewalks may be included in a City Capital Improvement Street Project or they may be stand alone sidewalk projects. These projects will improve sidewalk connectivity as well as increase pedestrian and vehicular safety. The City also participates in several state and federal grant funding programs such as Safe Routes to Schools (STRS), Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TA), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvements (CMAQ) and the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) Transportation Reinvestment Program (TRIP). The segments listed below are projects currently planned for construction through 2025.

PROVIDING YOU THE MOST ACCURATE INFORMATION POSSIBLE IS OUR GOAL

The below projects are not a comprehensive list of City planned sidewalks, but rather a list of segments planned to be installed through year 2025 with little likelihood of change. A map with the below listed segments can also be found here: <https://www.discussdenton.com/13079/widgets/38897/documents/24358>

As Denton continues to grow and develop, priority areas may change. Some sidewalk segments planned by the City may be planned and installed by private development projects, allowing the City to apply those funds to other sidewalk projects. By keeping the list to the next two (2) calendar years, staff is providing residents with the most accurate information.

Staff is strategically planning for new sidewalks where they will serve the greatest needs in the community by reviewing data that indicates where pedestrian activity will be highest. Click the link below to learn more

[Sidewalk Workplan \(arcgis.com\) Presentation](#)

If you would like additional information about these projects or other sidewalk questions, you may contact the Project Manager Robin Davis at robin.davis@cityofdenton.com.

For existing sidewalk maintenance issues, please report those concerns to the Engage Denton App - www.engagedenton.com

THE FOLLOWING SEGMENTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION IN 2023

- Austin Street (east side)

Project Information

Estimated Cost at Completion: \$12.1M

Sponsoring Department: Capital Projects/Engineering

Funding Source: 2019 Bond Program, SRTS, CMAQ, TA, TRIP, other city funds


Project Location: Various Sidewalk Segments throughout the City

Map:
<https://www.discussdenton.com/13079/widgets/38897/documents/24358>

Contact Information:

Robin Davis, PMP
Project Manager - Capital Projects
robin.davis@cityofdenton.com - 940.349.7713

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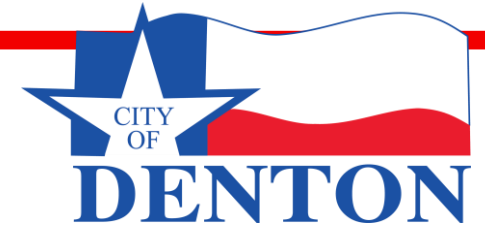


Click [HERE](#) to register to stay informed and ask the



Bike Lanes and Micro-Mobility





Bike Lanes and Micro-Mobility

A-Train to UNT Bike and Pedestrian Path (TASA) - Construction Completion 2025

- **Sycamore Street (north side)** DCTA Station to Welch Street - 5,250 LF of 10-foot, mixed-use side-path
- **Welch Street Bike Lane** Hickory to Eagle - 2,882 LF of 5-foot bike lane

Shared Mobility Study [Scope Development Stage]

- Analyze the Transportation Disadvantage Communities within the City of Denton
- Assess best bike lane designs for various locations in the City of Denton
- Develop Bike Lanes Assessment Criteria
- Prioritize the Bike Lanes and Micromobility Projects with Cost Estimates in three Tiers
- Develop a Bike Lanes Implementation Plan for the City of Denton



Position Status: Filled

Senior Planner Bicycle
Pedestrian and ADA
Coordinator



Accessible Denton *Challenges, Barriers,* *and Implementation* *Strategy*



ADA Transition Plan Implementation Strategy



Phase 1

Challenges Assessment

[Jan – Feb]



Phase 2

Needs Assessment and Prioritization

[Mar – Apr]



Phase 3

Annual Work Plan and Initiate Project Delivery

[May – Aug]



PHASE 1

- ✓ *ADA Transition Plan Review*
- ✓ *Identifying the ADA-Tier-1 City Departments*

ADA Challenges Meetings

- ✓
 - *In-Person Meetings with the Tier 1 Departments*
 - *Open Discussion on Current ADA-Implementation Process, Accomplishments, and Challenges*

Tier 1 - Departments

- *Capital Projects*
- *Facilities*
- *Streets and Traffic Operations*
- *Parks and Recreation*

PHASE 1

Tier 1 - Departments

- Capital Projects
- Facilities Department
- Streets and Traffic Operations
- Parks and Recreation Department

30 Year Tier -1-Departments Needs Per ADA Transition Plan

Departments	Description	Total [\$]
	Buildings	4,656,950
Facilities	Total	4.7M
	Parks	3,050,200
	Parks Paved Trails	1,479,540
	Parks Unpaved Trails	48,600
Parks and Rec	Total	4.6M
	Signalized Intersections	4,830,600
	Public Rights of Way Sidewalks	11,359,360
	Public Rights of Way Unsignalized Intersection Curb Ramps	18,345,700
Streets, Traffic Operations, PW	Total	35.5M
Grand Total		45M

* 45 M is an estimate that does not include overages

PHASE 2

Next Steps [Transportation Services]

Completion by

Needs Assessments 5-year + 5-year Programming Based

June 2025

*Prioritization of Departmental Projects
in the Annual Work Plan*

May 30, 2024

*Department-Specific Professional
Training by US Access Board*

September 15, 2024, Recurring

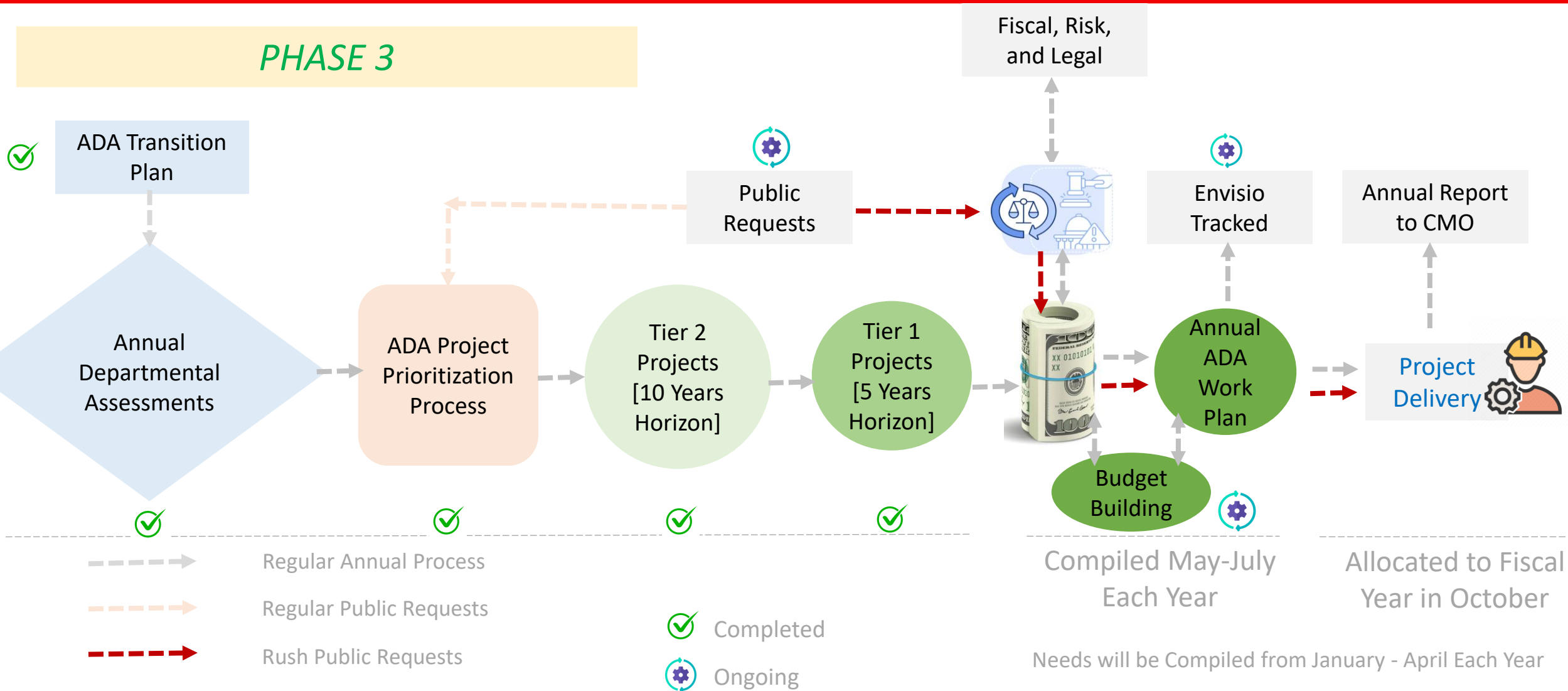
Project Controls and Progress Tracking

In Progress via Envisio

*Assistance to Departments in Complex ADA Issues Raised by Council
Members and Public with Swift Responses and Implementations*

Ongoing

PHASE 3



PHASE 3

Risk and Legal



Fiscal



		Consequence				
		Negligible 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
Likelihood	5 Almost certain	Moderate 5	High 10	Extreme 15	Extreme 20	Extreme 25
	4 Likely	Moderate 4	High 8	High 12	Extreme 16	Extreme 20
	3 Possible	Low 3	Moderate 6	High 9	High 12	Extreme 15
	2 Unlikely	Low 2	Moderate 4	Moderate 6	High 8	High 10
	1 Rare	Low 1	Low 2	Low 3	Moderate 4	Moderate 5

Federal [RAISE, SS4A**, HSIP**, CMAQ**, NHTSA 405, STBG, NCTCOG**, RCP**]

State [SRTS, PLAN, TA]

Local [CIP Proportions, Bond, TRIP**, Fees, PPPs]

Each Department will run their ADA projects through Risk Assessment Matrix for Annual Work Plan Prioritization and assign a risk score

ADA Grievance Procedure

- *ADA Act - Meets the Requirements of ADA Act of 1990*
- *Anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging noncompliance may submit the form*
- *Complaints may be submitted via*
 - *online form available at www.cityofdenton.com/disability*
 - *in writing by printing, completing, and mailing the ADA Grievance Form to:*
 - *By Postal Mail - ADA Grievance c/o City Manager's Office City of Denton 215 E. McKinney Street Denton, TX 76201*
 - *By Email - A scanned copy of the written complaint may be emailed to ada@cityofdenton.com.*
 - *Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint are available upon request.*
 - *Please contact a City of Denton ADA Coordinator ada@cityofdenton.com or call the City Manager's Office at (940) 349-8307 to arrange an alternative means of filing.*

ADA Grievance Procedure

Alternative means of filing complaints such as

- personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available upon request. To arrange an alternative means of filing

- Please contact

City of Denton ADA Coordinator at ada@cityofdenton.com

or

Call the City Manager's Office at (940) 349-8307

- **Complaint Review** – within 15 days of receipt, the Area coordinator will meet the complainant
- **Complaint Response** – within 30 days of receipt, the Area coordinator or designee will respond in writing or in a format accessible to the complainant explaining the position of the City and offer options for substantive resolution
- **Appeal** - If the response by the City does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant may file an appeal of the decision to the City Manager or ADA Coordinator

ADA Dashboard – A GIS Application Conceptualized by Transportation Services

< Intersection of E McKinney St and N Wood St

ActualCost
0

EstimCost
0

EstimDate
MM/DD/YYYY

Completed
No value

Department
No value

Update Delete

Selection Criteria

Parks

- Compliant
- Non-Compliant

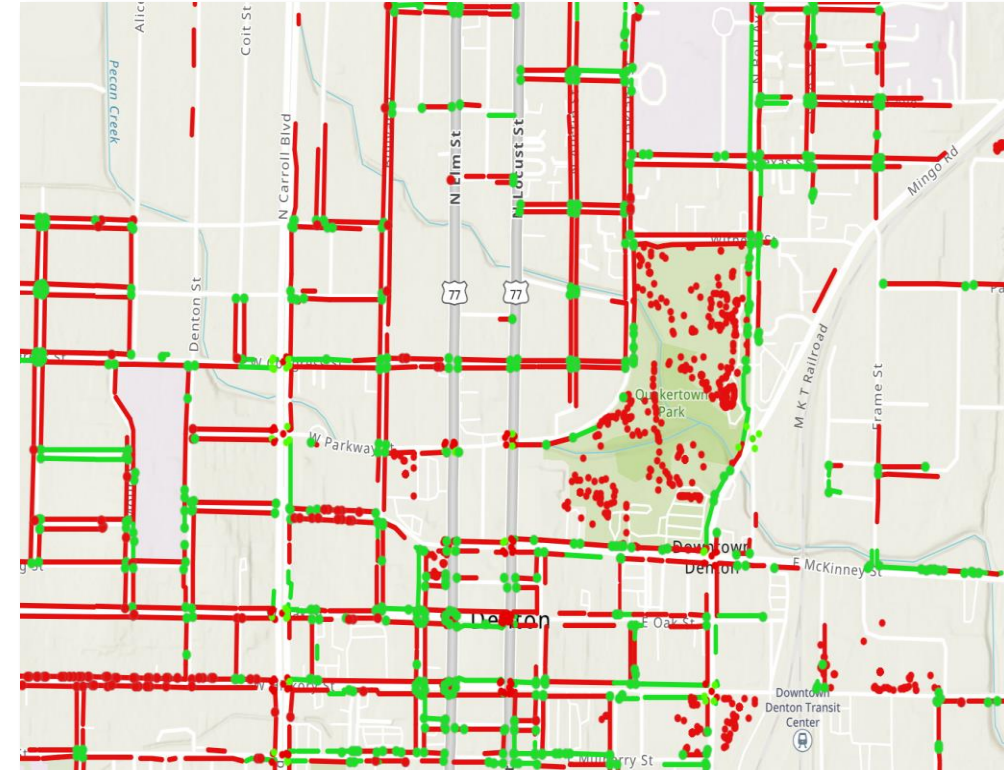
Facilities/Building

- Compliant
- Non-Compliant

Sidewalks

- Non-Compliant
- Compliant

Object Layers Overlay



Thematic Map

Key Milestones of ADA Implementation Plan

- *Challenges Assessment & ADA Coordinator Hiring*
- *Needs Assessment and Prioritization*
- *Annual Work Plan and Initiate Project Delivery* [June 30, 2024]
- *ADA Transition Plan Tracking Dashboard* [June 30, 2024]
- *5 + 5 Years ADA Implementation Work Plan* [June 30, 2024]
- *Funding Strategy & Implementation Grants*



Questions / Feedback

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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding the Design Downtown Denton plan.



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

ACM: Cassey Ogden

DATE: May 16, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding the Design Downtown Denton plan.

BACKGROUND

The current Denton Downtown Master Plan was adopted in 2002. The main purpose of updating the master plan is to:

1. Confirm if the vision and goals for Downtown are still relevant today and for the near future;
2. Evaluate if the Downtown boundary should be expanded in size to maximize future opportunities;
3. Set clear policy direction and supporting implementation strategies that will continue the economic growth of Downtown, enhance pedestrian experience, and preserve the character of the Downtown; and
4. Identify additional open space, increase housing choices, enhance mobility, and balance development while protecting existing neighborhoods and historic resources.

The Design Downtown Denton plan will help guide decisions in Downtown Denton over the next 20 years. The updated plan will address key downtown opportunities and challenges, which include but are not limited to parking, mobility, housing, open space, historic preservation, drainage, infrastructure, and other public service needs. The plan is in Phase 3 of 4 therefore this discussion is to seek initial ideas and address any questions. The Committee is welcome to provide feedback once the plan is drafted.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Cameron Robertson
Historic Preservation Officer/Project Manager of
Design Downtown Denton Plan

Prepared by:
Carlotta Cowan
Assistant to the City Manager



DESIGN DOWNTOWN DENTON

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Catalyst Projects

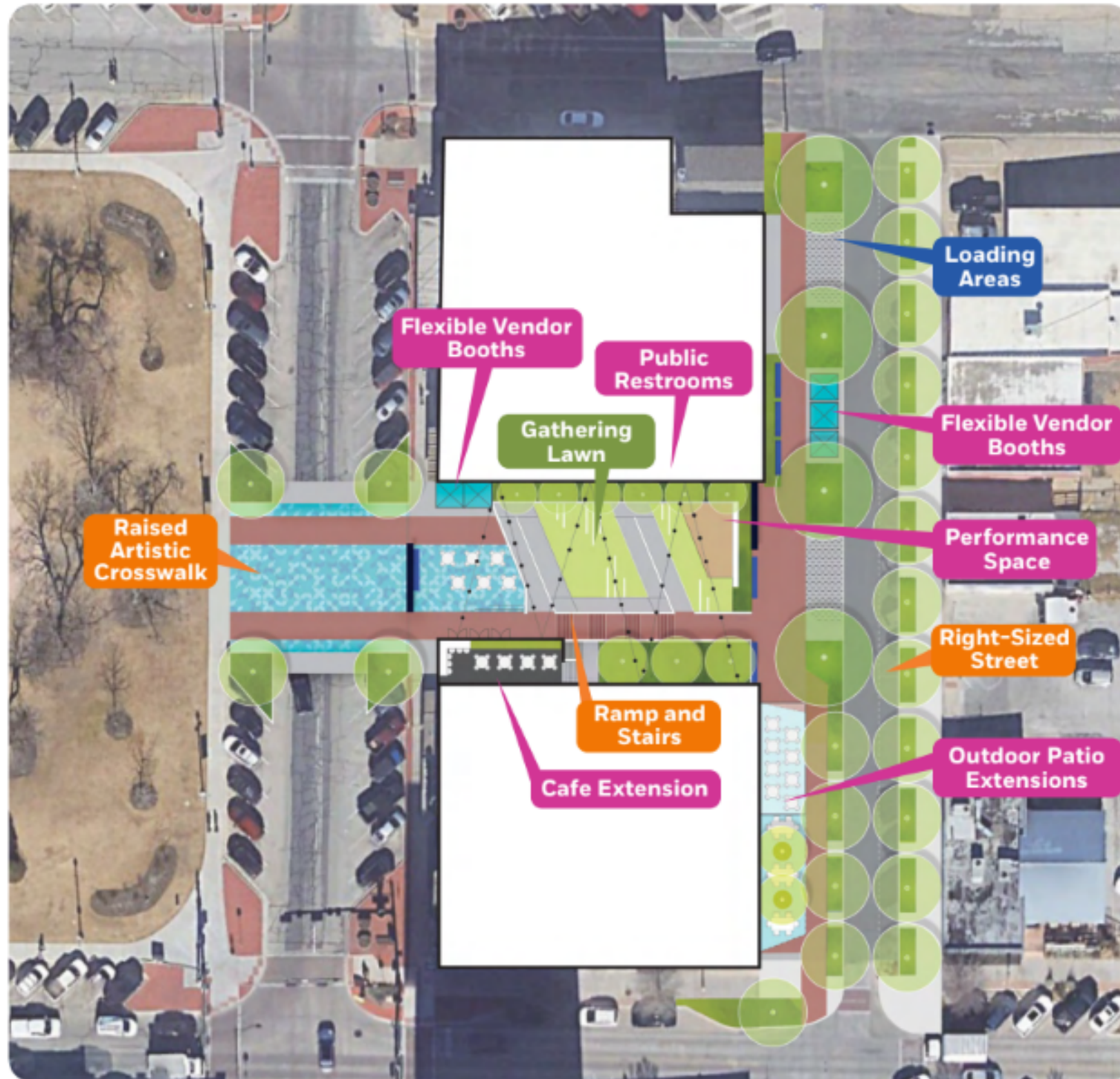


Live Music at Wine Bar

Southern Downtown Development



The Square



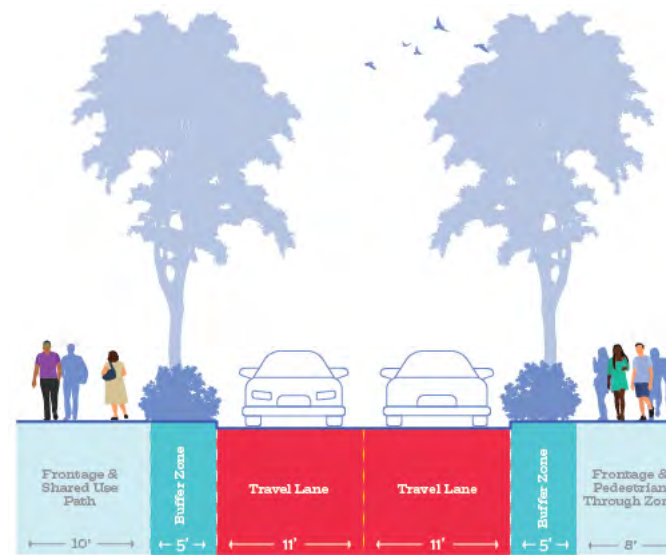
↑ Better Utilize Downtown Denton's Street Space



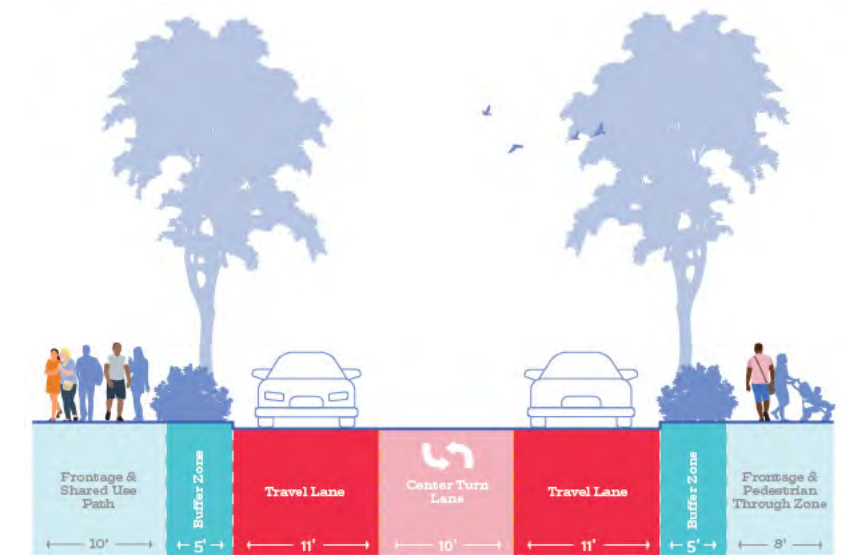
Oakland St

1A Rightsizing and 4/3 Conversions

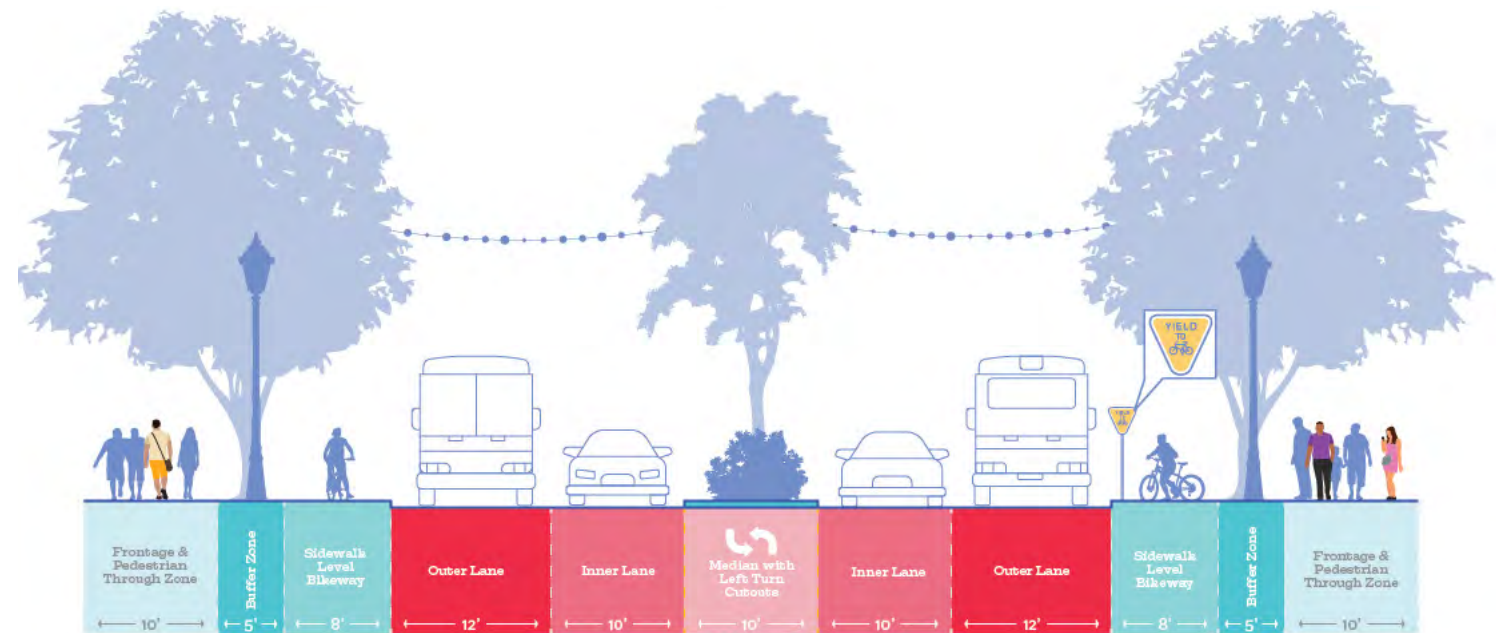
Rightsizing Street Cross Sections to maximize walkability and safety and reduce barriers between Downtown and the adjacent neighborhoods.



McKinney West of Locust



McKinney East of Locust



Carroll Boulevard



Bell Street


*Trees not to scale

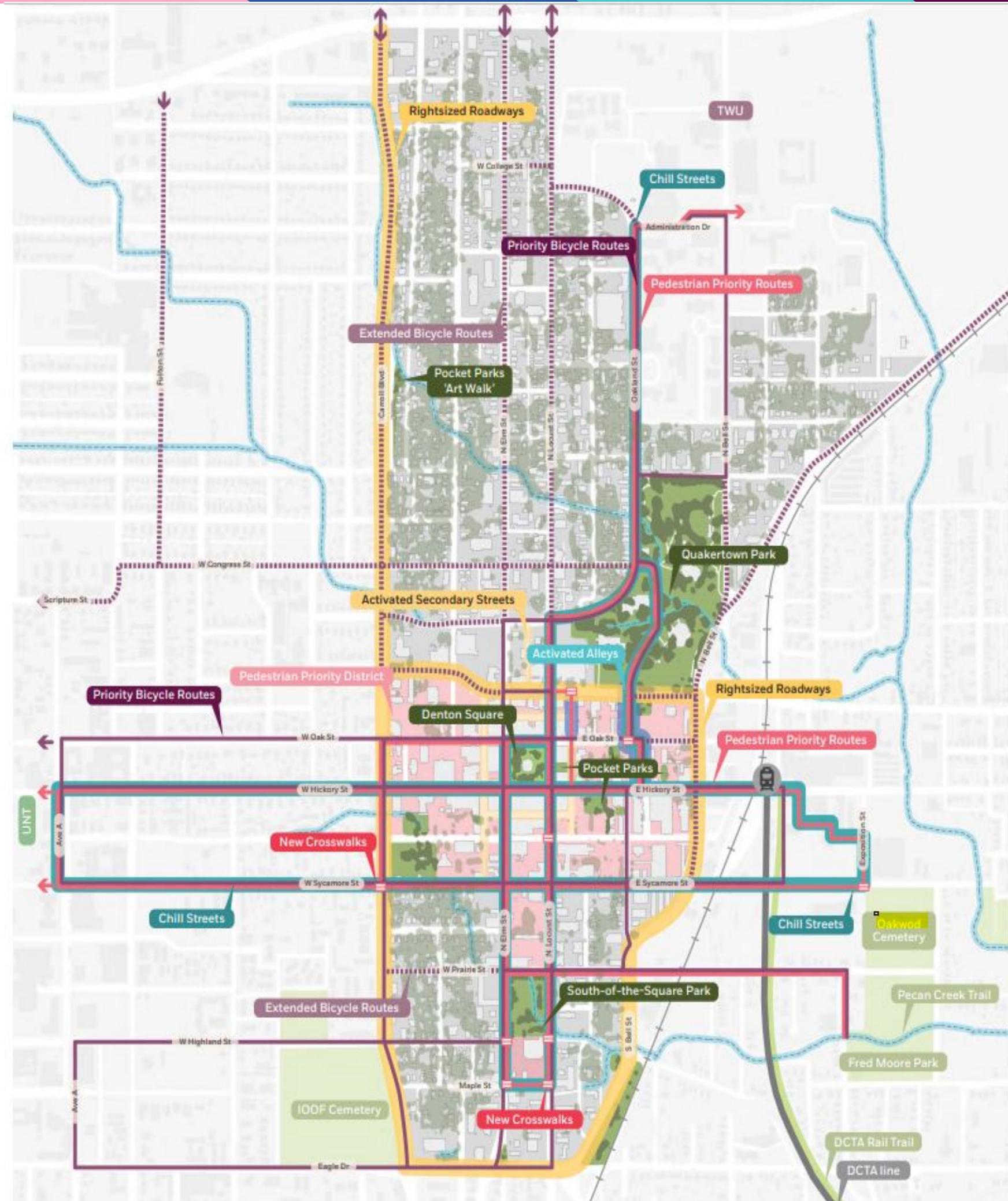
1B Pedestrian Priority Routes and Denton Chill Streets

Create direct walkable routes between major destinations with focus on shade and comfort and intersection safety improvements within the Right of Way.

1C Improve Bike Connections

Develop protected behind-the-curb bike infrastructure through Downtown.

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| LEGEND | LEGEND |
|  Chill Streets |  Priority Bicycle Routes |
|  Pedestrian Priority Routes |  Extended Bicycle Routes |
|  Pedestrian Priority Areas | |
|  New Crosswalks | |



1D Improve Transit

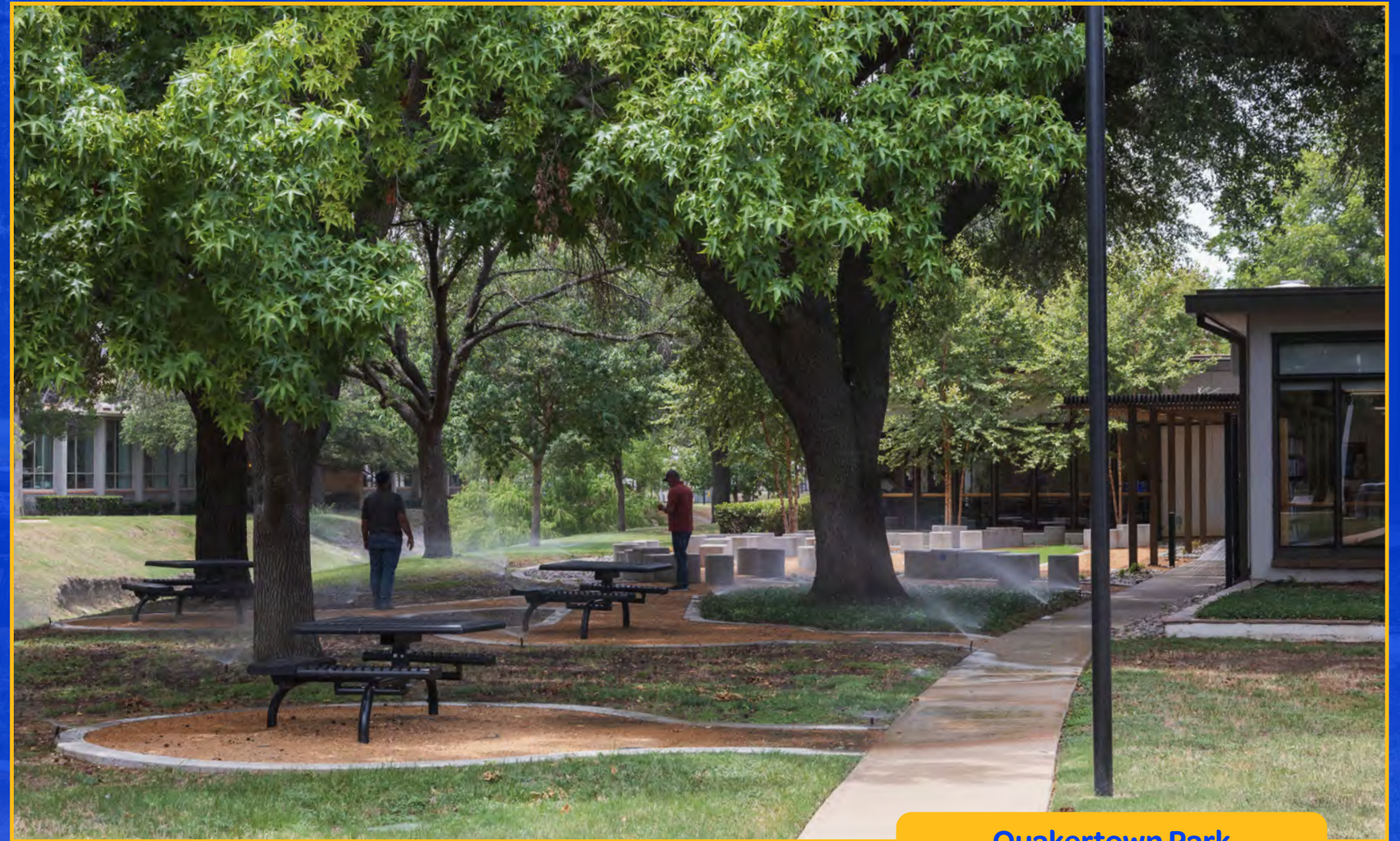
- Improve the bus stops amenities such as lighting, seating and shade within Downtown
- Improve the frequency of buses and adjust routes to improve connections between Downtown and key destinations throughout the City in partnership with DCTA



Source: 2005-2024 Community Impact Newspaper Co.



Build a Network of Improved Public Spaces



Quakertown Park





Activate vacant lots-Temporary and Permanent Pocket Parks

Activate vacant lots throughout Downtown with new pocket parks.

- The vacant lot on the square and Austin Street
- Williams Square
- 321 E Hickory Street
- 206 E Oak Street
- 427 E McKinney Street
- The Art Walk northwest of the Square

LEGEND

-  Proposed Park
-  Existing Park

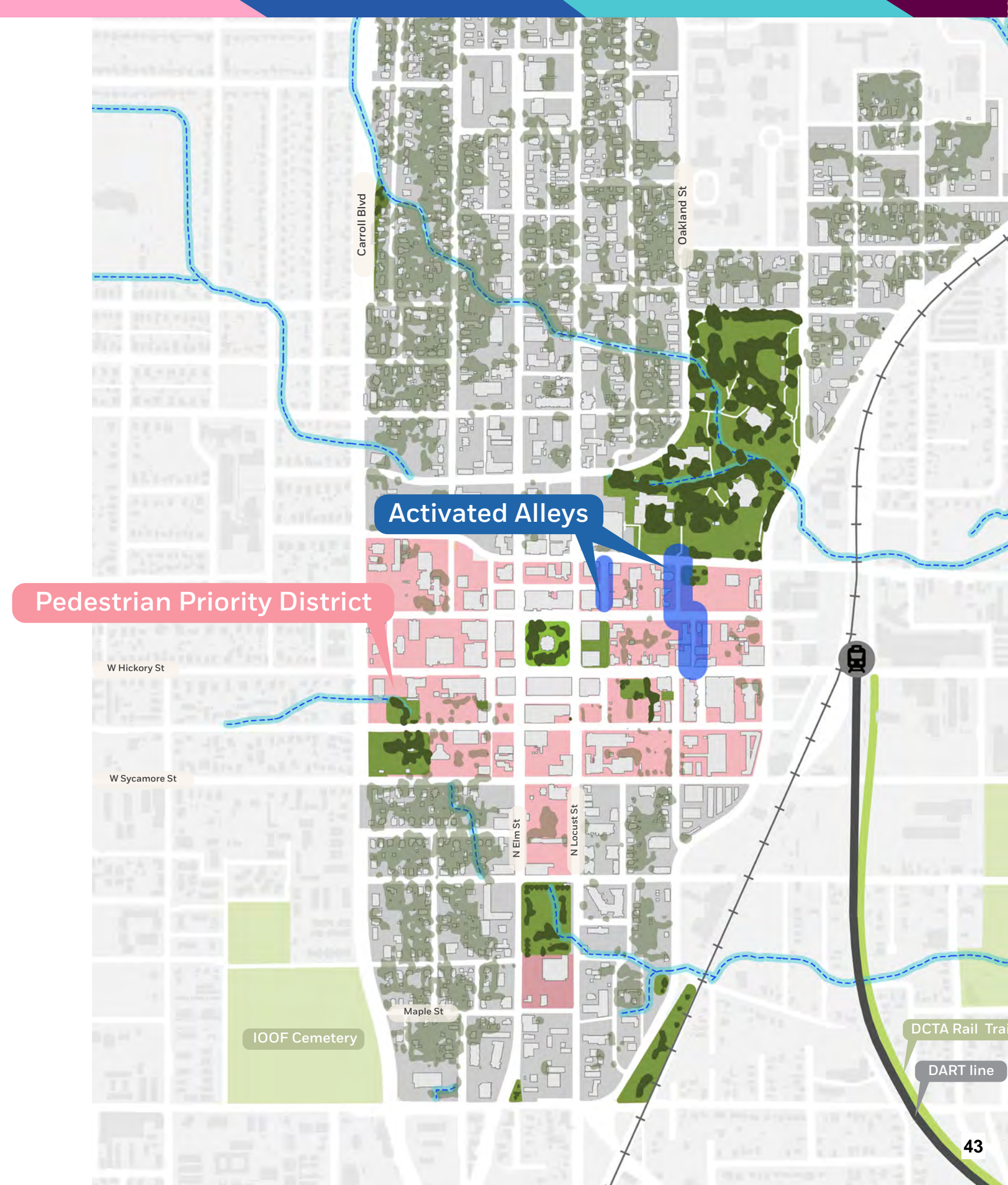




Improve Utilization of Alleys

Activate alleys throughout Downtown.

- Beer Alley
- Austin/Oak/Oakland/Hickory Block
- Carroll/Hickory/Cedar/Mulberry Block



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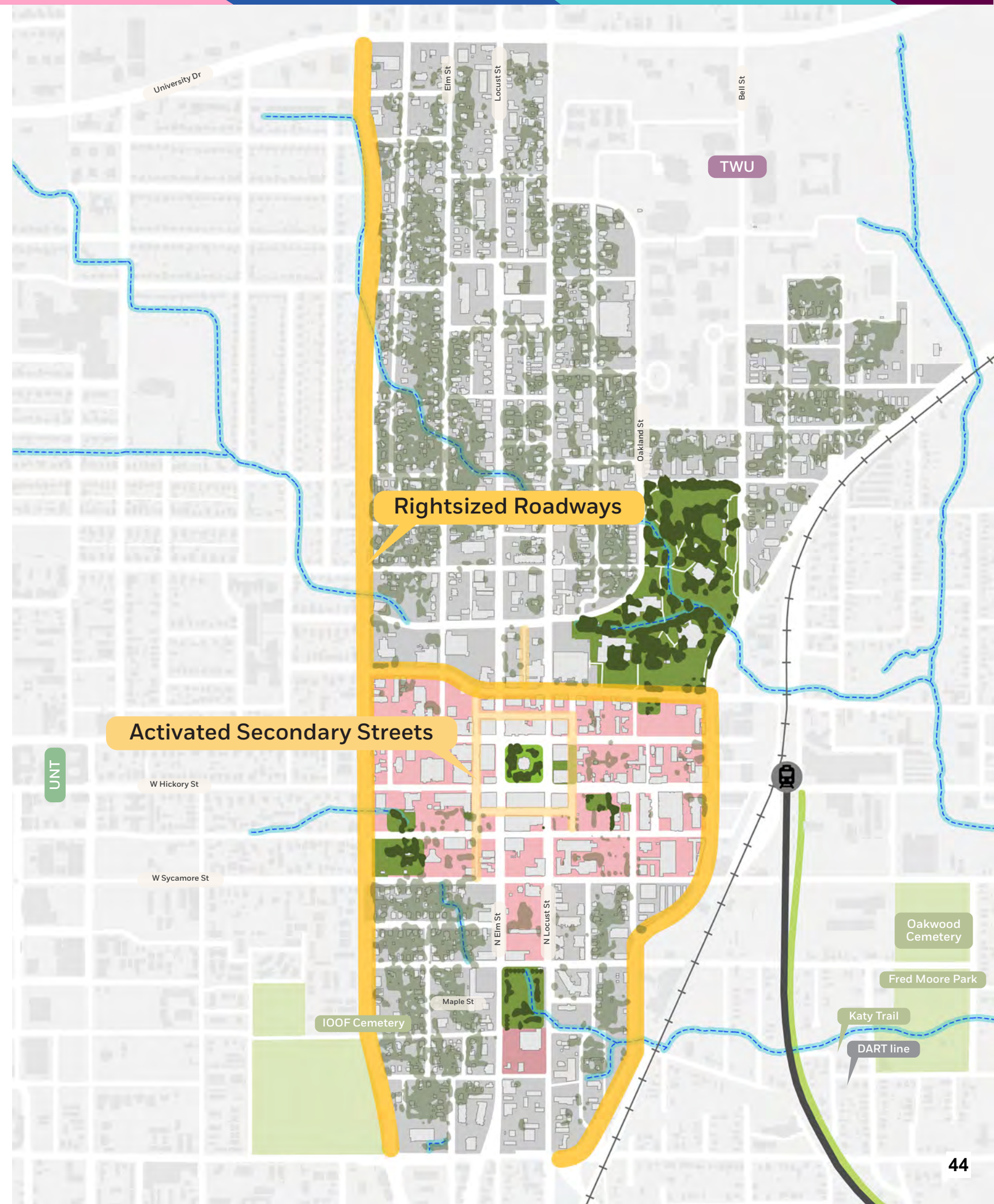
Rethink Underutilized Streets

Downtown has many small roadways that aren't important to traffic circulation. Rethink them to allow more frequent closures, festivals and outdoor seating while still allowing for deliveries.

- Oakland
- Russell
- Austin
- Walnut
- Cedar
- Pecan

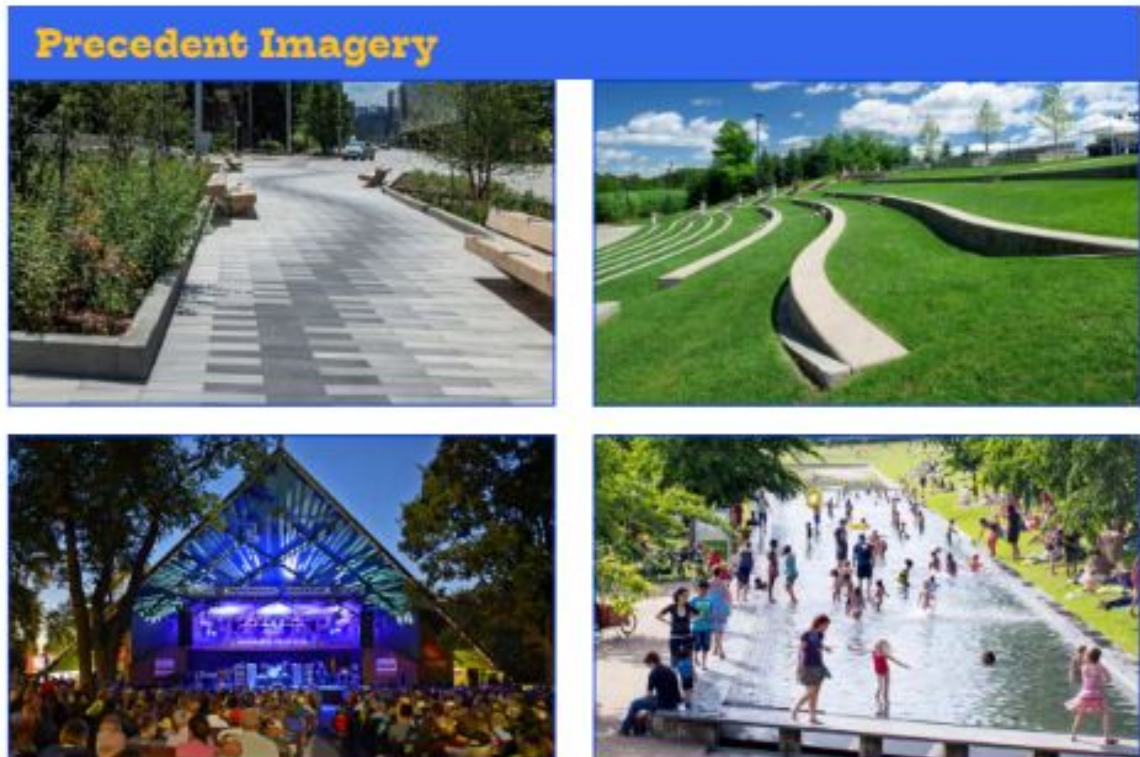
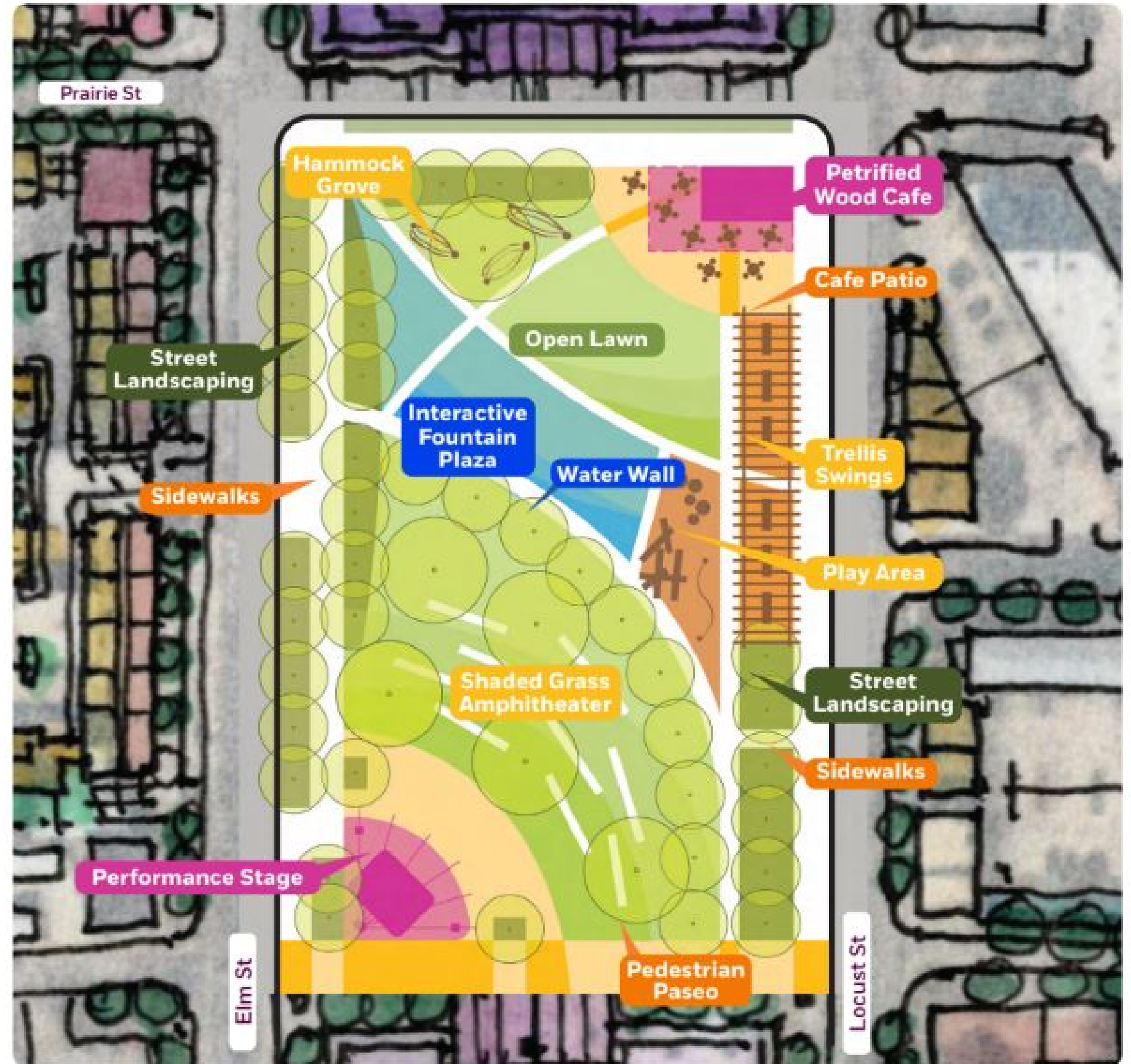


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New Park in southern Downtown

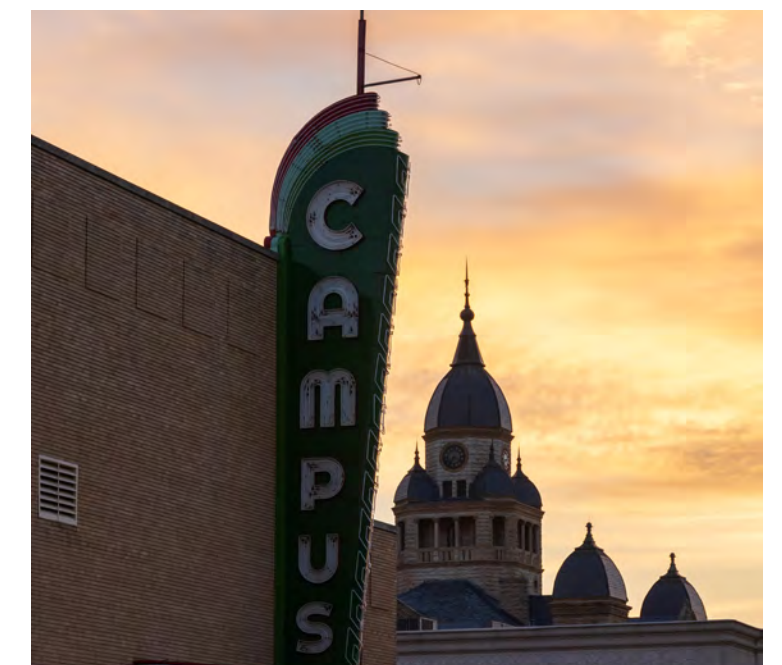
Anchor Southern Downtown with a new open space.



2F Improvements to the County's Historic Park

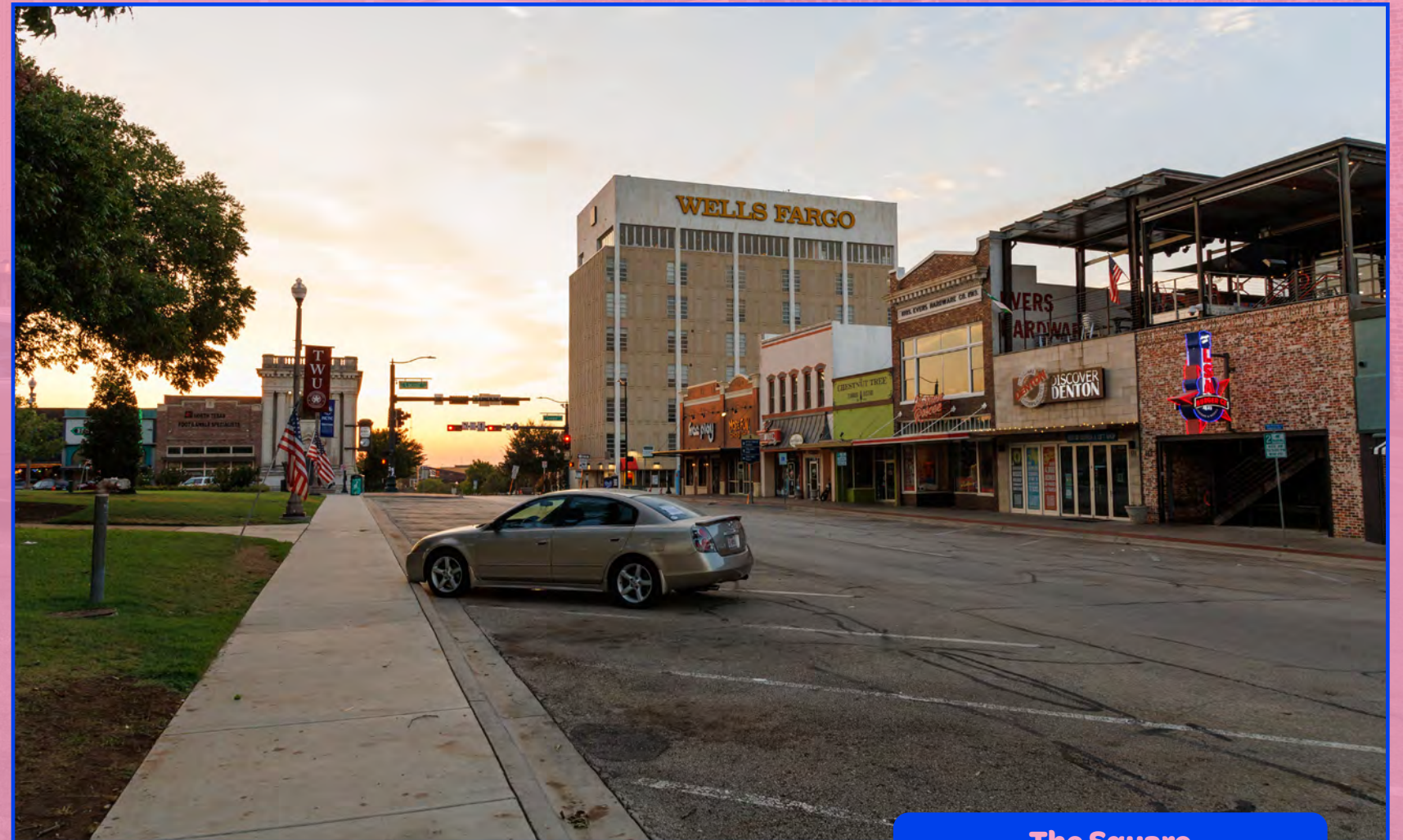


2G Develop Public Art Plan



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Target Development to Build on Downtown's Character and Assets



The Square

3A Develop Southern Downtown

- Include a significant open space anchor, including a public stage
- Examine potential to collaborate with Levitt Foundation for funding and programming
- Include a civic use, potentially a new City Hall as an anchor for development
- Collaborative with Universities on space needs
- Include a major housing component
- Design streets to contribute to walkability and connectivity to UNT and SE Denton
- Utilize district parking and other district sustainability opportunities
- Establish design guidelines for public realm and new development.



3B Encourage Downtown Living

Set a goal of 1500 new Downtown units in the next 10 years, and develop policies and regulations to support the goal.

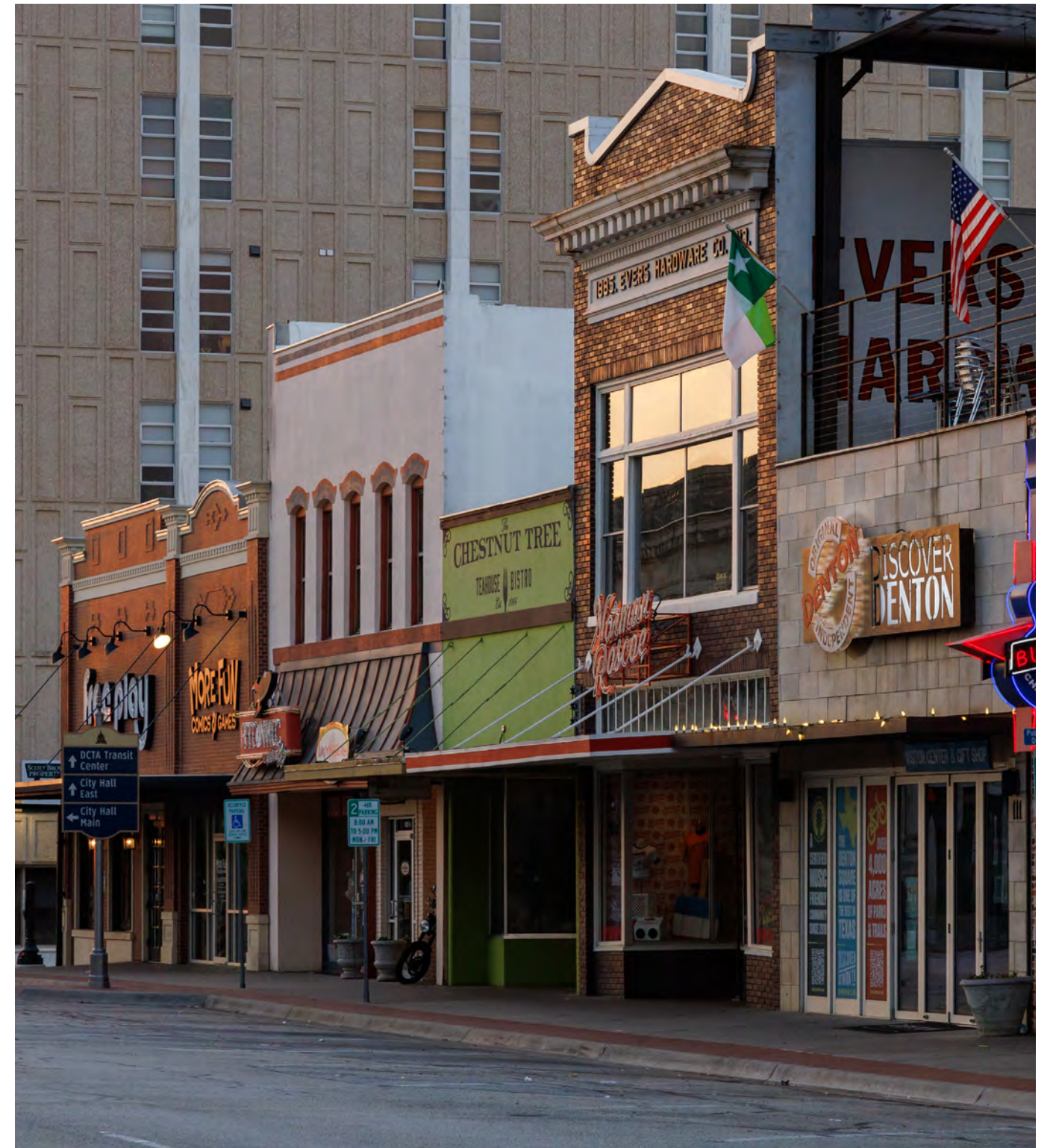
- ~ 2700 new residents at 1.8 people per unit
- Mix of market rate and affordable/attainable housing
- Mix of housing types, including types that will appeal to seniors, empty nesters, students, young adults, and families



Source: Good Morning, Denton! By Jane Piper-Lunt from the Photo Contest

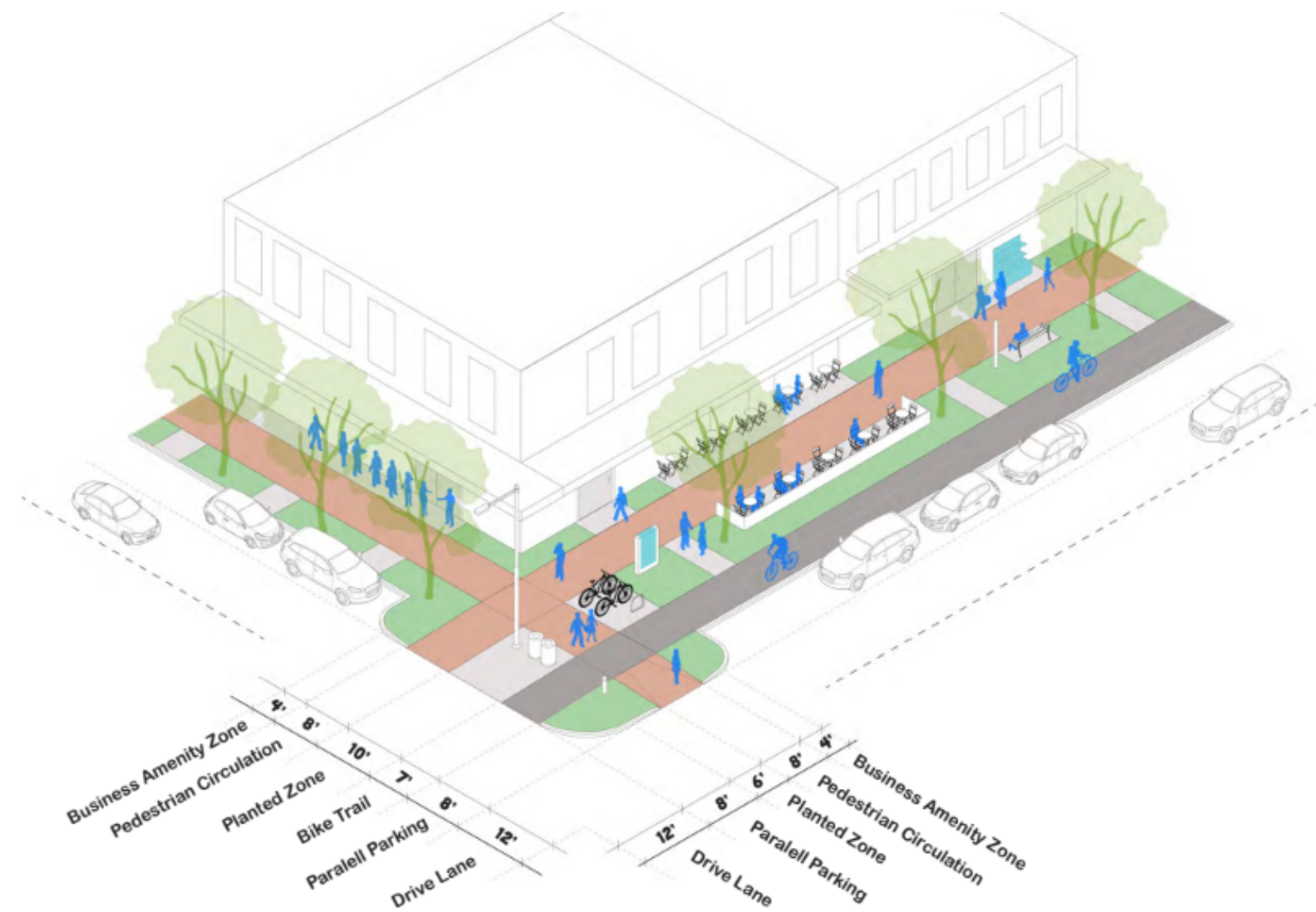
3C Strengthen Historic Preservation Opportunities

- Grant Program opportunities
- Cultural Grant Opportunities
- Tax Credits
- Updated Guidelines



3D Public realm design standards and zoning recommendations

- Public Realm Street Types:
 - Within the Historic Denton Square District
 - Outside the Historic Denton Square District
 - Chill Streets
- Public Realm Street Elements:
 - Sidewalk Width
 - Trees and Plantings
 - Bollards
 - Lighting
 - Furniture
 - Bike Facilities
 - Branded Waste Bins - 2/block face
 - Hardscape
 - Shade Structures
 - Wayfinding/Signage/Maps
 - Murals
 - Outdoor Events
 - Utility consolidation
 - Encroachments within Right of Way



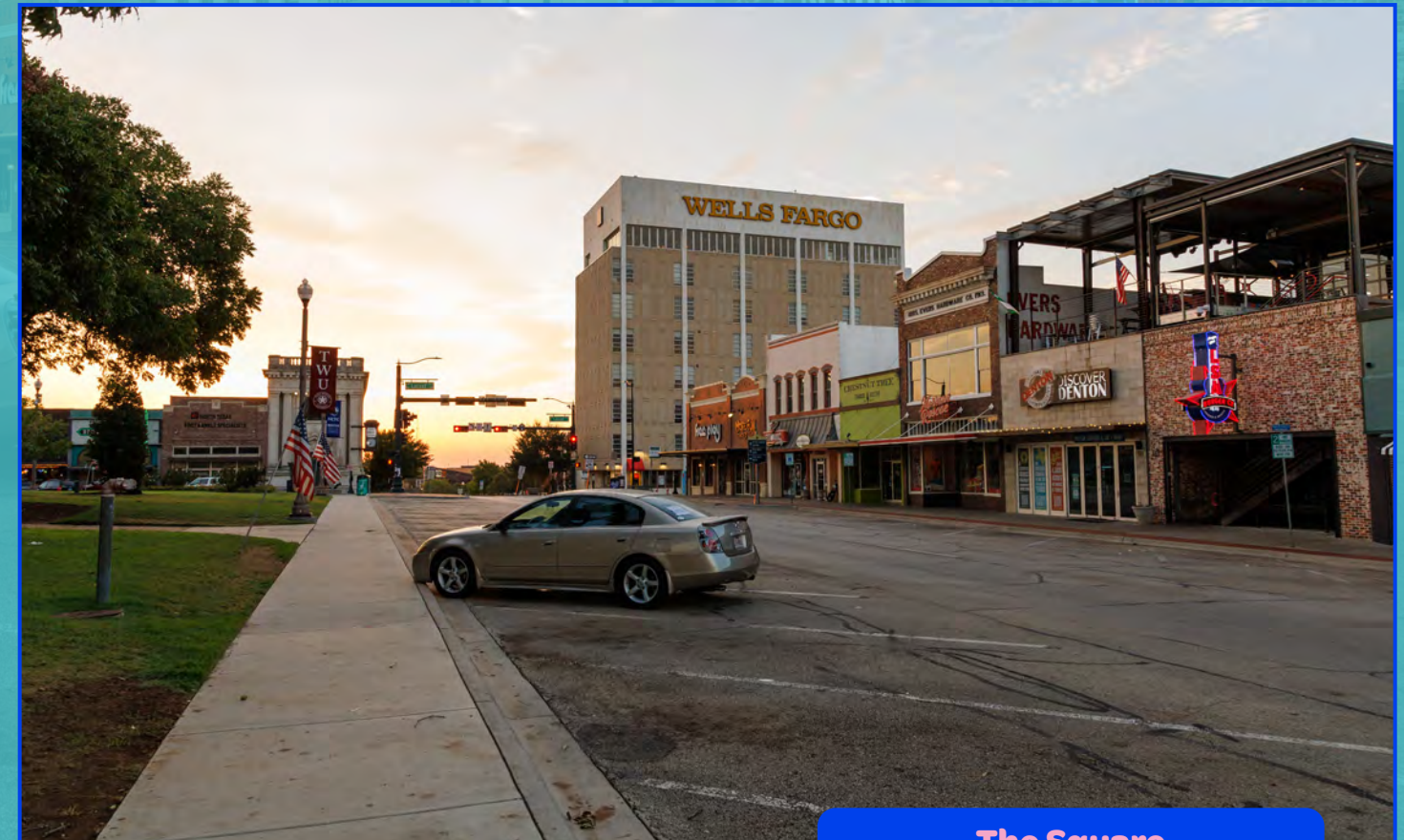
3E Explore Opportunities for Specific Programing

- Shared/Public Parking
- Public Market
- Vendor/Maker Stalls
- Hotel
- Music and Art Venues



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4 Promote Nightlife, Music, Events, History, and Art



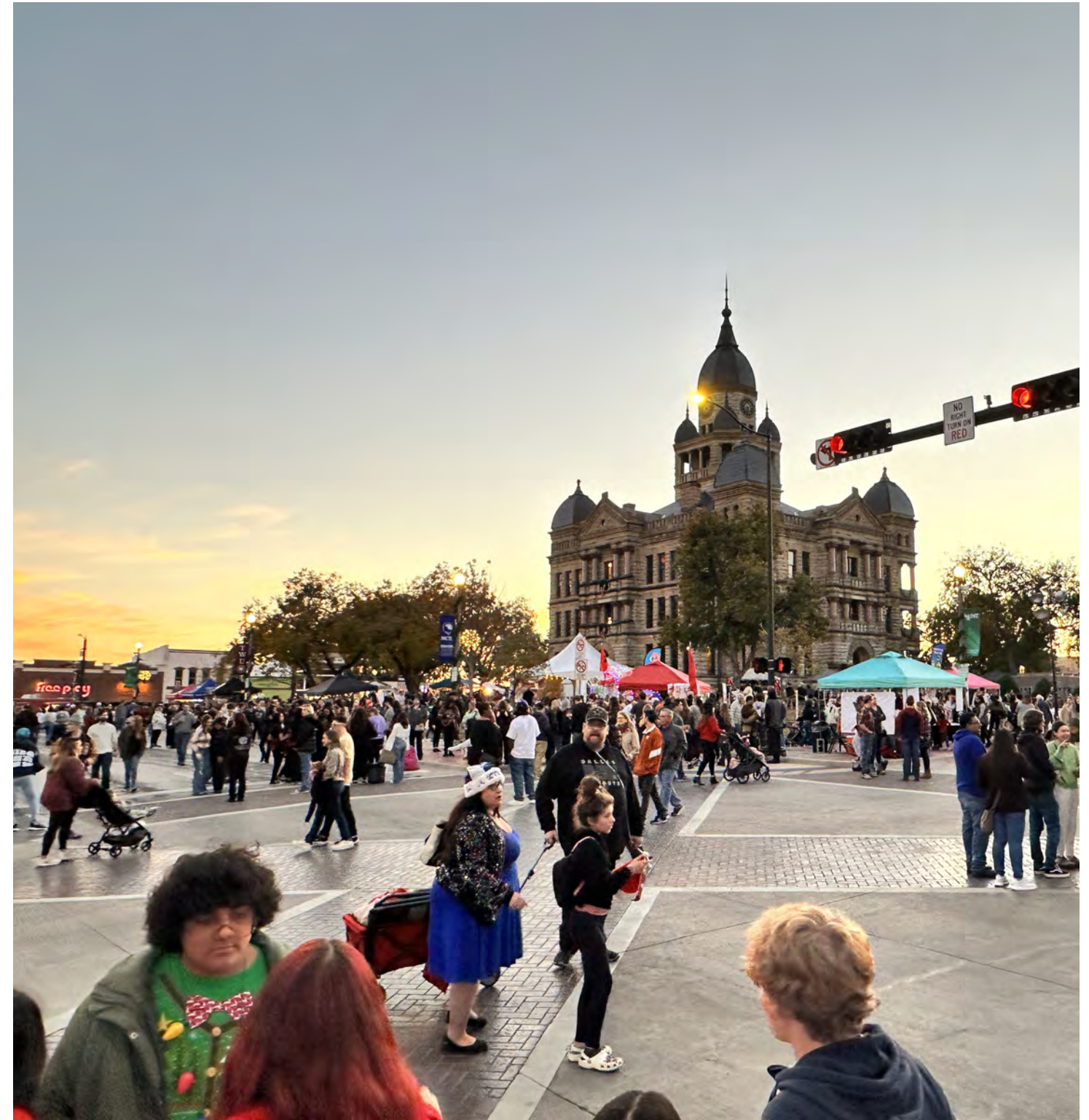
The Square

4A Utilize policy and regulation to support music and nightlife

- Join Sound Music Cities
- Update policies to support venue
 - Load-in-load-out
 - Performer parking
 - Noise ordinance
- Support the addition of additional music venues
- Develop an outdoor stage in a public space
- Support the development of a 1000 person venue
- In coordination with public realm recommendations, design some streets to support closures and outdoor performances.
- Do limited street closures on a regular basis
- In coordination with housing goals, create housing supports for culture bearers (musicians, artists, etc)
- Assist local venues and music non-profits in applying for grants available through Texas Music Office
- Supporting the work and recommendations of the Music Friendly City Advisory Board

4B Expand on Downtown events

- Streamlined permitting
- ROW use permitting
- Traffic Control Plan for road closures
- Event parking plans



4C **Modify existing tools to align with plan goals**

- Tax-Increment Reinvestment Zone
 - Incentivizing downtown housing construction.
 - Building out streetscape and public realm improvements
 - Public seating areas, pedestrian safety, more pedestrian-oriented intersections, and bicycle facilities.
 - Expand TIRZ 1 boundaries
- Downtown Reinvestment Grants
- 380 Agreements
- Historic Tax Credits
- Catalyst Fund
- City-Owned Land
- Qualified Hotel Project Tax Rebate
- Parking Benefit District
- Affordable Housing Tax Exemption
- HUD 108 Loan Guarantees
- Small Business Benefit District

4D Establish a Downtown Brand

- Overall Brand/Advertising
- Gateways
- Wayfinding
- Historic Signage/Interpretation
- Historic Pathway/Trails
 - African-American History
 - Native American History
 - Music History
 - University History
 - Growth of Denton History
 - Public Art Walks



4E Establish a Public Improvement District

A Public Improvement District (PID) is an assessment district that can fund public facilities construction and maintenance as well as such activities as marketing and “clean and safe”.

- Expanded Downtown Ambassadors program
- Maintenance and construction of enhanced sidewalks and streetscapes
- Maintaining street trees and other landscape features
- Plan and funding for cleanliness and public health
- Funding for potential park improvements

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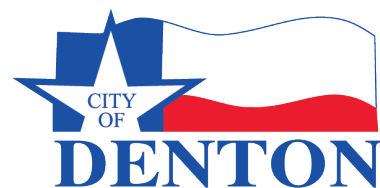
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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give direction regarding Committee issue priorities for 2024.



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

DCM/ACM/EM: Sara Hensley, City Manager

DATE: May 16, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give direction regarding Committee issue priorities for 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Persons with Disabilities was created in late 2018 with the responsibility of advising the City "in those areas of Committee interest including, but not limited to, disability concerns such as accessibility and accommodations for City projects and activities". The enabling ordinance further specifies areas under the scope of the Committee's work:

- Construction of new sidewalks, ramps, and crosswalk features;
- Replacing and repairing existing sidewalks, ramps, and crosswalk features;
- The creation of an ADA Transition Plan;
- The planning and development of an adaptive/ handicap accessible park;
- Provide guidance on incorporating new or enhanced signage at the City facilities;
- Advise on improvements for new and existing City facilities;
- Provide input on parking lot rehabilitation projects;
- Provide input for improving City operations;
- Provide input for improving the operations of other entities; and
- Provide input on Parks and Recreation adaptive activities.

The purpose of this item is to provide the Committee an opportunity to give direction to update the priority issues for 2024.

The 2023 Areas of Interest are listed below with the issues discussed by the Committee in bold:

- **GoZone/DCTA**
- **Elections**
- **Disaster Planning**
- **Adaptive Recreation**
- **Special Events**
- ADA Transition Plan
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Construction Design Input (as needed)
- **Loop 288 Shelter**

At the Nov. 16, 2023 meeting, the Committee made suggestions for disability-related issues to discuss in 2024:

1. GoZone (Follow-Up)

- a. Discuss the percentage of people who need a special vehicle but don't get it.
 - b. Request a specific feature on the app to drop people off at their exact destination.
2. Accommodations for the Library (Follow-Up)
 - a. Report back on previous presentation
3. Library volunteer opportunities
4. Parks volunteer opportunities
5. Solid Waste Services Assistance Program (Follow-Up)
 - a. Follow up on changes previously presented.
 - b. Share where the program information can be found and how customers can sign up.
 - c. Discuss accessibility at the landfill.
 - d. Provide information on the recycling auditors.
6. Signaling
 - a. Criteria for signaling an intersection and implementing protected pedestrian crossings.
7. Emergency Management
 - a. Discuss engagement with persons with disabilities relating to emergency management.
 - b. Discuss how persons with disabilities are conveyed to safe places during a disaster; including how this information can be communicated to the disability community.
 - c. Discuss transportation for persons with disabilities to warming stations (if required)
 - d. Discuss options to contact persons with disabilities in times of emergency and if there is a need to maintain a contact list of such persons
8. MHMR
 - a. Receive information on the diagnostic/testing services they provide.
9. Loop 288 Update
 - a. Provide an update on operations now that the facility has been operating for several months.

Additionally, staff recommends adding the following standing items to be discussed 1-2 times per year:

1. ADA Transition Plan
2. Construction Design Input (as applicable)
3. Adaptive Recreation Program Updates
4. Sidewalk/Pedestrian Projects Updates

If the committee approves of these issues as their discussion priorities for 2024, they may be adopted by a vote of the Committee.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

Nov. 16, 2023: Review of 2023 Issues, Suggestions for 2024
 Jan. 18, 2024: Discussion of 2024 suggested priorities

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
 Carlotta Cowan
 Chief of Staff



2024 Issue Priorities

Carlotta Cowan

May 16, 2024



Background

- Committee created in 2018
- Advises the City in those areas of Committee interest including:
 - Disability concerns
 - Accessibility
 - Accommodations
- Generally applicable only to City projects and activities



Specific Areas Under Committee Charge

- Sidewalks, ramps, crosswalks
 - New Construction
 - Replacing, Repairing
- ADA Transition Plan
- Adaptive/Accessible Park
- New and Existing City Facilities
- New or Enhanced Signage
- Parking Lot Rehab Projects
- Improving City Operations
- Improving Operations of Other Entities
- Parks and Recreation adaptive activities



2023 Issue Priorities

Committee Recommendations

- **GoZone/DCTA**
- **Elections**
- **Disaster Planning**
- **Adaptive Recreation**
- **Special Events**

Staff Additions

- **ADA Transition Plan**
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
- **Construction Design Input***
- **Loop 288 Shelter**



2024 Issue Priorities

Committee Recommendations

- GoZone (Follow-Up)
- Library Accommodations (Follow-Up)
- Library & Parks Volunteer Opportunities
- Solid Waste Services Assistance Program (Follow-Up)
- Signaling
- Emergency Management
- MHMR Services
- Denton Community Shelter (Follow-Up)

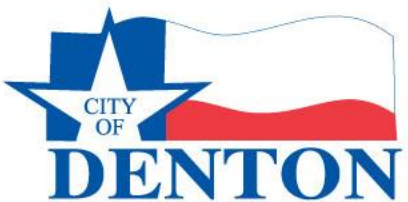
Regular/Staff Updates

- ADA Transition Plan
- Construction Design Input
- Adaptive Rec Program
- Sidewalk/Pedestrian



Next Steps

- Adopt Issue Priorities by Vote
 - Can be amended at a later time.





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AGENDA CAPTION

Staff General Update memo.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 16, 2024
TO: Committee on Persons with Disabilities
FROM: Carlotta Cowan, Committee Liaison
SUBJECT: General Updates from City of Denton Staff

This memo provides information and updates from City staff relating to updates, issues, and inquiries of interest to the Committee. The following is a listing and brief staff response to the matters brought forward.

- **Follow Up Information from Apr. 11, 2024, Marketing and Communications Presentation** – In the meeting, the Committee inquired about how a screen reader interacts with the Recite Me software. The Recite Me screen reader tool helps website visitors by reading aloud website text. To access the Recite Me toolbar, website visitors can hover over the Recite Me icon which will read “Launch Recite Me,” and the toolbar will become available at the top of the webpage once the icon is clicked. This tool is compatible with most screen readers. The Committee also inquired about moving the Recite Me icon to the top of the webpage so that website users can find it easily. The icon is placed at the bottom right of the screen to avoid overlapping other links shown at the top of any webpage. If placed at the top of the webpage, content at the top of the webpage that cannot be moved would be inaccessible and blocked by the icon.
- **Global Accessibility Awareness Day** – May 16, 2024 is Global Accessibility Awareness Day ([GAAD](#)). The purpose of GAAD is to get everyone talking, thinking, and learning about digital access, inclusion, and people with disabilities/impairments. Common disabilities/impairments include:
 - Visual - Blindness, low vision, color blindness.
 - Auditory - Deafness and hard-of-hearing.
 - Motor - Inability to use a mouse, slow response time, limited fine motor control.
 - Cognitive - Learning disabilities, distractibility, inability to remember or focus on large amounts of information.

The [GAAD Foundation](#) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to disrupt the culture of technology and digital product development to include accessibility as a core requirement. Their vision is for accessibility for be built into the product development lifecycle for technology and digital products. The GAAD Foundation was launched in 2021 to mark GAAD's 10th anniversary. Digital accessibility refers to the ability of people with disabilities/impairments to independently consume and/or interact with

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digital (e.g., web, mobile) applications and content. Once we recognize the barriers, we can begin to remove them using recommended [principles](#) of accessible design.

- **Report on Grievances and Requests for Accommodations** – The City of Denton developed its ADA webpage (www.cityofdenton.com/ada) as a resource for persons with disabilities to request accommodations and file grievances through an established process. From Apr. 1, 2024 through Apr. 30, 2024, the following requests and grievances were submitted:

- Requests for Accommodation: 0
- Grievances Filed: 0

Staff requests that members of the Committee continue to assist in making sure the disability community are aware of this resource.

- **Next Committee Meeting** – Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 3 p.m.