ANN ARBOR DDA

PEOPLE-FRIENDLY STREETS

Community Design Workshop
March, 2021

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COMMUNITY REPORT-OUT
WHAT WE’VE SHARED, WHAT WE’VE HEARD

- Welcome back!
- What we’ve been hearing
  - Engagement summary
  - Alignment with past engagement
- Project feedback & ideas
  - State Street Project
  - Division Street Bikeway
  - Miller & Catherine Project
  - 4th Ave Project
  - Future downtown streets
ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

STAYING CONNECTED

- **Public sessions**
  - Tuesday Overview Sessions
  - Wednesday Breakout Sessions

- **Stakeholder meetings**
  - Property/business owners
  - Disability Commission reps.
  - Transportation Commission reps.
  - DDA Capital Improvement Committee
  - Community High School
  - Additional stakeholder meetings to come
ENGAGEMENT ALIGNMENT

HEALTHY STREETS PILOT PROJECTS

- Consistency with Pilot Project & Healthy Streets
  - Support for low-stress and separated bikeway connections
    - 70-80% of users liked the pilot projects
    - 4,649 bicycle trips in pilot projects over 3-days
  - Support for flexible uses on commercial streets to support businesses and activity
  - Support for improving safety and prioritizing people
OVERALL DIRECTIONS

KEY FINDINGS & POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Build-out the remaining low-stress bike network (Division & Miller/Catherine) & improve safety/comfort for all users
- Coordinate with improvements/plans for corridors into/out of the downtown
- Pursue curbless, flexible street designs in core commercial areas
- Understand opportunities to improve transit service throughout the downtown, including 4th Ave Street & transit center improvements
- Continue to build on partnerships between DDA, City, AAATA and other organizations
STATE STREET

STATE STREET PROJECT

Project Information

Curbside Users & Roadway

Pedestrian Crossings

Lighting and Amenities

Schwab & Pacemitter Space


Concepts and Ideas

Examples and Images

Key Findings - State Street

Flexibility is important

Curb Management will be central for success

State policy should be a priority for all stakeholders

Perspectives and Opportunities Assessment on social and economic

Projects, Watershed, and Infrastructure

Before


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STATE STREET – NEXT STEPS

**STATE STREET PROJECT**

- Project scheduled and funds allocated by the DDA
- Continue outreach, engagement, and education with the downtown merchants, businesses, property owners
- Work out final design for State Street in 2021
- Project scheduled for 2022 construction
• Project scheduled and funds allocated by the DDA

• Revise design summer 2021. Intersection & signal assessment for key intersections.

• Construction for fall 2021

• Communication and outreach to proximate residents and businesses
MILLER / CATHERINE STREET PROJECT

Options & Alternatives Considered

Examples and Images

Concepts and Ideas

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MILLER/CATHERINE STREET – NEXT STEPS

- Recommend project for next round of DDA people-friendly street projects
- Revise design summer 2021. Intersection & signal assessment for key intersections.
- Potential construction in 2022 TBD in coordination with affordable housing project
- Communication and outreach to proximate residents and businesses
4TH AVE STREET PROJECT

Project Information

Concepts and Ideas

Key Themes: Fourth Avenue Traffic Flow

1. What are the attributes of each plan that you believe best advance the goals of the entities involved?

2. Are there ideas being considered that you are excited about? What's your case for concern?

3. Should this project be a priority for the community? Is it important for the DDG to support both transit and affordable housing?
**4TH AVE – NEXT STEPS**

**4TH AVE STREET PROJECT**

- Recommend project for next round of DDA people-friendly street projects
- Complete conceptual design direction spring 2021.
- Coordinate implementation with affordable housing development & AAATA
FUTURE DOWNTOWN STREETS

CANDIDATE PROJECTS

Vehicle & Bikeway Volume Counts (2020)

Downtown Map

Existing Bike Network

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Determine other short- and long-term projects to advance in the downtown:

- South Main flexible street design in core commercial area
- South Main commercial street extension (South of William)
- 5th & Division 2-way restoration
- Downtown-wide transit improvements
WRAPPING UP

- **Continuing engagement**
  - Survey for housing commission & DeLonis Center residents
  - Mapping and interactive survey for additional community input
  - Workshop materials on People-Friendly Streets webpage:
    - Recordings from sessions
    - Viewable “mural” (white board)
    - Copies of presentations

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Project Website www.peoplefriendlystreets.org
WORKING TOWARDS OUR VALUES

Safe, comfortable downtown streets
Equitable, just access for all people
Affordable and inclusive community
Resilient, energy responsible downtown
Vibrant and thriving local economy
Responsible design and implementation
Connected community with streets as civic space
THANK YOU – LET’S TALK!