# DOWNTOWN PUBLIC RESTROOM WORK GROUP

May 22, 2023

# Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions (10 mins)
2. Process & Timeline Overview (10 mins)
3. Throne Overview (20 mins)
4. Next Steps (20 mins)
    - Schedule reoccurring meetings
    - Drafting goals & criteria

# Things to Know

## Commit to learning and avoid speculation

- We encourage you to ask questions so we can explore the issue together.

## Please remember the importance of rights and the dignity of others. With that, we ask that you:

- Critique ideas, not people.
- Are thoughtful about your language so this can be a comfortable and respectful forum for all participants.
- Come with ideas & solutions.

# Timeline

## Prior to Work Group Kick Off

### 2020

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| March | Covid-19 Pandemic begins to impact A2 |

### 2022

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| July & August | City Administrator Listening Sessions (2 webinars & 1 in-person) |
| Fall – Spring '23 | City Administrator Internal Team - to select pilot restroom model |

### 2023

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# Work Group Role

Now that the Throne has been selected for a pilot, we are asking your help to inform:

- Project Goals
- Location Criteria
- Hours of Operation to Pilot
- Evaluation Metrics & Tools

DDA Board and City Council approve contracts over $75,000

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### 2023

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| May | Downtown Public Restroom Work Group kick off Meeting |
| Sept. | Pilot goals and location criteria finalized |
| Fall | Restroom cost share to DDA Board and City Council for approval |

### 2024

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| April | Pilot install |
| April – April '25 | Pilot operation & evaluation period |

### 2025

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| Spring/ Summer | Outcome report |
| Summer | Reconvene Downtown Public Restroom Work Group |
| | Recommendation for permanent public restroom solution |

*Timeline may adjust as new information is available*

# Work Group Meetings

**May**
Introductions, Roles, Expectations & Homework

**June**
Draft Goals & Location Criteria

**July**
Finalize Goals & Location Criteria

**August**
Review Outcomes – Location Findings & Draft Evaluation Metrics

**September**
Finalize Evaluation Metrics; Discuss Next Steps

# The Throne

*Shift to Throne Presentation & Q+A*

# Setting Goals & Location Criteria

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# GOALS

# Purpose of Project Goals

## INFORMS:

1. A location that advances adopted goals

2. The pilot project evaluation

3. Permanent public restrooms

# DDA 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

## VALUES USED...

...during planning/design to guide decision making.

...after implementation to measure outcomes and inform adjustments

# Example Goals

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# Example Goals & Evaluation Tools

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GOAL:
Restrooms that are welcoming and available to all people

EVALUATION TOOL:
Public Surveys to measure if restrooms are welcoming and available to all people

GOAL:
Restrooms that are clean and regularly maintained

EVALUATION TOOL:
Condition Reports to measure if restrooms are clean and regularly maintained

# Next Steps

## At our June Meeting, come prepared to share or send in advance:

1. Draft goals
    - Don't worry about perfection, bring all ideas.
    - Consider DDA values if prompts are helpful.

Downtown Public Restroom

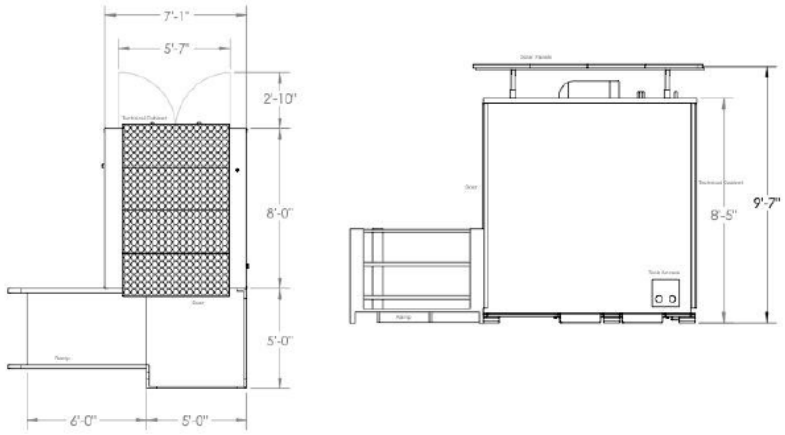
# LOCATION CRITERIA

# Minimum Placement Requirements

Locations must:

1. Have space for the 15 ft x 11 ft footprint + service access buffer
2. Enable throne's portable sanitation truck to park within 80 feet of the unit
3. Enable solar panels to get full sun or have the ability to plug-in (120V) without creating trip hazards
4. Be located within the City right-of-way (City-owned street & sidewalk area. Not on private property, a public park or UM property, or state-owned street.)

**Figure 1: ADA Throne Top & Side View**



# Draft Criteria

In addition to minimum space requirements, the following recommendations should also be considered:

| Throne | City Staff | Public Restroom Work Group |
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| DO:<br>• Place in a well-lit area<br>• Place in areas with high visibility to pedestrians and/or vehicular traffic<br>• Orient the entry/exit door to be visible to passersby<br>AVOID<br>• Creating hiding places or nooks with the Throne placement<br>• Locating in areas that have repeated incidents of vandalism, property damage, or vehicle break-in/theft. | DO:<br>• Place in locations with the most people activity<br>• Place in areas with ADA access to the site (or create ADA access)<br>• Place in areas with electrical access<br>AVOID<br>• Areas with steep hills<br>• Conflicts with utility or fire hydrant access<br>• Creating site distance issues at crosswalks<br>• Locating near another public restroom option (e.g. Library) | |

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# Future Meetings

Find a regular day of week/week in month for standing meeting through September

Continue to use Doodle Polling