El Paso Downtown Management District Quarterly Progress Report #4 (4Q2021)

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The El Paso Downtown Management District (DMD) was awarded a Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 United States (US) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant of \$600,000.00 for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. The Coalition is led by the El Paso DMD and includes the City of El Paso and El Paso County as Coalition members. This Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) #4 is for the 4th Quarter of 2021 (4Q2021) and highlights project status updates and activities during (or prior to) the period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

1.2 SUMMARY

A summary of major accomplishments during (or prior to) 4Q2021 is as follows:

- The annual Quality Management Plan (QMP) update was submitted to EPA on 07/19/21 and approved by EPA on 07/27/21.
- QPR #3 was submitted to EPA on 07/27/21.
- Eight sites have been approved for use of grant funding and for which work has been completed and/or is presently underway:
 - Site #1 300-308 S. El Paso Street, El Paso TX: A two-story building in the El Paso DMD. Presently retail; formerly a hotel. Reuse plans include renovating the commercial place and developing multifamily residential units on the upper floor.
 - o Funding Needs: Phase I ESA and Regulated Building Material (RBM) Survey.
 - o Project Status: The site was prioritized. TCEQ/EPA approved the PED.
 - <u>Phase I ESA</u>: Site recon was completed on 04/27/21. The draft Phase I ESA Report is in progress.
 - <u>RBM Survey</u>: The Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) was approved by EPA on 03/19/21.
 Stantec subcontracted the RBM Survey to Sun City Analytical, a local MBE firm. Fieldwork was completed on 04/27/21, and the RBM Survey Report was provided to the property owner on 06/04/21.
 - Site #2 475 E. Vinton Road, Vinton TX: Formerly used to store waste (known as "shredder fluff") from the adjacent auto/metals salvage facility. Reuse plans include a community park.
 - o Funding Needs: Supplemental Phase II ESA.
 - o Project Status: The site was prioritized. EPA approved the PED.
 - Phase II ESA: Stantec entered into a contract with Wood to complete the supplemental Phase II ESA activities. The SAP was submitted to EPA for review on 08/25/21 and was subsequently approved by EPA on 10/14/21. The work is anticipated to be completed during 1Q2022.
 - Site #'s 4, 5 & 6 6295, 6315 & 6345 Alameda Street, El Paso TX: Former auto body, car dealership and adult entertainment club acquired by El Paso County through judicial proceedings.
 - o Funding Needs: Phase I/II ESAs, RBM Surveys and Site-Specific Reuse Plans.
 - o <u>Project Status</u>: These sites were prioritized. TCEQ/EPA previously approved the PEDs for Phase I ESAs and RBM Surveys. Revised PEDs requesting approval from EPA to complete Phase II ESAs and Site-Specific Reuse Planning were submitted on 08/09/21 and approved by EPA on 08/12/21.
 - Phase I ESAs: Reports were finalized on 09/09/21.

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- <u>RBM Surveys</u>: Stantec entered into a contract with Encon to complete the RBM Surveys.
 The SAP was submitted on 09/01/21 and was subsequently approved by EPA on 09/16/21.
 The work is anticipated to be completed during October 2021.
- <u>Phase II ESAs</u>: The SAP was submitted on 08/25/21 and was subsequently approved by EPA on 09/09/21. Fieldwork was completed on 09/13/21-09/17/21. The Phase II ESA Reports are currently being prepared.
- Site-Specific Reuse Planning: Work is presently underway.
- Site #'s 7A & 7B, 203 & 309 Chelsea Street, El Paso TX: Formerly a warehouse/distribution and vehicle maintenance facility. MCA Foundation is looking to acquire the property for a multi-story mixed-use/medical office building.
 - o Funding Needs: Phase II ESAs, RBM Surveys and ABCAs.
 - o <u>Project Status</u>: These sites were prioritized. TCEQ/EPA approved the PEDs. A revised PED requesting approval to compete ABCAs was submitted on 08/05/21 and approved on 08/06/21.
 - Phase II ESAs: The updated Phase II ESA Report was finalized on 07/15/21.
 - RBM Surveys: Stantec entered into a contract with Encon to complete the RBM Surveys. The SAP was submitted on 09/01/21 and was subsequently approved by EPA on 09/16/21. The fieldwork was initiated on 09/28/21 and will be completed during October 2021.
 - <u>ABCAs</u>: Stantec is currently drafting the ABCA to support an application by MCA for an FY2022 EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant.
- Site #8, 621 S. Oregon Street, El Paso TX: A mixed-use residential, retail and office building undergoing renovation activities.
 - Funding Needs: Limited RBM Survey.
 - <u>Project Status</u>: This site was prioritized. The PED was submitted on 10/04/21, and EPA subsequently approved the PED on 10/04/21.
 - RBM Survey: Stantec is in the process of securing bids and preparing the SAP.
- San Elizario requested that a brownfield inventory be completed within its city limits and along the Mission Trail. Stantec developed a brownfield inventory work plan and has initiated inventory activities.
 Windshield surveys were completed on 04/26/21. It is anticipated that the Brownfield Inventory Technical Memorandum will be submitted to San Elizario for review in 1Q2022.
- The following community engagement activities were completed during 4Q2021:
 - Letters were sent to 300 property owners in the El Paso DMD target area in August 2021.
 - Town Halls and other engagement activities to discuss Revitalization Strategies for the Area-Wide Planning (AWP) Study were held on August 26-29, 2021.
- The following area-wide planning (AWP) activities were completed during 4Q2021 for the focus area:
 - <u>Brownfield inventory</u>: An inventory of brownfields within the DMD is being completed. The results will be featured in the AWP deliverable.
 - <u>Existing conditions assessment</u>: An existing conditions assessment is being completed within the focus area. The results will be featured in the AWP deliverable.
 - <u>Stakeholder engagement</u>: Robust stakeholder engagement activities were completed during 4Q2021 to support AWP activities.
 - <u>Market study</u>: Is being completed to support revitalization plans and strategies. The results will be featured in the AWP deliverable.
 - <u>Revitalization strategies</u>: The consultant team is utilizing information gained during the brownfield inventory, existing conditions assessment, stakeholder engagement and market study to develop priority redevelopment plans and strategies. Town Halls to discuss Revitalization Strategies for the Area-Wide Planning (AWP) Study were held on August 26-29, 2021.



CA WORKPLAN GOALS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Outputs/Deliverables	Total # in CA Work Plan	Total # in Progress		Total # Completed or In Progress
Brownfield Inventories	1	1	1	2
Property Eligibility Determination (PED) Requests	14	0	9	9
Master Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)	1	0	1	1
Phase I ESAs	10	1	3	4
Phase II ESAs*	8	1	4	5
Regulated Building Material (RBM) Surveys*	6	3	3	6
Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs) and/or Cleanup/Reuse Plans	5	5	0	5
Area-Wide Plans (AWPs)	1	1	0	1

^{*}Fieldwork will not be completed until Sampling and Analysis Plans (SAPs) are approved by EPA.

2.0 TASK 1: OVERSIGHT AND FUND MANAGEMENT

2.1 EPA CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, AND TRAINING

The El Paso DMD participated in the following EPA events:

- Check-in calls with EPA Project Officer (PO) Denise Williams on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Joe Gudenrath participated in the 2021 Border Outreach Initiative Introductory Virtual Workshop on 8/5/2021.
- Joe Gudenrath, Terry Mais, and Richard Bustamante participated in portions of the EPA Region
 6 Virtual Conference from 8/24/2021 to 8/27/2021.
- Quarterly All Assessment Grantee Call with EPA Project Officer (PO) Denise Williams on 9/9/2021.
- Joe Gudenrath and Richard Bustamante are completing the EPA's online QA training, with plans to complete the training during 1Q2022.

2.2 CONTRACT PROCUREMENT

Consultant/Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) contractor procurement was completed during the fall of 2019 in accordance with 2 CFR 200.317-326. A team led by Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) was selected. A contract with Stantec was executed effective 07/09/20. The El Paso DMD and Stantec completed monthly check-in calls on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

2.3 QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The El Paso DMD operates under a Quality Management Plan (QMP) originally approved by EPA in August 2020. The QMP was amended to replace Amy McQuillen with Ricardo Bustamante as the new Quality Assurance Manager (QAM) on 03/22/21. The El Paso DMD submitted the annual QMP update on 07/19/21, which was subsequently approved by EPA on 07/27/21.



2.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN (QAPP)

The Master QAPP was approved and signed by EPA on 03/05/21. The QTRAK number is 21-188.

2.5 MINORTIY-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE)/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (WBE) REPORT

The first (FY21) annual MBE/WBE Report will be submitted as required on (or before) 10/30/21. Stantec has been gathering data on local M/WBE subcontractor options to assist with grant implementation activities. To date, Stantec has utilized Sun City Analytical Inc. (SCAI), a local certified MBE, as a subcontractor for completed regulated building materials (RBM) survey and analytical work.

2.6 ACRES – SITE ASSESSMENT REPORTING

ACRES entries have been established for the following sites and updates are current through 4Q21:

- Site #1 300-308 El Paso Street, El Paso TX.
 - o ACRES ID: 245092.
- Site #2 475 E. Vinton Road, Vinton TX.
 - o ACRES ID: 249049.
- Site #'s 4, 5 & 6 6295, 6315 & 6345 Alameda Street, El Paso TX.
 - o ACRES ID: 249568.
 - o ACRES ID: 249569.
 - o ACRES ID: 249570.
- Site #'s 7A & 7B 203 & 309 Chelsea Street, El Paso TX.
 - o ACRES ID: 249933.
 - o ACRES ID: 249963
- Site # 8 621 S. Oregon Street, El Paso TX.
 - o ACRES ID: 250612

2.7 FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT (FFR)

The first (FY21) annual FFR will be submitted as required on (or before) 12/30/21.

3.0 TASK 2: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

3.1 MARKETING AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The EI Paso DMD has finalized the following community outreach materials (some of which are also available in Spanish):

- PowerPoint Presentation entitled "Brownfield Assessment Grant" summarizing the logistics and goals of the EPA Brownfield Grant Program;
- Site Nomination Form;
- Site Access Agreement Template;
- Community Member Fact Sheet;
- Property Owner Fact Sheet:

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- Phase I/II ESA Process Guide;
- Brownfield Redevelopment Program Timeline; and
- Brownfield Examples.

The El Paso DMD established the project-specific webpage: https://downtownelpaso.com/brownfields/. The El Paso DMD also prepared a stakeholder survey regarding priority sites and focus areas, redevelopment challenges and opportunities, and the goals of area-wide planning activities. In August 2021, letters were sent to 300 property owners in the El Paso DMD focus area to update them about the grant and progress on the Area-Wide Planning (AWP) Study.

3.2 CONFERENCES, KEY MEETINGS, AND EVENTS

- The Coalition members participated in monthly check-in calls on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- Key stakeholder meetings included:
 - Town Halls to discuss Revitalization Strategies and related community engagement events for the Area-Wide Planning (AWP) Study were held on 08/26/21-08/29/21. Select materials are included as Attachment A.

4.0 TASK 3: BROWNFIELD INVENTORY

Stantec completed work on two brownfield inventories during 4Q21:

• <u>San Elizario / Mission Trail Brownfield Inventory</u>: San Elizario requested that a brownfield inventory be completed within its City limits and along the Mission Trail (see images below). Stantec developed a brownfield inventory work plan and initiated inventory activities. Windshield surveys were conducted on 04/26/21. It is anticipated that the inventory deliverable will be completed during 1Q2022.

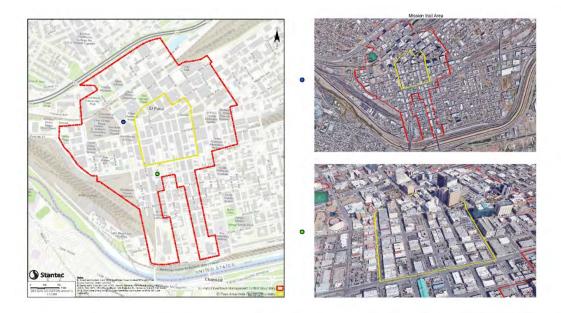






• <u>El Paso DMD Brownfield Inventory</u>: In support of Area-Wide Planning (AWP) activities, Stantec initiated work on a comprehensive brownfield inventory within the El Paso DMD focus area (see yellow boundaries on the images below). The inventory methodology and results will be included as part of the AWP deliverable.





5.0 TASK 4: PHASE I/II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS & CLEANUP/REUSE PLANNING

5.1 PRIORITIZED/APPROVED SITE STATUS

5.1.1 Site #1 - 300-308 El Paso Street, El Paso TX

A two-story building in the El Paso DMD (see images below). Formerly an historic hotel. Presently ground floor commercial with vacant upper floor. Plans include renovating the ground floor commercial place and creating upper floor multi-family residential units in the fall of 2021. Other key details include:

- Funding Needs: Phase I ESA and Regulated Building Material (RBM) Survey.
- <u>Prioritization Status</u>: The site was nominated for use of funding by the property owner on 11/08/20. The site was subsequently prioritized for use of funding.
- <u>Property Eligibility Determination (PED) Status</u>: The PED form was submitted to TCEQ for approval on 11/12/20. The site was approved by TCEQ on 11/18/20. The PED was submitted to EPA for approval on 11/18/20. The PED was approved by EPA on 11/19/20.
- Access Agreement: Executed with property owner.
- Project Status:
 - Phase I ESA: Site reconnaissance was completed on 04/27/21. The Phase I ESA is anticipated to be finalized in the fall of 2021 (per the request of the property owner).
 - RBM Survey: The Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) was approved by EPA on 03/19/21.
 The QTRAK number is 21-202. Stantec entered into contract Sun City Analytical, Inc. (SCAI) to complete the RBM Survey. Fieldwork was completed on 04/27/21, and the report was provided to the property owner on 06/04/21.
- Next Steps: Finalize Phase I ESA Report.









5.1.2 Site #2 - 475 E. Vinton Road, Vinton TX

Underutilized 11.6-acre property used to store waste (known as "shredder fluff") from the adjacent auto/metals salvage/recycling facility (see images below). Reuse plans include a community park. Other key details include:

- <u>Funding Needs</u>: Supplemental Phase II ESA and Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA).
- <u>Prioritization Status</u>: The site was nominated by Vinton Village on 11/16/20. The site was subsequently prioritized for use of funding.
- PED Status: The PED form was submitted to EPA for approval on 02/23/21. The PED was approved by EPA on 02/24/21.
- Access Agreement: Executed with the property owner.
- Project Status:
 - Supplemental Phase II ESA: Stantec entered into a contract with Wood to complete the supplemental Phase II ESA activities. The SAP was submitted to TCEQ on 04/29/21. TCEQ provided comments/approved the SAP on 06/23/21. Stantec entered into a contract with Wood to complete the supplemental Phase II ESA activities. The SAP was submitted to EPA for review on 08/25/21 and was subsequently approved by EPA on 10/14/21.



Next Steps: Fieldwork is anticipated to be completed during 1Q2022.



5.1.3 Site #3 - County Sportspark - 5 Contiguous Vacant Parcels, El Paso TX

11.9 Acres of privately-owned vacant land subject to suspected dumping activities (see images below). Could be utilized as additional recreational/sport facilities. Other key details include:

- Funding Needs: Phase I/II ESA.
- <u>Prioritization Status</u>: The site was nominated for use of funding by the County on 03/03/21. The site was subsequently prioritized for use of funding.
- PED Status: Awaiting execution of access agreement before submitting PED to EPA for approval.
- Access Agreement: Not obtained.
- Project Status: On hold pending execution of access agreement prior to submitting PED to EPA.
- Next Steps: Project put on hold until further notice/availability of funding.





5.1.4 Site #'s 4, 5 & 6 - 6295, 6315 & 6415 Alameda Street, El Paso TX

Former auto body, car dealership and adult entertainment club recently acquired by County through judicial proceedings (see images below). Other key details include:

- Funding Needs: Phase I/II ESAs, RBM Surveys and Site-Specific Reuse Plans.
- Prioritization Status: The sites were nominated and prioritized by the County on 03/03/21.
- <u>PED Status</u>: The sites were approved by TCEQ on 03/17/21. The sites were approved by EPA on 04/22/21 for Phase I ESAs and RBM Surveys. The sites were approved by EPA on 08/12/21 for Phase II ESAs and Site-Specific Reuse Plans.
- Access Agreement: Executed with property owner.
- Project Status:
 - o Phase I ESAs: The Reports were finalized on 09/09/21.
 - RBM Surveys: Stantec entered into a contract with Encon to complete the RBM Surveys.
 The SAP was submitted on 09/01/21 and was subsequently approved by EPA on 09/16/21.
 The work is anticipated to be completed during October 2021.
 - Phase II ESAs: The SAP was submitted on 08/25/21 and was subsequently approved by EPA on 09/09/21. Fieldwork was completed on 09/13/21-09/17/21. The Phase II ESA Reports are currently being prepared.
 - Site-Specific Reuse Planning: Work is presently underway.
- <u>Next Steps</u>: Complete RBM Surveys, Phase II ESA Report, and Site-Specific Reuse Plans during 1Q2022.







5.1.5 Site #'s 7A & 7B - 203 & 309 Chelsea Street, El Paso TX

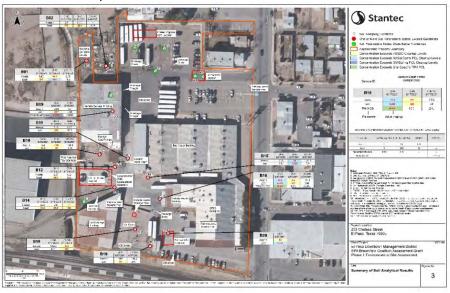
Formerly a warehouse/distribution and vehicle maintenance facility. MCA Foundation is looking to acquire the property for a multi-story mixed-use/medical office building (see image below). Other key details include:

- Funding Needs: Phase II ESAs, RBM Surveys and ABCAs.
- <u>Prioritization Status</u>: The site was nominated by MCA Foundation on 04/14/21. The site was subsequently prioritized by the Coalition.

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- <u>PED Status</u>: The sites were previously approved by TCEQ/EPA for Phase II ESAs and RBM Surveys. A revised PED requesting approval to compete ABCAs was submitted on 08/05/21 and approved by EPA on 08/06/21.
- Access Agreement: Executed.
- Project Status:
 - o Phase II ESAs: The updated Phase II ESA Report was finalized on 07/15/21.
 - o RBM Surveys: Stantec entered into a contract with Encon to complete the RBM Surveys. The SAP was submitted on 09/01/21 and was subsequently approved by EPA on 09/16/21. The fieldwork was initiated on 09/28/21 and will be completed during October 2021.
 - ABCAs: Stantec is currently drafting the ABCA to support an application for an FY2022 EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant.
- <u>Next Steps</u>: Complete RBM Surveys. Complete ABCAs. Assist MCA with applying for an FY2022 EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant.



5.1.6 Site # 8 - 621 South Oregon Street, El Paso TX

A mixed-use residential, retail and office building undergoing renovation activities (see image below). Other key details include:

- Funding Needs: Limited RBM Survey.
- <u>Prioritization Status</u>: The site was nominated by the owner on 09/14/21. The site was subsequently prioritized by the Coalition.
- PED Status: The PED form was submitted to EPA for approval on 10/04/21. The site was approved by EPA on 10/14/21.
- <u>Access Agreement</u>: Executed.
- Project Status:
 - o RBM Surveys: Stantec is in the process of securing bids and preparing the SAP.
- Next Steps: Complete RBM Survey.





5.2 AREA-WIDE PLANNING (AWP)

The work plan for AWP was previously approved by EPA. The focus area is depicted below. Initial AWP activities, including the brownfield inventory, existing conditions assessment, market study, stakeholder engagement activities and development of revitalization strategies were completed during 2Q-3Q2021. Supplemental AWP activities completed during 4Q21 included:

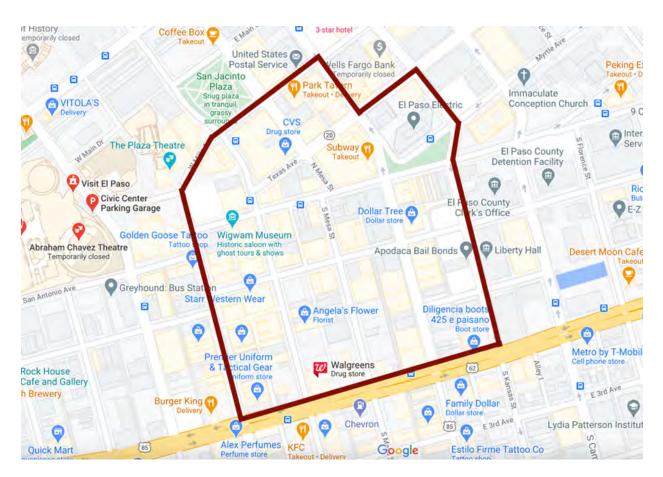
- <u>Brownfield inventory</u>: An inventory of brownfields within the DMD is being completed. The results will be featured in the AWP deliverable.
- <u>Existing conditions assessment</u>: An existing conditions assessment is being completed within the focus area. The results will be featured in the AWP deliverable.
- <u>Stakeholder engagement</u>: Robust stakeholder engagement activities were completed during 4Q2021 to support AWP activities.
- <u>Market study</u>: Is being completed to support revitalization plans and strategies. The results will be featured in the AWP deliverable.
- Revitalization strategies: The consultant team is utilizing information gained during the brownfield inventory, existing conditions assessment, stakeholder engagement and market study to develop priority redevelopment plans and strategies. Town Halls to discuss Revitalization Strategies for the Area-Wide Planning (AWP) Study were held on August 26-29, 2021.

The entire AWP scope of work is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021.

Figure 1: AWP Focus Area (delineated in red; Source: Google Maps).

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6.0 BUDGET STATUS

6.1 EXPENDITURES

The tables in this section summarize the budget status by <u>expenditure category</u> (i.e., travel, contractual, etc.) and by <u>project task</u>. The amounts provided reflect all expenses invoiced through the reporting period.

Cumulative Expenses Incurred by Expenditure Category

Expenditure Category	Approved Budget	Amount Invoiced this Quarter	Previous Amount Invoiced	Cumulative Amount Invoiced	Remaining Budget	% of Budget Used
Personnel	\$24,782.00	\$1,810.37	\$3,282.94	\$5,093.31	\$19,688.69	20.6%
Fringe	\$7,157.00	\$522.81	\$948.03	\$1,470.84	\$5,686.16	20.6%
Travel	\$10,000.00	\$860.94	\$0.00	\$860.94	\$9,139.06	8.6%
Contractual	\$558,061.00	\$178,855.84	\$245,787.47	\$424,643.31	\$133,417.69	76.1%
Totals	\$600,000.00	\$182,049.96	\$250,018.44	\$432,068.40	\$167,931.60	72.0%

Cumulative Expenses Incurred by Project Task

Approved Budget	Amount Invoiced this Quarter	Previous Amount Invoiced	Cumulative Amount Invoiced	Remaining Budget	% of Budget Used
\$41,098.00	\$8,028.37	\$25,299.32	\$33,327.71	\$7,770.29	81.1%
\$34,098.00	\$1,521.00	\$26,354.51	\$27,875.51	\$6,222.49	81.8%
\$34,098.00	\$0	\$27,376.05	\$27,376.05	\$6,721.95	80.3%
\$490,706.00	\$172,500.59	\$170,988.54	\$343,489.13	\$147,216.87	70.0%
\$600,000.00	\$182,049.96	\$250,018.42	\$432,068.40	\$167,931.60	72.0%
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7.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

7.1 CHANGES OR OTHER UPDATES

The El Paso DMD is planning to apply for \$500,000 EPA Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant funding as part of the FY2022 grant competition.

8.0 ATTACHMENTS

This report includes the following attachments:

Attachment A – Town Halls to Discuss Revitalization Strategies and Related Materials

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ATTACHMENT A
TOWN HALLS TO DISCUSS REVITALIZATION STRATEGIES AND RELATED MATERIALS

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Downtown Management District 201 E Main, Ste 107 El Paso, TX 79901

JOIN OUR UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS OF REVITALIZATION STRATEGIES FOR THE EL PASO AREA-WIDE PLANNING TARGET AREA

Based on stakeholder feedback, we will be sharing strategies that can help provide benefits to the community, including job creation, improved quality of life and public health, and maximization of existing space and infrastructure. Please join us for any of the events listed below:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

9 am - 10:30 am - Virtual - Teams presentation of revitalization strategies.
 To access the meeting, please visit: www.downtownelpaso.com/brownfields/
 11 am - 2 pm - In person - Blue Flame Community Room (304 Texas Ave, 17th Floor)

5 pm - 7 pm - In person - Aloft Hotel (303 Texas) (1st Floor Lobby Area)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

11 am - 2 pm - In person - District Coffee (222 Texas Ave)



SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

6 pm - 8 pm - In person - El Paso Street between Paisano and 4th Street during the Downtown Fiesta de Las Luces. Share a snack with us at the Brownfields table!

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We will have masks and hand sanitizer available for all attendees. If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, we encourage you to attend our virtual sessions only.

PARTICIPA EN NUESTRAS PRÓXIMAS PRESENTACIONES SOBRE LAS ESTRATEGIAS DE REVITALIZACIÓN PARA EL ÁREA DE PLANEACIÓN ESTRATÉGICA DE EL PASO

En base a la retroalimentación que hemos recibido, compartiremos estrategias que pueden ayudar a brindar beneficios a la comunidad como la creación de empleos, la mejora de la calidad de vida y la salud pública, y la maximización del espacio y la infraestructura existente. Acompáñanos en cualquiera de los siguientes eventos:

JUEVES 26 DE AGOSTO

9 am - 10:30 am - Virtual - Presentación virtual sobre estrategias de revitalización Para acceder a la reunión visita: www.downtownelpaso.com/brownfields/

11 am - 2 pm - Presencial - Blue Flame Community Room (304 Texas Ave, Piso 17)

5 pm - 7 pm - Presencial - Aloft Hotel (303 Texas) (Lobby en el primer piso)

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Tendremos cubrebocas y desinfectante de manos disponibles para todos los asistentes. Si experimentas algún síntoma de COVID-19, te recomendamos que asistas solo a nuestras sesiones virtuales.



Brownfield Assessment Grant

El Paso Area-Wide Plan

Town Hall #2 - Engagement Series | Preliminary Revitalization Strategies



Contents

- Project Background
- What we've heard Community Priorities
- Options for Revitalization





Project Background - EPA Brownfield Grant

Funds: \$600,000 US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Assessment Grant

Terms: 100% grant funded – no matching funds required / three (3) years

Purpose: To inventory, assess, and conduct reuse planning for brownfield sites & underutilized properties (but not including clean-up or development activities).

Downtown Planning Focus Area: 15-block area between El Paso Street and Kansas, north of Paisano Drive

Area-Wide Planning (AWP)



Existing Conditions



Community Visioning

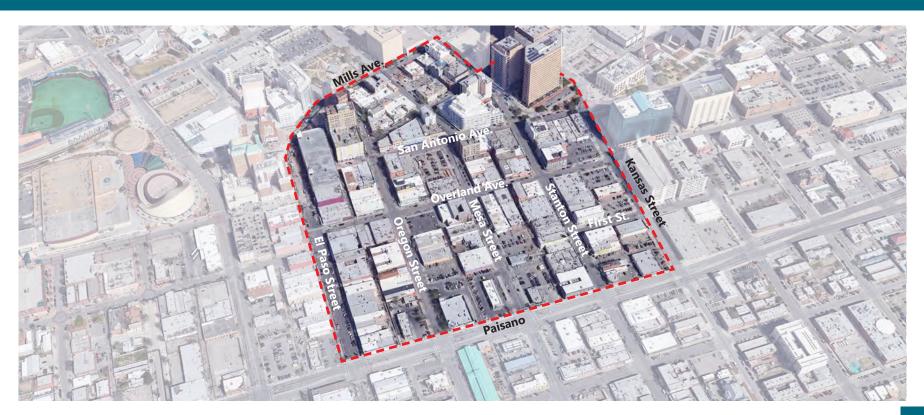


○ Ŏ Strategies



Action Plan

Project Background - AWP Focus Area



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Existing Conditions



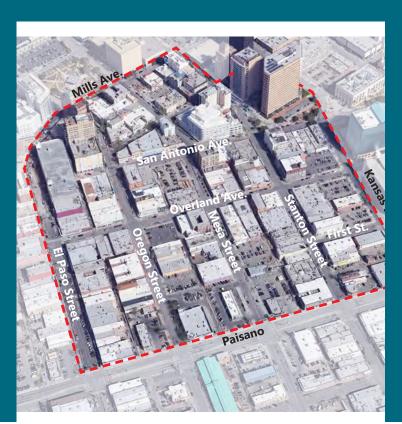
Market
Opportunities



Brownfield/ Property Inventory



Community Conversations (Engagement)







Project Concepts



Action Plan

Brownfields Overview









EPA definition:

"Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."

Work done so far

- Completed Existing Conditions (Plans, Regulations, Assets)
- Completed DRAFT Brownfield (Property) Inventory
- Completed Series of Community Conversations
- Drafted Preliminary Revitalization Strategies

Work to be done

- Finalize Brownfield (Property)
 Inventory
- Finalize Market Report
- Conduct Final Community Conversations
- Compile Community Participant Feedback
- Refine Strategies / Project Concepts
- Draft the Area-Wide Plan

Who we spoke to

- Downtown business owners/ real estate professionals/ commercial brokers: (8)
- Community organization leaders (Neigh. Associations): (4)
- Faith based group: (1)
- Downtown organizations (public): (1)
- Developers / Developer groups (association of builders): (2)

- Gov't and Public orgs (broader than downtown.. EPISD, RGCOG, TCEQ, COEP, County): (7)
- Elected officials: (2)
- Non profits (Workforce solutions, Community Foundation, Green Hope) (2)
- Downtown professionals/ employees: (1)
- Art enthusiasts / artists: (2)
- Educators: (1)

Community Priorities



PRIORITY A: Support Heritage Tourism.



PRIORITY E: Create Amenities and Destinations



PRIORITY B: Retain Culture, History, and Populations



PRIORITY F: Activate Underutilized and Abandoned Spaces



PRIORITY C: Provide Greenspace and Shade



PRIORITY G: Create a Positive Image and Perception



PRIORITY D: Protect Housing and Business Affordability

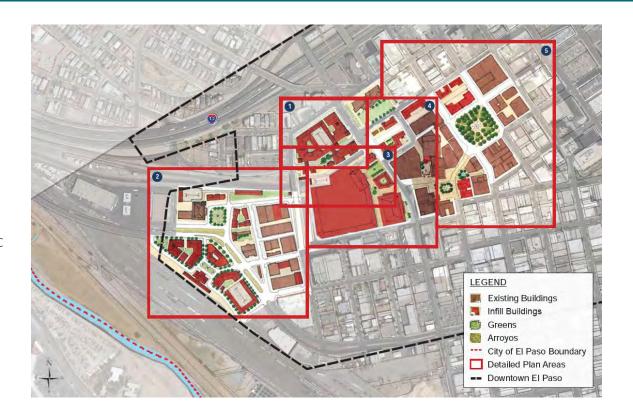


PRIORITY H: Create Opportunity (for all community members)

**all priorities are equally important

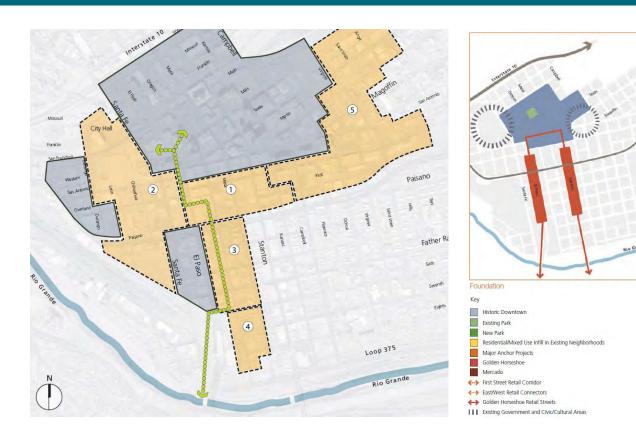
PLAN EL PASO / COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- San Jacinto Plan (enhancements)
- Economic Development Element (e.g, Walkable City, Innovation)
- Historic Preservation Element (e.g., Landmarks for Economic Development, Streets)
- Goals and Policies



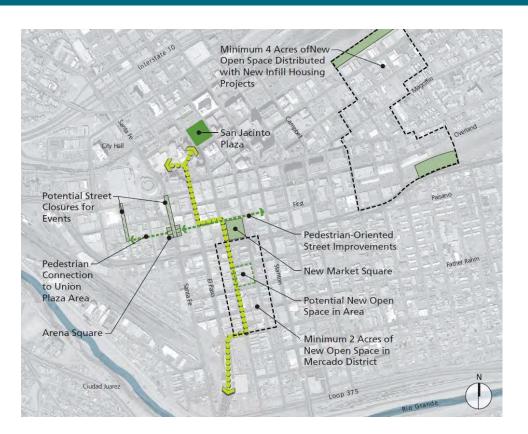
EL PASO DOWNTOWN 2015 PLAN

- District 1 First Street Lifestyle Retail District
- Golden Horseshoe (El Paso Street, Stanton Street)
- Open Space Concept



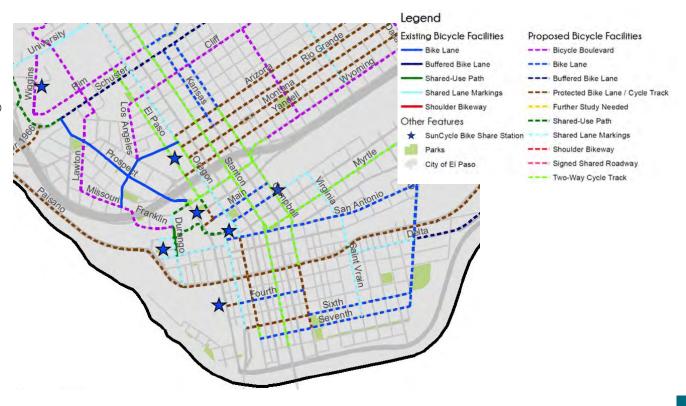
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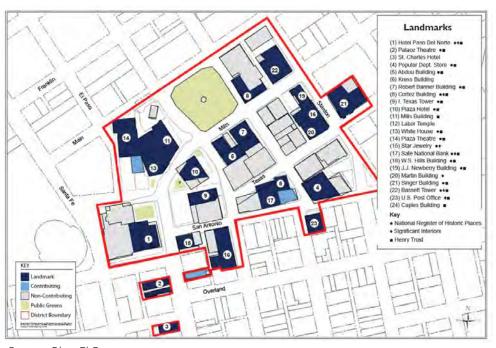


EL PASO BIKE PLAN

- Bike Lanes on Mills Avenue and San Antonio
- Cycle Tracks on Stanton Street
- Protected Bike Lanes on Paisano Drive and Oregon Street



Locally Designated Historic Properties



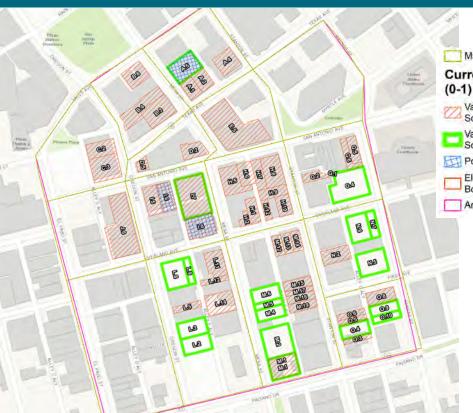
Source: Plan El Paso

Existing Property Conditions

Current Vacancies







Map Blocks

Current Building Vacancy Score (0-1)

Vacant Building (Current Building Vacancy
Score = 1)

Vacant Land (Current Land Vacancy Score = 2)

Potential Development Activity

El Paso Downtown Management District Boundary

Area-Wide Planning Boundary

Working Draft

Existing Property Conditions











Existing Property Conditions













Urban Framework Plan and Revitalization Strategies



URBAN FRAMEWORK PLAN (UFP)



STRATEGY 1:

Main Streets and Secondary
Corridors



STRATEGY 5:

Catalyst Projects and Urban Infill



STRATEGY 2:

Adaptive Reuse and Property Activation



STRATEGY 6:

Land Use and Regulatory Framework



STRATEGY 3:

Parks and Amenities



STRATEGY 7:

Marketing, Promotion, and Incentives

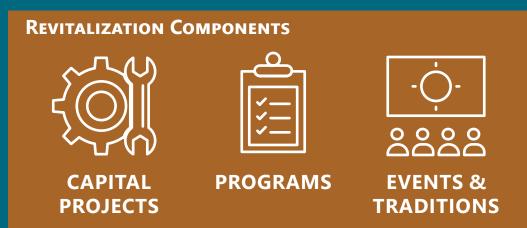


STRATEGY 4:

Streets and Mobility

Revitalization Principles





REVITALIZATION PROGRESS ACTIONS

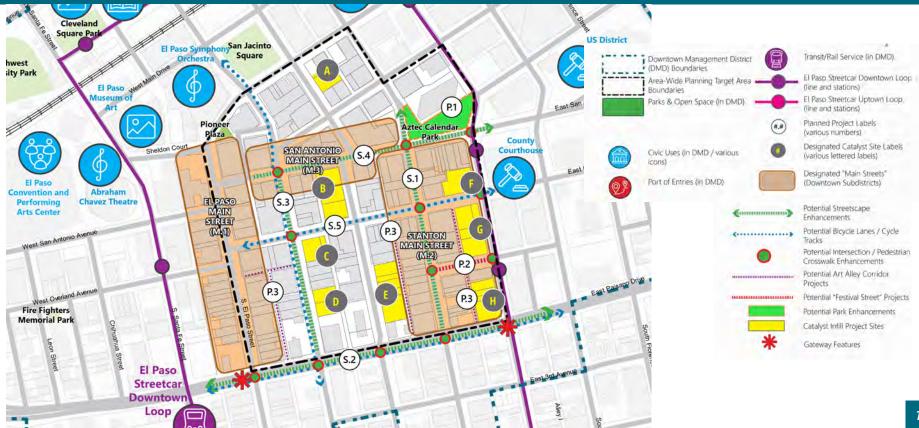


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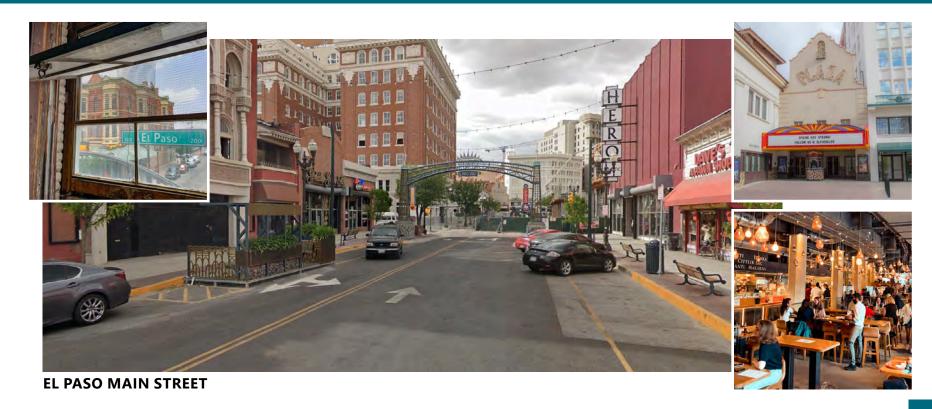


LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

Urban Framework Plan (UFP)





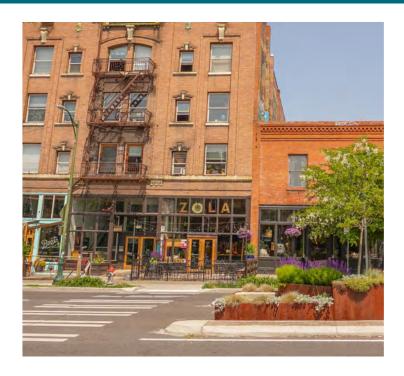








STANTON "CREATIVE" MAIN STREET















STRATEGY 2: Adaptive Reuse and Property Activation

Adaptive Use Example

"the renovation and reuse of preexisting structures (such as vacant buildings) for new purposes".



Existing City-owned building at Stanton and First Street



Potential adaptive reuse scenario

STRATEGY 2: Adaptive Reuse and Property Activation















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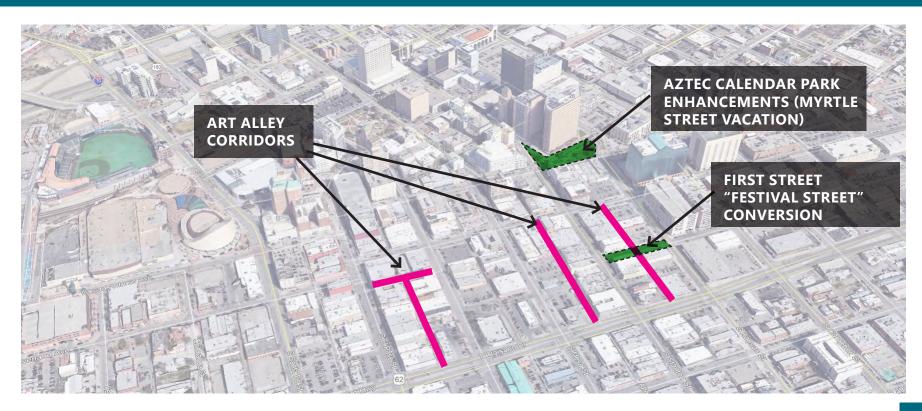




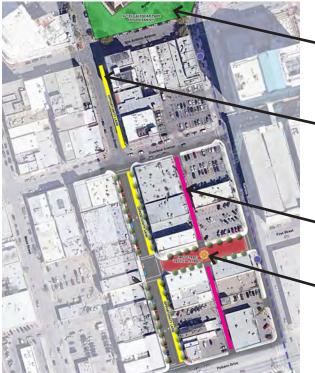


POP-UP MARKETS / EVENT SPACES WINDOW DISPLAYS / ART INSTALLATIONS / "TOWN STAGING"

RECREATIONAL SPACES







Aztec Calendar Park Enhancements (Myrtle Street vacation/enhancement)

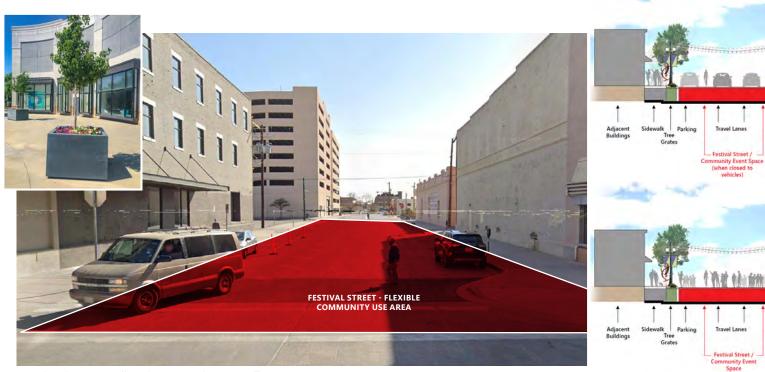
Stanton Street "Opportunity Lane" - new urban elements (Parking, Cycle Track, or something else)

Art Alley Corridor (pedestrian/gathering spaces)

First Street "Festival Street" Transformation (convertible gather space)



Potential park enhancement option - Housing Authority



FIRST STREET "FESTIVAL STREET"

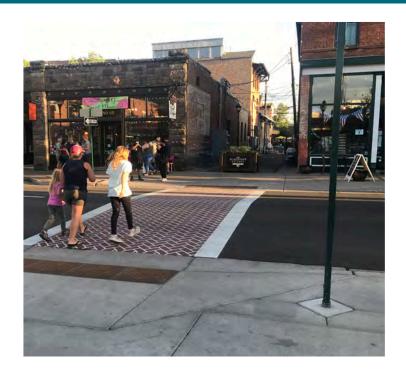
Buildings

Adjacent Buildings

Grates

Parking

Grates





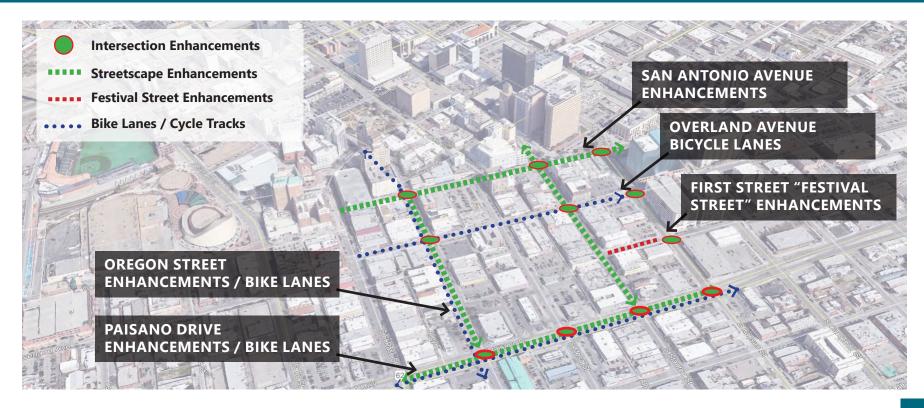








STRATEGY 4: Streets and Mobility



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STRATEGY 5: Catalyst Projects and Urban Infill



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INTERIM ACTIVITIES



POP-UP SKATE PARKS



DOG PARK
(A.K.A. "BARK PARK")



EVENT SPACE / CONCERTS

STRATEGY 6: Land Use and Regulatory Framework



CREATE SUPPORTIVE REGULATORY STANDARDS





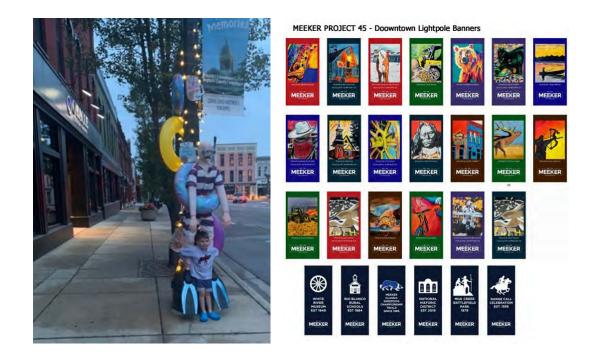




































Recruitment and Implementation Pathway











Add amenities and host events



Draft Recruitment Plan

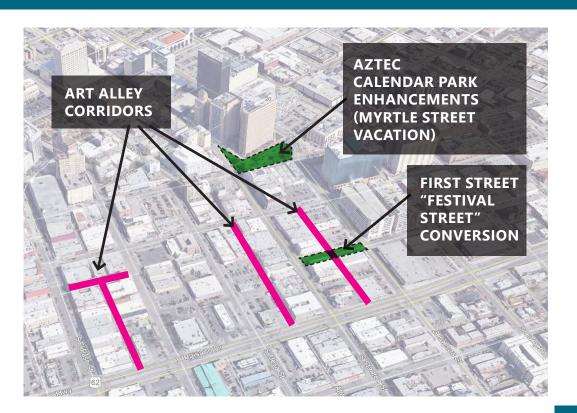
Discussions

What are your thoughts about the idea of planning individual "Main Streets"?



Discussions

What are your thoughts about the preliminary park and amenity concepts?



El Paso Area-Wide Planning - Engagement Events

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Do you support planning the AWP as a series of "Main Streets", each with their own unique business mix and urban character? |

¿Apoya la planificación de la área de enfoque de planificación (AEP) como una serie de "calles principals," cada una con su propia mezcla de negocios y carácter urbano?

Yes / Sí:



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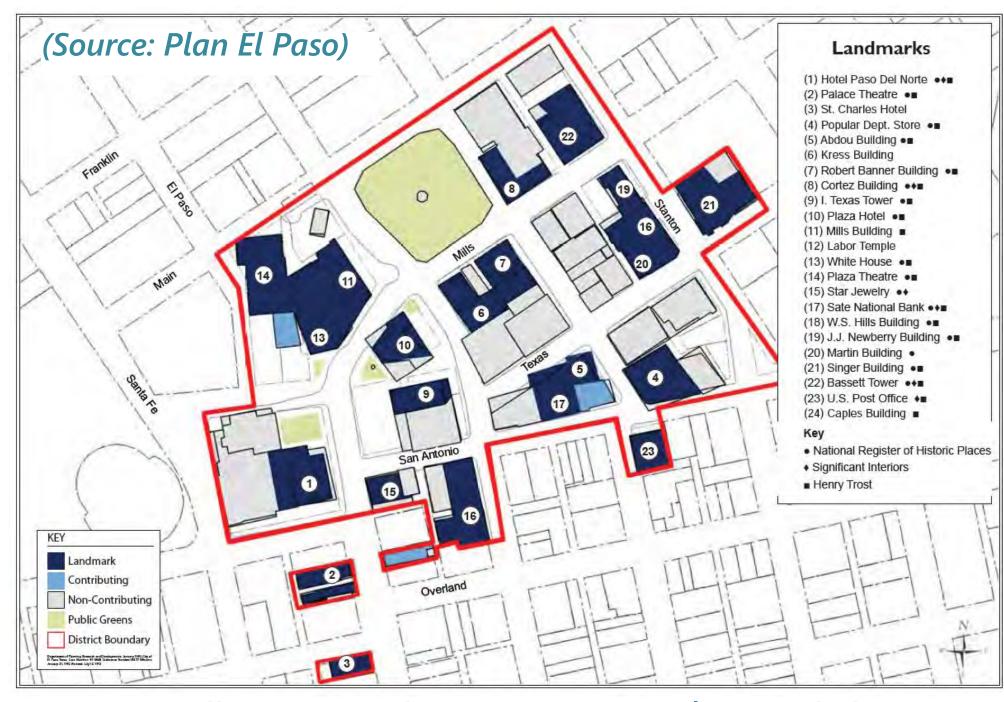
What types of uses/businesses would you like to see occur in each of the planned "Main Streets"? / ¿Qué tipos de usos / negocios les gustaría en cada una de las "calles principales" planificadas? *Select multiple / Seleccione varios*

Land Use / Urban Elements Uso del suelo / Urbano Elementos	EL PASO "MAIN STREET"	SAN ANTONIO "MAIN STREET"	STANTON "MAIN STREET"
Art Galleries / Studio Space Galerías de arte / Espacio de estudio			
Restaurants Restaurantes			
Coffee / Tea Shops Tiendas de café / té			
Bars / Nightclubs Bares / Discotecas			
Music Venues Locales de música			
Retail - Clothes Minorista: ropa			
Retail - Food (Grocery) Minorista: alimentación (abarrotes)			
Retail - Home Interior (new\used) Minorista: interior de la casa (nuevo o usado)			
Personal Services (salons / barbers) Servicios personales (salones / barberos)			
Fitness / Yoga Studios Estudios de fitness / yoga			
Medical Services Servicios médicos			
Professional Office Oficina profesional			
Hotels Hoteles			
Housing Alojamiento			
Other (Write In) Otro (escribe aqui)			

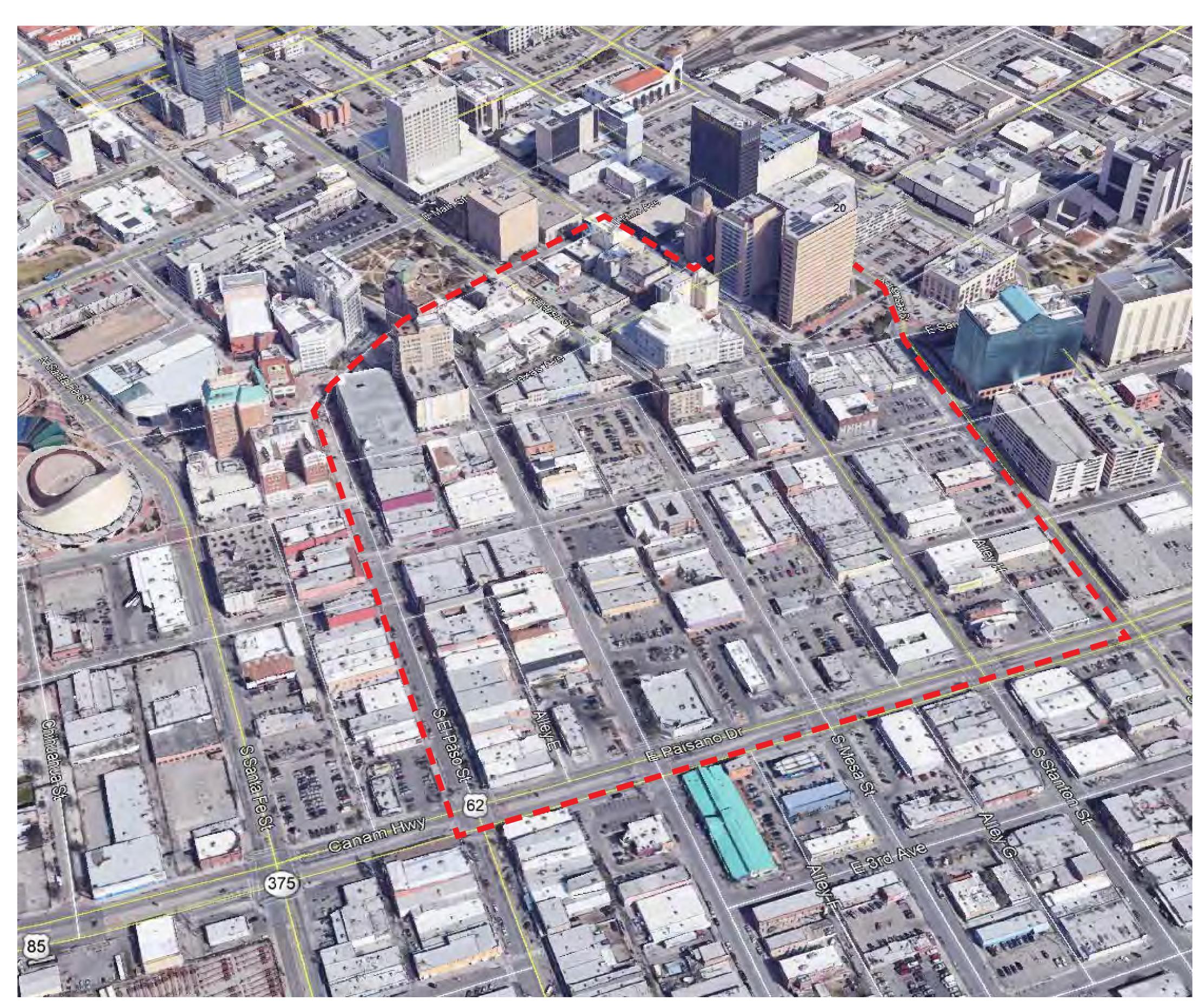


What properties in or near the focus area would you like to see designated as a local historic building? | ¿Qué propiedades en o cerca del área de enfoque le gustaría que se designaran como edificio histórico?

Select multiple on map below | Seleccione varios en el mapa abajo



Current Locally Designated Historic Properties | Propiedades históricas actuales designadas localmente

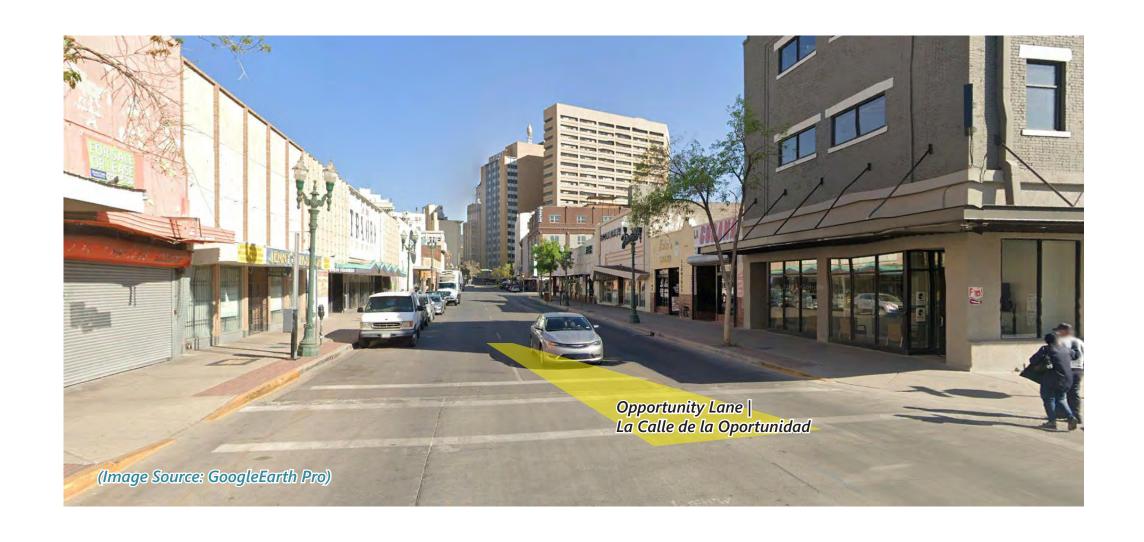


Planning Focus Area delineated in Red | Área de enfoque de planificación delineada en rojo (Image Source: GoogleEarth Pro)





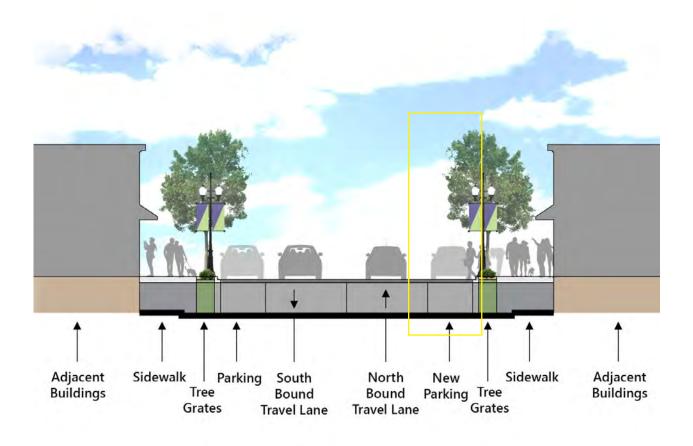
Current Stanton Street Lane Configuration / Configuración actual de la calle de Stanton Street



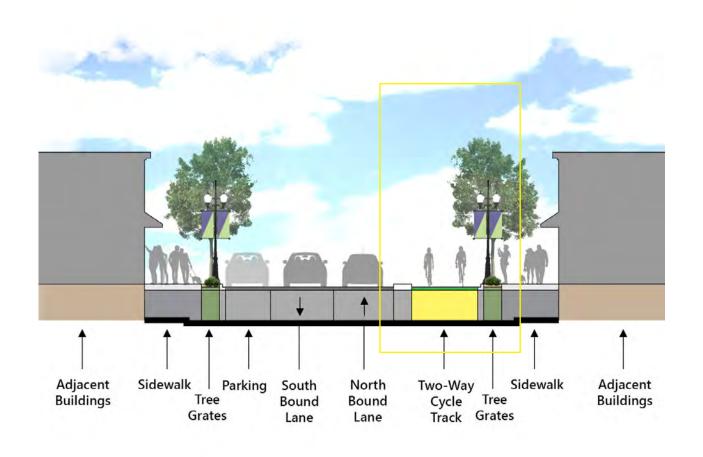
If the travel lanes on Stanton Street are reduced (from 3 to 2 lanes), what should be added? | Si se reducen los carriles de manejar en Stanton Street (de 3 a 2 carriles), ¿qué se debe agregar?

Select from the options below and/or write in additional suggestions | Seleccione una de las opciones abajo y / o escriba sugerencias adicionales.

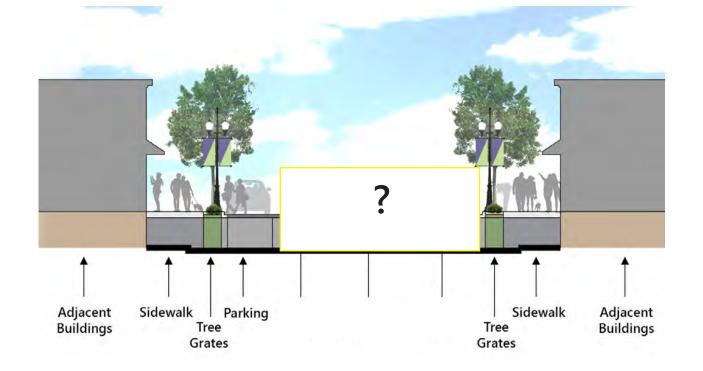
Option A - Add Street Parking | Opción A - Agregar estacionamiento en la calle



Option B - Add a Cycle Track | Opción B: Agregar un carril para bicicletas



Other: (Write in your suggestions) | Otro: (Escriba sus sugerencias)

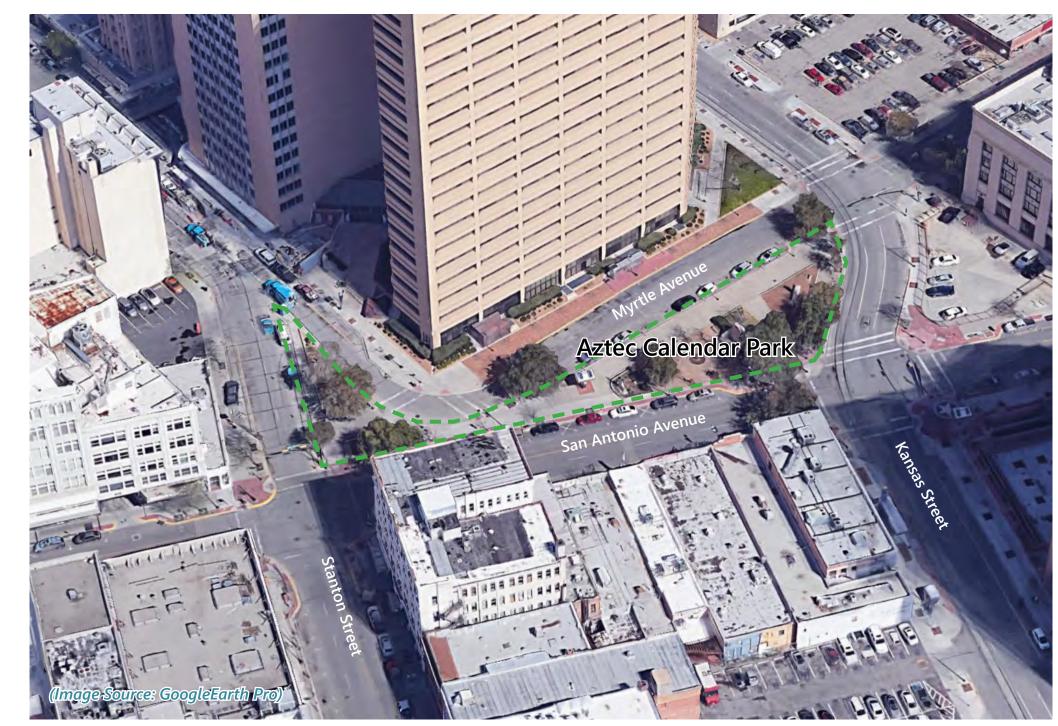




Do you support the idea to expand and enhance Aztec Calendar Park? | ¿Apoya la idea de expandir y mejorar Aztec Calendar Park?

Yes / Sí:

No:

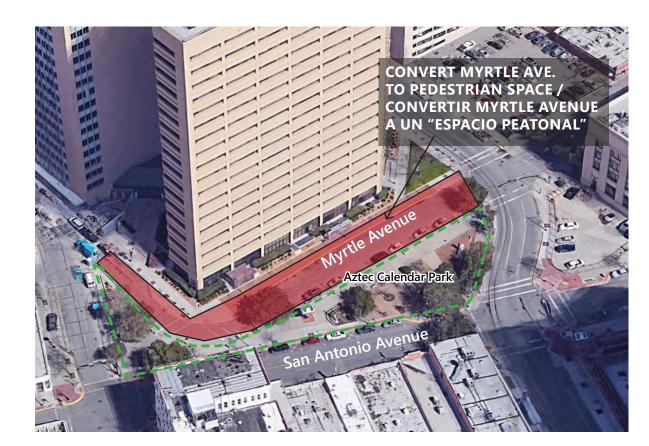


Aztec Calendar Park today | Aztec Calendar Park

If Aztec Calendar Park were enhanced/expanded, how should that occur? | Si el Aztec Calendar Park fuera mejorado / ampliado, ¿cómo debería ocurrir?

Select from the options below and/or write in additional suggestions | Seleccione una de las opciones abajo y / o escriba sugerencias adicionales.

Option A - Convert Myrtle to a "Festival Street". | Opción A - Convertir Myrtle a una "Calle Festival".



Option B - Expand the park to the north. | Opción B: Ampliar el parque hacia el norte.



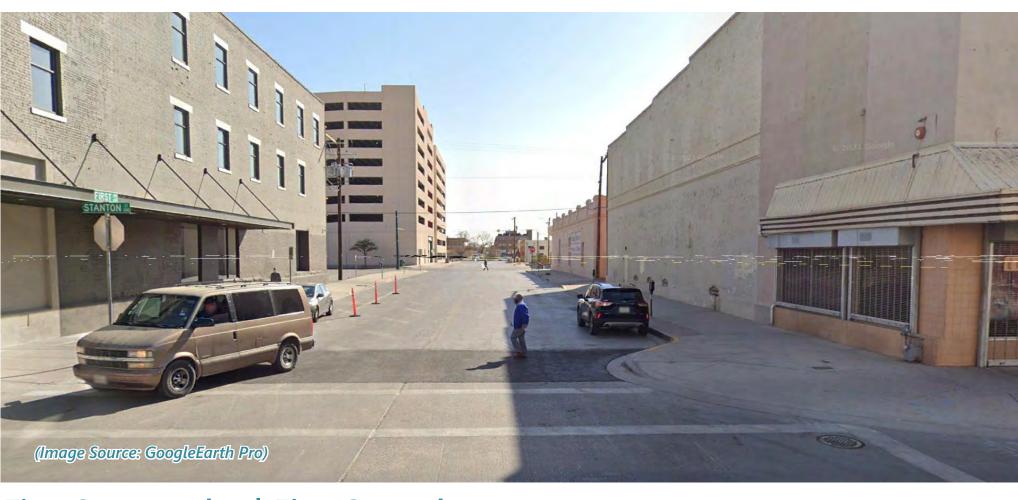
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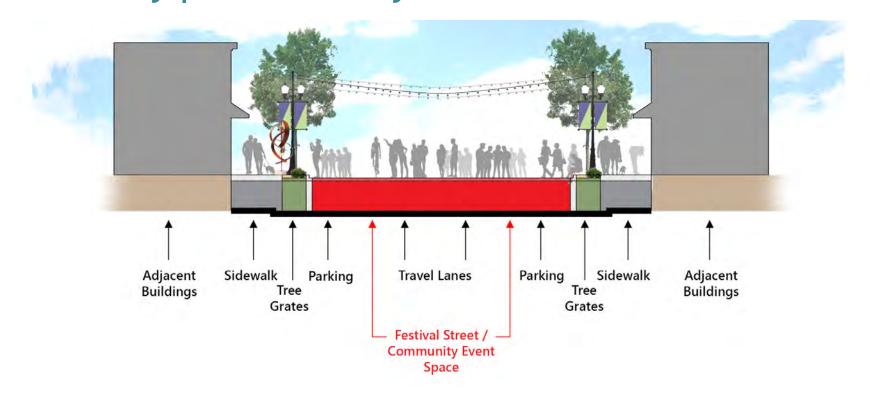
Do you support the idea to transform First Street into a "Festival Street" that would be used for community gathering space? | ¿Apoya la idea de transformar First Street en una "Calle Festival" que se utilizaría como espacio de reunión comunitaria?

Yes / Sí:

No:



First Street today | First Street hoy



Potential First Street "Festival Street" Design | Posible diseño de "Festival Street" de First Street

If First Street were enhanced into a "Festival Street" what design components should be included? | Si First Street se mejorara para convertirla en una "Calle Festival," ¿qué componentes de diseño deberían incluirse?

Select Multiple | Seleccionar varios



Decorative Paving | Pavimento decorativo



Trees | Árboles



Decorative Light Poles | Postes de luz decorativos



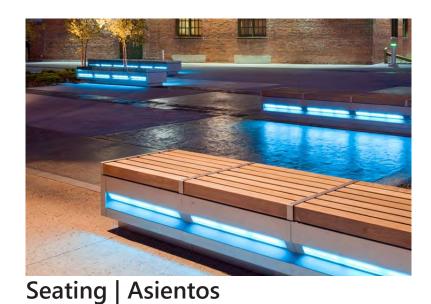
String Lights | Luces de cadena



Art / Murals | Arte / Murales



Utilities for events | Utilidades para eventos



Shade Features | Funciones de sombra

Other (write in your suggestions) | Otro: (Escriba sus sugerencias)



Do you support the idea to enhance select alleyways into pedestrian and event space? | ¿Apoya la idea de mejorar los callejones especificos para convertirlos en espacios para peatones y eventos?

Yes / Sí:

No:

If the alleyways are transformed, what design components should be included? | Si se transforman los callejones, ¿qué componentes de diseño deberían incluirse?

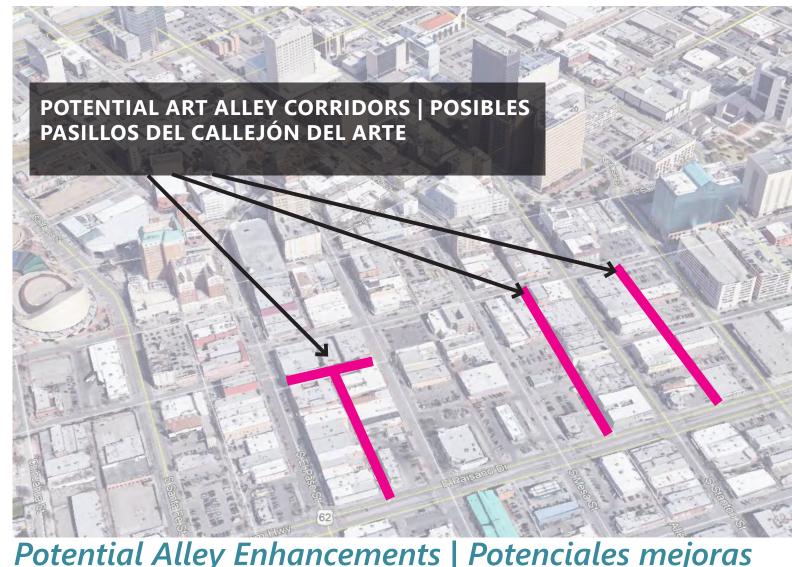
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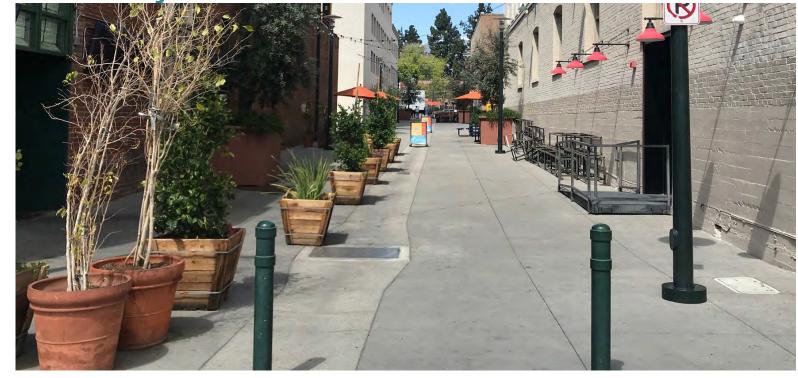
Decorative Paving | Pavimento decorativo



Dining | Comida / Lugares para comer



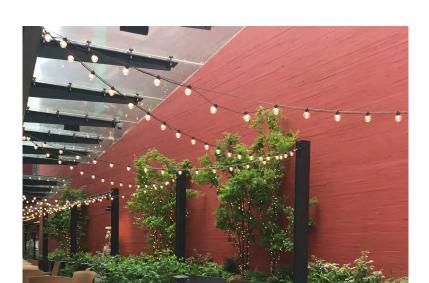
Potential Alley Enhancements | Potenciales mejoras en el callejón



Example of an enhanced alley for event/dining space | Un ejemplo de un callejón mejorado para espacio para eventos / comer



Planters | Jardineras



String Lights | Luces de cadena



Art / Murals | Arte / Murales



Utilities for events | Utilidades para eventos



Gateway Features | Funciones de entrada



Shade Features | Funciones de sombra

Other (write in your suggestions) | Otro: (Escriba sus sugerencias)



What types of interim uses and activities would you like to see in the AWP focus area? | ¿Qué tipos de usos y actividades provisionales le gustaría ver en la área de enfoque de planificación (AEP)?

Select Multiple | Seleccionar varios



Skate Park | Parque de patinaje



Dog Park | Parque para los perros



Games | Juegos



Gathering Spaces | Espacios de reunión



Vendors / Markets | Vendedores / Mercados



Event Space | Evento espacial



Pop-up Shops | Tiendas emergentes



Other (write in your suggestions) | Otro (escriba sus sugerencias)

Would you or your organization like to sponsor or lead an interim use/activity – if so, provide your contact? | ¿Le gustaría a usted o su organización patrocinar o liderar un uso / actividad provisional? De ser así, por favor proporcione su contacto? Provide your information to the project facilitator | Por favor, proporcione su información al facilita-dor del proyecto.

Yes / Sí:

No:



What types of projects/initiatives should the Downtown Management District (and community partners) prioritize in the near-term? | ¿Qué tipo de proyectos / iniciativas debería prior-izar el Distrito de Administración del Centro (y los socios de la comunidad) a corto plazo?

Select Multiple | Seleccionar varios



Add Gathering Spaces | Agregar espacios de reunión



Fill empty storefronts | Llenar escaparates vacíos



Recruit new development projects to vacant lots | Reclutar nuevos proyectos de desarrollo para lotes baldíos



Support interim uses/activities | Apoyar usos / actividades provisionales



Host Community Events | Organizar eventos comunitarios



Enhance streets | Mejorar las calles



Recruit housing | Contratar vivienda



Recruit employment | Reclutar empleo



Recruit commercial services | Contratar servicios comerciales



Provide financial incentives | Proporcionar incentivos económicos

Other (write in your suggestions) | Otro: (Escriba sus sugerencias)



What types of community events would you like to see occur in the AWP focus area? | ¿Qué tipo de eventos comunitarios le gustaría que ocurrieran en el área de enfoque de AWP?

Select Multiple | Seleccionar varios



Concerts | Conciertos



Markets | Mercados



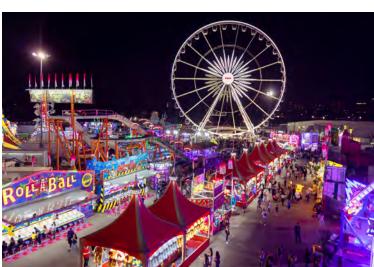
Cultural Celebrations | Celebraciones culturales



Volunteer Cleanup | Limpieza voluntaria



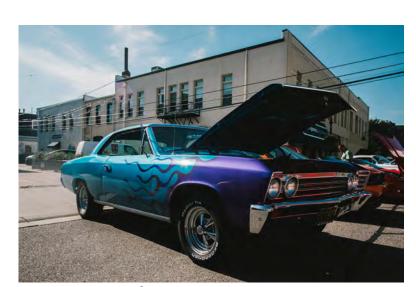
Food / Beverage Celebration | Celebración de comida / bebida



Carnivals | Carnavales



History Tours | Tours de Historia



Car Shows | Exhibiciones de autos



Athletic Races | Carreras atléticas

Other (write in your suggestions) | Otro: (Escriba sus sugerencias)

Would you or your organization like to sponsor or lead a community event – if so, provide your contact? | ¿Le gustaría a usted o su organización patrocinar o liderar un evento comunitario? De ser así, pro-porcione su contacto?

Provide your information to the project facilitator | Proporcione su información al facilitador del proyecto.

Yes / Sí:

No:



Do you support the DMD's recruitment plan to bring new businesses, tenants, and redevelopment activity to the AWP focus area? | ¿Apoya el plan de reclutamiento del DMD para traer nuevos negocios, inquilinos y actividades de reurbanización a la área de enfoque de planificación (AEP)?

Yes / Sí:

No:

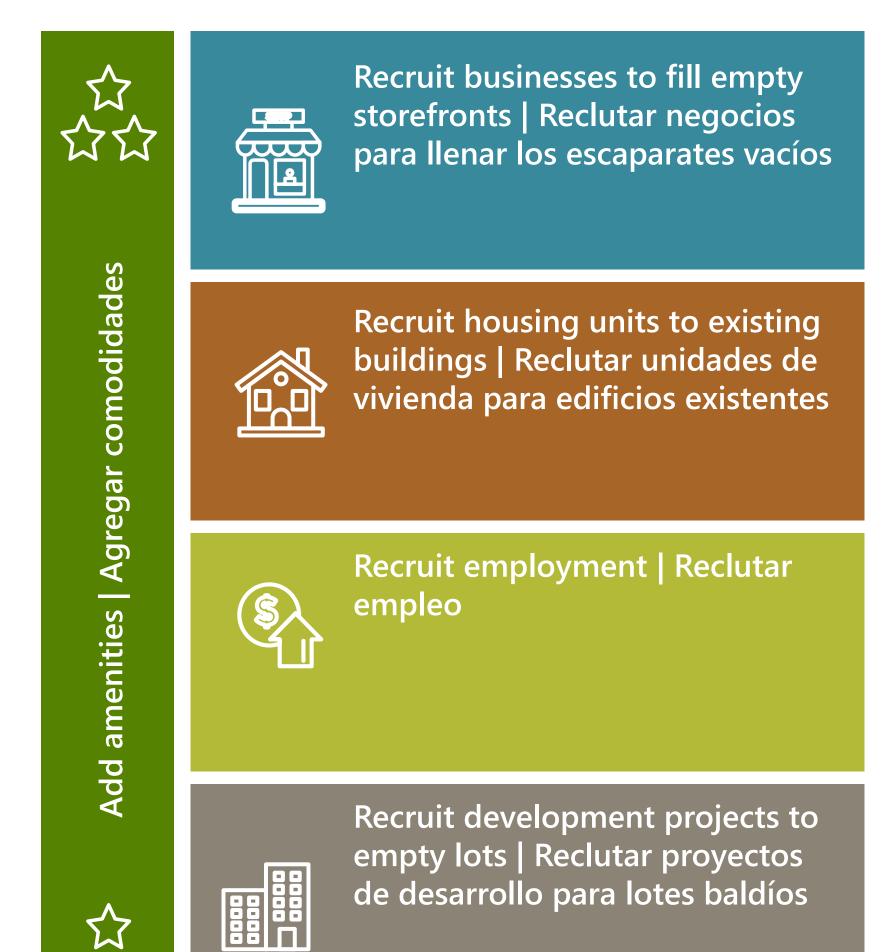
What types of incentives do you feel would bring investment and vitality to the AWP focus area? | ¿Qué tipo de incentivos cree que aportarían in-versión y vitalidad al área de enfoque de planificación (AEP)? *Select Multiple* | *Seleccionar varios*



Housing Assistance | Asistencia para la vivienda



Business Grants/Loans | Subvenciones / Cargas Comerciales



Draft Recruitment Plan | Proyecto de plan de contratación



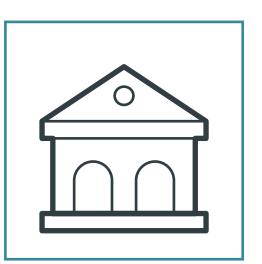
Building Improvement Grants/Loans | Subvenciones / Préstamos para Mejoras de Edificios



Commercial Leasing Assistance | Asistencia de arrendamiento comercial



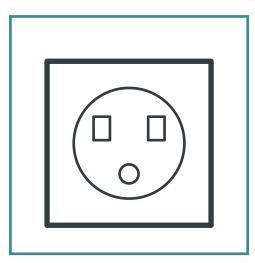
Marketing/Advertising Support | Apoyo con marketing / publicidad



Historic Preservation | Preservación histórica



Permit Assistances | Asistencias de permisos



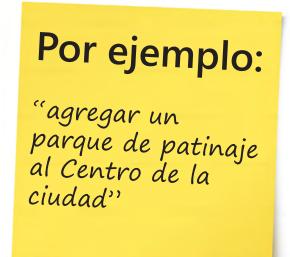
Energy/Utility Upgrades | Actualizaciones de energía / servicios públicos

Other (write in your suggestions) | Otro: (Escriba sus sugerencias)



ONE BIG PROJECT | UNO PROJECTO GRANDE





Write down "one big project" or initiative that you would like to see in the Downtown AWP focus area. | Escribe "uno projecto grande" o initiative que te gustaria ver en el Centro área de enfoque de planificación.

