

Downtown's Next Step Preliminary Design Questionnaire
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The questionnaire received 704 responses. 374 respondents provided open-ended comments. 47% of those comments were in favor of the project or generally in favor of bicycle and pedestrian improvements downtown. 24% of the comments were general or neutral, and 28% were against the project. The comments are provided below in that order.
In general favor of the project or bicycle/pedestrian improvements
Better/more bike lanes! Prioritizing non motorized traffic. Increased bike safety.
only one bike rack??
All along, the plan has asked of how to make downtown more viable and walkable. Yet all the questions are geared toward cars. At some point, we need to buy the bullet and make the main downtown walking a pedestrian walkway. The businesses who say they can't do this because their handicapped customers can not get other store should be provided a handicap parking lot on the side street. The plans without bike lanes are completely unacceptable. We live in a town that is globally, famous for biking, and our multimodal infrastructure continues to prioritize cars. Please take the environmental Leap based on the Council values and extend a sidewalk for bistro tables, pedestrians and bikes or at the very least add a bike lane. Add signs so cars know to look before opening a door. Add more bike parking. Enforce all Of the loud trucks and motorcycles for sound and speed. Create a vibrant walking and biking infrastructure. Please do it right.
Make it more like Grand Junction and Fort Collins .
Thanks for making downtown as pedestrian-friendly as possible. And please ticket the illegally loud motorcycles that are driving up and down Main and ruining the experience for pedestrians and outdoor diners downtown.
I would love to see downtown Durango be a safe place to walk - it is not now. I would love for it be a place that prioritizes pedestrians and cyclists over cars.
Ignore the noisy haters, they are a significant minority and the community wants this to happen. Widening sidewalks and slowing traffic would be the best thing to happen to downtown Durango since the trees were planted. The Modstreet sidewalk extensions are awesome, make that permanent. And narrow the travel lanes with mid block and intersection bulbouts. Nobody should have to see, hear, and smell the morons rolling coal down Main Ave anymore. Keep up the good work, Devin.
I appreciate the improvements being proposed and feel that the parking related (negative) issues are overstated by a few individuals opposed to change in general. Increasing pedestrian traffic through wider sidewalks, updating utilities and doing all of the work on a planned schedule during slower months will be both a lifestyle improvement and financial boon for the city. I hope to see more information about support programs, grants, low interest loans, etc. to existing businesses to help them as construction happens on their block and believe the city should work with a volunteer "Friends of the Next Steps" group that includes businesses in favor or perhaps a business group (BID, Chamber, Local First) that is on board with the 60% plan and can help broadcast the message as well as provide marketing help for what can at times be a controversial change.

**I Own and run a retail business 1/2 block from "DOWNTOWN"...between Main & 2nd Ave. I hardly know what's happening on Main Ave. since my mobility is limited, I can't navigate the bump outs (servers crossing to & from their doors), other obstacles, and can't find adequate parking. Revitalizing "downtown" (not just Main Ave. for 9 blocks) could be helping to 'restore' storefronts (paint/signage/sidewalks), couldn't it? Please don't focus on tearing up what is/was good - instead, place emphasis on revitalizing what's here. Bumping out (widening?) sidewalks appears to encourage more "clutter" to navigate, not more safe opportunities to ambulate. The tax revenue raised is very important to MANY residents in our local community - it should represent and support THEM, not a FEW Main Ave. influencers. Embrace our Durango/La Plata Co. residents and "invite" them back to shop/dine/enjoy "Downtown". MANY locals avoid the area. Some long-time residents recently have moved to other towns/cities nearby where they once again feel like they're part of a real community - where they hope their voices will be heard and respected by local officials.
I've been here 24 years. Downtown is getting more dangerous for pedestrians. I'm concerned about that. We have a delightful Downtown and I'm happy we keep the chain stores to a minimum. It's great to have a couple outdoor / shady spaces to sit & meet a friend for coffee. Are we considering a parking garage any time? I love my town. Thanks!
Having wider sidewalks would allow space for outdoor dining, it is important to allow parking so stores can service customers. No one wants to carry large purchases for blocks. We have elderly people in our community that can't walk so far. Durango has increasingly catered to young active people. Panhandling also needs to be addressed. You could talk to Farmington, they have done a nice job with their main street. Music and internet are available up the whole street, artwork but still have parking all along it.
Survey was skewed. 1. Close downtown to traffic 2. Build parking garage to make up for lost parking 3. Give employees working downtown free parking 4. Repair damaged /aging roads, utilities, infrastructure. 5. Stop with the complicated road system. 6. Stop with the extravagant spending 7. Identity Needs and wants. Fund Needs let the wants go until economy re-bounds
Exhaust, noise and unsafe conditions created by cars driving down Main Ave diminish the appeal of dining and shopping downtown. I avoid it whenever possible. Durango is decades behind other cities in Colorado in its planning and aesthetic. How many times does a drunk driver have to hurt someone or destroy property before you people figure out it's better to close off Main Ave to traffic and only keep the cross streets open? People are more likely to visit other shops if they're walking around. What good is the lodgers tax if you can't use it to fix up this dump?
No parking on Main Street and one way traffic.
Put a 4 story parking garage in place of the transit center and you could eliminate all parking on main without driving people away, provide even MORE parking, and actually generate revenue instead of losing it in perpetuity. Without a parking structure you're wasting your time.

Thank you for the offer to provide input.

Whatever you decide to do, I am sure it will be amazing!

We are very impressed with the quality & thoughtfulness of how Durango approaches road safety for pedestrians and cyclists and flow. I'm looking forward to seeing how the design unfolds.

Eliminate vehicle access to Main Ave except deliveries.

Please consider making Main Street safer and quieter by only allowing one way traffic (or making Main Street pedestrian only- like Pearl Street in Boulder)

Love towns like Crested Butte that close off main traffic off Main Street for amazing pedestrian vibe. Would love improvements along river corridor.

The time is now, this is our chance to build downtown Durango to carry us into the future.

Designing downtown must begin with improvements to infrastructure and safety. Businesses need reliable utility and communication services, as well as visitors, to thrive. The reliability of some utilities is questionable at times. Upgrading our systems will alleviate issues that cost businesses money (directly and indirectly) when repairs are needed.

Equally important is the experience when visiting downtown. I am 100% convinced Main Ave.

NEEDS to be pedestrian only. Many times while enjoying bump-out or bistro dining, or an evening stroll down the line of businesses, the experience is weakened by loud, obnoxious and smelly vehicles. Dangerous drivers are mere moments away from hitting a pedestrian or running into a table of diners. Motorcycles seem to compete for who can be the loudest and fastest for the full length of Main Ave. Creating a pedestrian Main Ave. removes those dangers and annoyances from what is an otherwise fantastic Main Ave. experience. Businesses will potentially benefit from a pedestrian downtown with more room for retail. Restaurants can build permanent outdoor dining spaces that will help beautify downtown throughout the year. ADA access can be improved when the sidewalks and crosswalks are built to accommodate those with disabilities. Main Avenue can become a space for the public to gather and our vibrant art community has a place to display their talents without intrusive traffic. I believe there are plenty of places for visitors to park near the businesses they wish to enter along the side streets. The city and county would do well to build a parking garage across from the county building, and near the train station to deal with overflow parking. Garages would provide a steady revenue stream, places for downtown workers to park closer to their places of work, and plenty of shelter from the sun and snow for everyone's vehicles. Transit up and down Main Avenue can be managed by returning the trolleys! This is an opportunity for Durango to add to its historic uniqueness. Bicycle taxis can move people very efficiently and in a fun way! And, of course, well-behaved bicycles and dogs are always welcome downtown!

Of course, this is not easy. Nor will it be inexpensive. However, this needs to be a long-term investment in Durango's future. No half measures. Do not allow short-sightedness, expense, or even a loud minority of citizens to delay what is wanted by the majority of city residents and visitors.

Make Main Ave walking only. Build Parking garage in transit center or train station lot. Keep existing parking and add handicap parking off main at all interesting roads (which will now dead end into Main). Turn Main Ave into a park-like setting with trees and benches. Allow for permanent bump outs for businesses on main. Utilize alley west of main for loading and unloading zones only...no more parking. Allow outside beverages/food in the newly designed Main Ave to allow customers to eat on outside benches, seating which will encourage customers to stay on Main, visit more places, spend more money. So much potential here for a great Main Ave. I hope this doesn't go unnoticed.

The design elements in this phase 1 design cut a nice balance between elevating cyclist and pedestrian safety to a higher priority, leaving space for commerce, and preserving the character of town. This is a win for businesses, locals, and tourists. Thank you for your hard work!

City should've used the space where the hotel is going in to create a low profile parking garage, eliminate parking on main entirely, expand sidewalks to allow for permanent bump outs, bike lane.

Downtown Durango prioritizes car traffic, currently. It can be hard, even dangerous, to be a pedestrian or a cyclist on Main. The city should remove some parking options in favor of making the sidewalks larger, the curbs extended, and traffic slower. This will make downtown more accessible for more people, not just those in cars. And even those in cars have to walk to where they need to be, whether that's less than a block or more. Better pedestrian routes will benefit them too.

If preserving the historic nature of downtown is a priority, then what part of history are we preserving? The days people walked and cycled in town, or the days of the motor car. The former has the longer standing historical precedent.

I love the bump outs, though they should be against the building and walking should be on outside. All of it makes downtown more desirable and hang out friendly, which brings in the money. And we don't need cars driving all over. Promote walking! It's healthy and again, puts people in local businesses spending money! If people complain about walking a couple blocks to park, so they can walk all the way down Main Street, that's silly and doesn't make sense. We should focus on parking lots though also! instead of pickle ball courts!

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I have lived almost my entire life in Durango. I am now in my early 30s and my family and I plan to spend my lives here. What I think would be a huge boost to downtown Durango would be to make main ave. a pedestrian only area. The best downtown areas throughout the US and around the world are set up this way. It's a place for people to meet and spend time together without having to be in a store or restaurant. I think creating an environment like Boulder's pearl street or Fort Collins's downtown area would be extremely beneficial. Obviously this would be a huge undertaking with a lot of negative pressure due to parking and access. But I think it could slowly develop over time starting with wider sidewalks and more bump outs for cafes and restaurants. Then possibly making one or two blocks in central main (8th and 9th) pedestrian only and so on. Anyways, thank you for all your work!

Thank you :)

If parking could be solved, I” come downtown more if it was like Pearl St. in Boulder. The feel and sense of community is evident and the loss of parking doesn’t matter in the end, because the space is so inviting. Downtown isn’t family friendly, unlike Pearl St. that enables families to enjoy a downtown experience.

Much like State street in Santa Barbara or Pearl Street in Boulder, I think the downtown should be come a pedestrian only area
Personally, I would remove cars from sections or all of mainstream. Create a true pedestrian area with plenty of space of seating, shade, special events and promoting biking.
Fewer cars between ~ 6th and ~ 14th, please. Anything that reduces that is good. They can park on cross streets. Walkable stuff is accessible; we don't need to _add_ specific accessible parking spaces, we need to keep dangerous cars away. Delivery access is nice, but should take second place to pedestrian and bike access. Cross streets and adjacent parking is plenty of car access. The entire city is car-centric; a few blocks that are primarily pedestrian with cars as a second consideration will work well. Pedestrians are denser and have higher economic impact. Let people who need to drive to get to downtown park outside of and walk to and within the downtown area.
The most important issue to me downtown is to have housing availability. If apartment buildings were legalized, I would be able to live downtown. Right now, very few people can because building new apartments is restricted. I do not want narrower travel lanes. I want no passenger vehicles downtown. I want Main Street to be for people (pedestrians) first, with exceptions for business delivery traffic and the occasional parade.
Expanding the sidewalks on Main Street and adding street lights in Durango would significantly enhance the safety and experience for both pedestrians and drivers. Wider sidewalks would promote foot traffic, benefiting local businesses by making the area more accessible and inviting. Improved street lighting would increase visibility at night, reducing the risk of accidents and fostering a sense of security. These upgrades would not only beautify the city but also boost economic activity and community well-being.
Main St. should be permanently closed to automotive traffic, with the exception of a one-way lane for deliveries. We should be prioritizing pedestrians over automobiles at every step. Increasing the size of and adding additional parking spaces to appeal to larger vehicles directly contradicts the plans to widen side walks and curb extensions for pedestrians. The City needs to truly start putting local people over outsider profit and stop pandering to the tourists and seasonal stayers. It is the long-term locals who keep this town's charm and economic vitality alive; listen to them and put to practice what they truly want for the town.
Make main a one way with a loading lane, two direction bike lane and take away one side of the parking!
There is a need to have better bike trails connecting the city of Durango to downtown. This will allow for safer commutes.
Reinstate pedestrian crossing where all traffic stops at college and main intersection so pedestrians can cross in any direction and make it safer for pedestrians
I love the bump out maybe visit ideas to lessen traffic through ways
It would make downtown so much safer if Main St was a one-way road (south to north ideally) and angle parking should be offered instead of parallel. You get more parking spaces in there and less risk for accidents. Much like we have on a lot of 2nd Ave. This would allow for reduced driving traffic and let the road be narrowed to support the bump outs, expanded sidewalks, and corners. Camino del Rio, 2nd and 3rd Aves are both North and South-bound and will allow people to get to their preferred street with ease. Think of Flagstaff's downtown but a LOT less complicated and easier to navigate.

Do not let the crazy people on the Durango Herald comment section dissuade you from making the right decisions to help innovate and develop downtown in an appropriate way that focuses on people rather than vehicles.
Please have more outdoor spaces for restaurants, places to have live music, and make it very pedestrian and bike friendly
Change is hard to accept. I have lived in Farmington and visited Durango my whole (42 year) life. Love it there. You have the challenges of keeping the Durango character and charm with adding modern problems. The bump outs are neat. The trolleys will bus the drunks and homeless from one side to the other (much like the ABQ art busses)
Please make the area more pedestrian friendly with bistros, trees, wider, sidewalks, and places to rest.
We need to take a play from the city of Fort Collins book. Keep cross streets open and close main making a pedestrian park and opening larger out door dining areas. Main is not a good way to travel through town and the congestion is unsafe. Loading zones can be kept at the intersections for trucks and such but ultimately closing main is the best option
Please make it pedestrian only at least between certain blocks. I hate the tourists and motorcycles making so much noise while you're trying to enjoy a meal. You can make the blocks accessible to delivery trucks at certain times with the posts that retract into the ground.
Please consider the interactions between vehicles and cyclists, such as "dooring" or sudden changes in the width of the lanes (forces cyclists to merge with vehicles unpredictably).
The current design doesn't seem to make much of a difference to the existing design. Downtown needs to become more pedestrian-oriented. But what about people driving downtown? I believe it needs to start with downtown becoming more pedestrian and bike centered, and to extend that into the rest of Durango eventually
Keep Durango's main St a historical inviting street for pedestrian traffic and business and restaurants visibility and access. Think about closing the street on weekends to vehicle traffic and parking. Less cars more walking access and historical charm.
Why not shut down Main altogether? At least Memorial Day through Labor Day
The future of downtown should emphasize walking, biking and extensive landscaping with less cars. We should be innovative with the ideas, not pander to the old ways of a car heavy downtown. People will come the more you remove cars and increase pedestrian friendly areas.
Main would be amazing closed off to cars and turned into a pedestrian only space.
Visit downtown grand junction. Great public art, lots of seating. A small splash/ spray water feature would be great for kids. Ft. Collins is another superb example and Salida is pretty great too. Cars suck. Build a parking garage somewhere in the vicinity.
maybe make part of downtown closed to motorized vehicles? I grew up in a tourist town (Leavenworth, WA) and they recently did this. It has helped with making it more walk/bike friendly and has also allowed businesses to expand their seating area into the main street (gives more of a European street vibe).
Love this year's design, wish to see more of it. European style with more outdoor living in the summer
Make 2-4 blocks pedestrian-only.
I think this is a well designed concept that will ADD to the character of downtown while proving many multi-modal benefits.

Parking garage Pedestrian mall please already!!!
As a former owner for 12 years of a downtown Main Ave retail business in this same area I strongly favor the Next Steps concepts, especially the wider sidewalks and additional pedestrian amenities, although I do not favor eliminating downtown vehicular traffic access. I am uncertain of the real need for curb extensions and appreciate that these will be modeled this summer before making them permanent. My downtown retail merchant experience informs me, as did the bump outs utilized since the pandemic, that wider sidewalks with bistro seating accommodating and encouraging much greater pedestrian traffic is probably the key economic driver for downtown/CBD. I do not believe that Durango's downtown historical character is diminished at all, and is likely enhanced by the concepts being explored in the downtowns next steps.
Consider closing Main Street to cars on busy weekends to make more space for pedestrians
More bike racks, please.
The bumpouts and green spaces have demonstrated that these are a draw for visitors and locals alike and have contributed to the economic and cultural vitality of downtown. Please don't let parking become the predominant vision for downtown.
I would love to see plans and designs that encourage human powered and scaled interactions and moving away from car traffic oriented design. Examples being wider sidewalks, closing off main street to walking & cycling only, one-way traffic through downtown, increase in landscaping, etc. Additional pedestrian areas could open up more land and opportunities for businesses or farmer's market type events that could boost the local economy. I understand this affects parking, but hopefully if going downtown via walking, cycling or the transit is the easiest option, it will discourage the use of as many cars. As an idea, instead of another hotel in the downtown area, and parking garage could be used to offset parking demands and streamline traffic. I would love to see more informational boards around downtown that describe the history and events that are apart of Durango's history. These could be signs on the street, plaques on buildings, or information on the inside of buildings detailing the original businesses in those spaces. Preserving and maintaining the history, buildings, utilities, water quality, safety, and other essential functions I hope it are priority while evaluating these designs.
For the tourist town that we are, Main Street is a big attraction and there just isn't a strong need for it to keep the roadway. If making it pedestrianized isn't an option, at least making it safer and more friendly for pedestrians is a must
I would love it if downtown was a walking only mall!
Durango needs to be a more bike friendly city. Making main street pedestrian and biker only with street dining and arts and trees at the center would bring the whole community closer together. It's time to rebuild our cities around community, accessibility, the environment, and safe spaces instead of cars cars cars cars.
I'm a strong advocate for fewer cars and more walking/cycling on main street. It is not an inconvenience to park a block away, and enjoy the amenities that come with wider sides like more walking space, space for bistros, bigger trees, etc..
Let's prioritize cyclist and pedestrian safety, and the charming aesthetic of our historic downtown. And while we're putting in pickle ball courts how about some sand volleyball courts?? You should see the line to play every night all summer long.

Ped/bike safety needs priority over car-centric travel. Designated turning blocks for deliveries could allow most blocks to have greater bulb-outs for ped safety. Narrow lanes and traffic calming mechanisms are way more impactful than just a reduced speed limit (the current limit of 15 mph is ignored and not enforced). Main Ave should not be designed to be the fastest way to get somewhere, but rather a slow, interesting experience. Consider allowing the utilization of sidewalk extensions for businesses (i.e. dining). This allows for a continuous flow of walking and for businesses to collaborate. While there are benefits to using spaces right up against the building there is more space in the extensions (similar to current bump-outs).
Historic Main Ave is a nightmare for pedestrians and cyclists, especially since the reduction of left-turn options onto S Camino. Main is now essentially a major vehicle artery when it should be a pedestrian and cyclists' space for shopping and socializing. Encouraging tourists to use the trolley system and walk a little more will expand visibility to downtown businesses and return in investment for locals who rely on public transportation. Durango Coffee Co lost their amazing bump-out to a car crash within a week of having it erected, which is a huge blow to one of Durango's most popular locally owned businesses.
Narrower street will be more appealing and calming.
more bumpouts
Make several blocks walking only like Pearl St in Boulder
I don't eat in the bump outs downtown on the weekends - did that a couple of times and both times had bad experiences due to trucks and cars driving downtown just to be driving to see the sights. Let's have parking elsewhere and leave the downtown to minimal motorized traffic. Or, only allow parking during the day and have people walk in the after 6 time.
My primary interest is to slow vehicle traffic down. The 15 mph speed limit signs are a joke. If Main Ave is designed for vehicle traffic to be under 15, a lot of desirable aspects of this project would fall into place including safer pedestrian mobility, cycling safely on Main Avenue, safe loading/unloading and prosperous retail commerce and a quiet downtown experience. To slow car traffic down many elements will need to be provided, including narrow traffic (car) lanes, more trees, curb extensions, crosswalk stripes (please!), and even more traffic calming may need to be designed in to the project. Finally, pedestrian experience on side streets must be enhanced if drivers will ever be convinced to park in Transit lot. The pedestrian experience is unsafe, unwelcoming and I don't blame anyone for not wanting to walk from their parked care 2 blocks away. Trolley is a huge solution and is finally on the right track to aiding the downtown experience. Thanks for the survey!
I hope it goes through! As someone who lives in town, and works downtown, this would be a fantastic improvement.
there isn't currently very much/clear bike parking available for leaving a bike somewhere to walk around downtown a while and almost none of the bike racks and bus stops have covering which would make car-less commuting into town more feasible for longer trips or during inclement weather
Would love to maintain downtown's historic character and mitigate business interruption during construction
Thank you for keeping main street straight. Snow removal would have been problematic with the curving main street in earlier plan options.

Get rid of car access on Main Ave downtown! make it a full-on pedestrian mall (finally, just freakin'™ do it already). Pedestrian malls are great for business. No one wants to eat while sitting next to moving cars & smelling exhaust. Add trees, benches, stage area, & full-time DPD policing.
Make existing parking locations multi-level "safe" parking (ie Transit Center, 2nd Ave lots). Keep alleys open (no more parking in alleys). Turn existing alley parking areas into loading zones. Keep side "Streets" open for some parking.
Above all, get it done! it's been talked about for 25 years jeez!
Good job city for protecting the sense of place, parks and green spaces. This is what will preserve the last mountain town as livable for all--not just the incoming wealthy second home owners.
I want downtown Durango to be pedestrian only, with large green spaces for picnic tables, trees, park benches, etc. historically every time this has been done it has improved safety, accessibility and community space.
Make it more pedestrian friendly expand out sidewalk. More plants, benches, things for kids to play on, and art. Main is mainly traveled by walking as there is not a lot of parking. Pedestrian travel should be priority.
I think the idea of putting up temporary planters, etc. to give everyone an idea of what the design will look like is a great idea! I am concerned about the historic character of Main, but to me, Durango lost a lot of its historic character when it allowed the condos to be built in the Main Street corridor.
I was born in Durango and currently only live here part time, but I have really enjoyed being able to sit outside at restaurants in the summer.
It is currently very dangerous to cross the streets downtown for both the pedestrian and driver. I think the intersection at 8th Street and Main Avenue is one of the most treacherous spots. I was almost hit by a truck turning right onto Main from 8th while I was in the walkway with a walk signal. The other night I narrowly missed hitting two people while driving. I was turning from 8th, making a left turn onto Main. The sun was in my eyes to the West and the people were in the shade on the West side of the street. I never saw them as they started to cross the street. They had a walk signal, so it was my fault, fortunately they yelled at me. If I had hit two people that would have totally ruined my day! Something needs to be done. I have lived here since 1981 so I am very familiar with the streets. Since this is one of the spots that is being redesigned I strongly recommend that something be done to make it much safer. Perhaps putting a portable flashing yellow sign in the intersection, similar to what is at 10th and Main and at 7th and Main. Something to alert both the driver and pedestrians to be cautious and slow down. Maybe make a green turn signal when turning onto Main from 8th. Someone is going to get mowed down and I really don't want to that to happen, especially since this area is being redesigned. I spoke to Tim Walsworth about this. Please improve the safety, that should be the number one priority.
Widder sidewalks, more trees, more parking, remove bump outs
A viable blended downtown can look like grand junctions downtown There is still some parking. There are areas for hanging out with friends maybe listening to a musician. If done correctly will still have the historic charm without all the traffic. There will have to be other parking found. Maybe buy out the post office and turn that whole area into some kind of parking. A transfer center PO could be relocated lots of places. Eventually build a parking garage on some of the transit property.

Pedestrian and cyclist safety should be paramount. Slower vehicle speeds also make it more pleasant to spend time in the bump outside. I would like main to become a fully pedestrian area
Downtown would be so much better without cars and parking for cars. It would be great if cars were to park in a parking garage on the next block over. It would be cool to have bike rickshaw to take people from parking to their destination or from one end of main to the other. I would enjoy more trees, best use of storm water, planters, bigger sidewalks and bike lanes. I like the sidewalk bump out in front of Fired Up Pizza that redirects pedestrian and let's the restaurant folks be closer to their guests. Thank you for the questionnaire.
I would love to see protected bike lanes prioritized!
If main becomes president only. Then there will need to be large parking areas. This will allow for out of town residents to be able to enjoy Main Street as the in town residents do. Parking lots shouldn't not exceed the parking meter price.
I greatly appreciate the implementation of the temporary design in order to gain feedback and find the happy middle ground between keeping people safe, improving the experience of Main Street visitors, and minimal/no negative impact to our vital Main Street businesses. Thank you!
Don't back away from making Main Street truly pedestrian friendly. The car first mentality needs to change.
I am strongly in favor of the proposed design and changes, which prioritize large pedestrian spaces and improved pedestrian and bicycle access while maintaining the historical qualities of our downtown. Many complain about losing a few parking spaces, but in reality I believe concentrating parking off Main will result in a safer, more enjoyable downtown experience for tourists and locals alike. If we really need more parking, start saving for a parking garage at the transit center or one of the many other nearby paved lots.
Love idea of expanding the pedestrian space; want to see college and main crosswalk go back to a complete traffic stop where pedestrians can cross the intersection however they want to (including diagonally) again
Maybe adding some art/sculpture pieces similar to what Grand Junction has done
The character of downtown would be enhanced with wider walkways, treescape and pedestrian amenities. This design would reduce traffic speeds and make for safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. Replacing the infrastructure is a bonus. I am in full support. Yes, there will be some disruption but the end result would be a win for everyone.
I think that updating downtown will increase tourism while maintaining the downtown character. If we live in the past as one of councilors seemed to suggest, I believe we just start to look old and inaccessible. I love that we have more outdoor spaces at downtown stores and love having coffee outside for most of the year.
This is a great idea and I have been supportive of it since I move here in 1989. Good Luck.
I believe Main Ave should be a walking - non vehicle area
Mejorar accesibilidad para personas con discapacidad, mejorar calles (<i>Improve accessibility for people with disabilities. Improve streets.</i>)
I'm in favor of a total ban of car traffic on main street. I'd encourage you to commission an economic impact study of a potential ban.
Me gustaria que proporcionen espacios mas seguros para los ciclistas, y mas estacionamientos, de hecho si cerraran las calles desde la 11 hasta la calle de college seria excelente para que los peatones puedan circular con mas seguridad. (<i>I would like you to provide safer spaces for cyclists and more parking. In fact if they closed the streets from 11th to College it would be excellent so that pedestrians can circulate more safely.</i>)

As somebody who primarily travels downtown via walking and cycling, increased pedestrian and cycling safety is my main priority and wish, followed by expanded pedestrian areas. The best way in my opinion to do this is to slow down vehicle speeds by narrowing the lanes and expanding pedestrian areas. Thank you.
What are the alternatives to parking spaces? I'd love to see them deleted, except accessible spaces, but we just don't have the public lot capacity, do we?
Make it safer for pedestrians.
I would like to see pedestrian and bicycle amenities expanded as much as possible. Curb extensions and traffic calming methods would be appreciated.
These are great steps, but I believe eliminating cars completely from Main Ave would be a more valued objective for the community.
We need to reduce the amount of cars on the road in downtown durango, encourage pedestrian and cyclists ! Part of the reason people visit here is the beautiful weather and outdoors. It makes a lot of sense for the downtown area be more of a pedestrian focused zone. Having people actually get out and be forced to walk to the historic area will increase business rather than people just driving through /passing through and not actually stopping to see the sites and visit the businesses.
My 90-yr old mom loves to shop and eat in this block. Last time we were there, I left her standing for roughly 15minutes while I fetched the car from the alley and waited to pull in-- no accessible parking was available. She was exhausted by the time I got to her. I was lucky to be able to pull in front of the Strater to load and unload her, or she would have had to struggle with the step up at the curb. Why can't the whole block allow for such a transfer?
Down town is a mess during the busy tourist times. I think travel downtown on main should be limited to only pedestrian traffic from college Dr to 11th street during the busiest tourist season. June 1st to end of August sometime.
Everything is nice
One traffic lane each way should be sufficient, as well as helping to slow down traffic. One central lane for loading/unloading for businesses. Less street parking on Main Avenue would allow for wider sidewalks and bump-outs. But, this would require an accessible parking garage.
Please get it done. Downtown has lost a lot of its charm to vehicles. There's nothing of "historical value" to treasure or preserve about a truck - motorcycle - car - centric dominant Main Avenue. Maybe banning cars etc altogether would help preserve the charm, or to dig up the pavement and return to dirt streets (mud was "historic").
It would be great if the 15mph speed limit was enforced. It is becoming unsafe for pedestrians and bikers given the way vehicles drive downtown. Narrower roads and one way traffic could address this. Having some extra room on sidewalks would be nice during peak tourist season.
Looking forward to seeing advancement for this project. Hoping it will help Durango to be less vehicle dependent and help offer healthier lifestyle.

The project needs to address the short term impacts to businesses during construction, perhaps with a grant or loan program, to address the concerns and opposition to the project.

Good opportunity to update the aging underground utility infrastructure.

Don't let the vocal minority of opposition derail the project, by keeping the long term benefits in the forefront, i.e. bistro dining spaces, friendly and safe pedestrian experience, public gathering spots and art, bike safety and parking, etc. We all become pedestrians once we park, and downtown should reflect this as a priority.

Address the fallacy that the Next Steps will ruin the historic nature of downtown. What era of Durango history are the naysayers referring to? When Main Ave was dirt and horses, or when the historic trolley rail tracks ran up and down Main, or when we had diagonal parking, or when the highway was routed through downtown, or when we had highway cobra lights downtown, or when Camino Del Rio bypass was constructed and many downtown businesses were opposed to moving the highway from Main? The history is that Main Ave has always changed and evolved to address the needs and priorities of the time. Its time we leave the car-centric era of the 1960's and improve the pedestrian, bike, and outdoor gathering and bistro spaces that the vast majority of citizens want. (reference:

<https://www.durangoco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/22751/Downtowns-Next-Steps-Questionnaire-1-Results-PDF>)

Thanks for your work on this project. It is important to update and maintain our downtown economic zone and keep it an enjoyable space for residents and visitors.

One of Durango's greatest assets and qualities is its walkability and bike access. "Historical Character" is a hidden narrative about car centric design. The proliferation of cars in Downtown can be dated to the post war explosion of vehicles. Cars downtown is not a historical truth. Many of the buildings downtown pre-date the proliferation of personal vehicles and large vehicles. It is time to move passed car centric design and begin to design for people. Yes, this helps with climate resiliency but more importantly giving people the priority will generate a sense of community. I am completely in favor of giving people a third space to loiter, talk, create friendships and enjoy one another. Please proceed with this project. It is the people who give downtown its character, not the cars. Thank you for producing this survey, I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback.

The current plan lacks dedicated bike lanes. And with the curbs pushed out cyclist will be squeezed between the curbs and cars creating a dangerous situation. We want to to make it safer for cyclist not more dangerous.

Secondly, cars turning left are a danger to pedestrians. Just last week I was nearly run down by a huge truck. What does the plan have to fix this.

And finally, delivery trucks should not be allowed to make deliveries on Main. All deliveries should be made from the back alleyways, at least during daytime hours.

The best upgrade to down space is giving larger sidewalks to allow locals and visitors to enjoy all the great amenities. The current sidewalk do not allow people to walk two by two. We have plenty of parking and great options to build more parking if needed at the transit center. Parking is the lowest priority.

I bike a lot downtown. I'm not super concerned about bike lanes in the downtown core so long as traffic is slowed to the point that cars don't feel the strong need to pass you aggressively.

Nice design but would love to have a more pedestrian friendly design; ie no cars for a couple blocks.
Really keep it how it is and spruce it up. Looks like youâ€™re moving forward no matter what. If that the case go all in and close the whole street.
Maintaining wheelchair access and walker access to people who cannot walk multiple blocks is a must
Would love a historic outdoor walking, eating, music space downtown. I would get rid of all vehicle lanes 8th thru 5th on Main
Looks great and has to be a priority to maintain the vitality of historic downtown (and eventually extending to N Main)
Protected bike lanes are the only true bike friendly cities. Rethink the biking infrastructure in all plans moving forward. The river trail has become a dangerous e-bike highway due to lacking safety design on the roadway and no enforcement of safety on the river trail.
Thank you for making this a priority! I look forward to our communityâ€™s downtown being less vehicle-focused and more multi-modal.
I'd be okay with only only disable parking available on that block.
I'm assuming that the existing arc-shape bike racks will remain, as will the ability to lock bikes to parking meters, and so I don't care about putting more at curb extensions. I also think that having trash and recycling in multiple places is good, but they don't have to be at curb extensions. Mostly I just want vehicle traffic to be de-emphasized and pedestrian and bicycle traffic to be prioritized and safe.
I don't love the idea of placing all bike parking on the corners. If we want to encourage bicycling, we should have frequent bike racks along the block (or in place of street parking) so that people can lock up closer to their destination. At the last meeting, I was also concerned about the plan to make parking spaces longer to accommodate large trucks. Those types of trucks are much more dangerous to pedestrians, especially children, with their reduced sight lines and I don't believe the city should be going out if it's way to accommodate them in our most active pedestrian area.
Patio/bumpout areas for relevant businesses?? I'm not sure if this is incorporated into the expanded sidewalks or not but would like to see that. We have such fabulous weather and I truly believe downtown thrives most when people can sit and eat/drink/gather in outdoor spaces on Main and beyond.
I believe that the more we can get people out of their cars the better the flow downtown. To this end the more the city can do to encourage walking, biking, skating, bussing, etc, the better. A parking garage would be a blessing- that way drivers arenâ€™t distracted by looking for a parking place and could focus on just driving from point A to point B.
Restrict large semi trucks delivering food to the allyâ€™s, no campers or large 5th wheel trailers all for extra visibility for motorists seeing pedestrians.
The accidents of drunk drivers crashing into the current bump outs, along with not infrequent accidents where pedestrians get hit by cars, are very concerning. This points to a need for slowing traffic down on Main with as many physical features as possible - bump outs, curb extensions, narrower lanes, wider sidewalks and locating sturdy, hardened amenities such as bike racks and trash/recycling cans at bump outs and along curb extensions should be a top priority.

Honestly I think you could just do away with non commercial traffic and half of these issues go away
Walkability in a town = Well being of its citizens.
To make a truly excellent downtown experience, these block could be block off between 6th and 7th, and then between 7th and 8th/ or 8th and 9th. Only allowing for foot and bike traffic during day and evening hours. The bike lane could be wide enough to handle truck loading/unloading for early morning, late night deliveries and emergency vehicle access. If you really want to make a dynamic change, think outside the box and make improvements that create an experience for both visitors and residences.
Let's get this done
Nothing in this questionnaire speaks to handicapped parking. Maintaining access for handicapped residents should be a priority.
I love the new plan and support the chances to increase walkability, and reducing vehicle traffic on main to increase congregation space, expanding outdoor patio space and encourage locals and visitors to sit and stay awhile, increase foot traffic to businesses, and require more walking along storefronts to attract unplanned visits to shops and restaurants. Currently, our downtown is too convenient and encourages visitors to pull up in front of a single business and leave again without any incidental retail traffic. The downtown is also noisy due to vehicle traffic and discourages wandering, meandering or socializing on our narrow sidewalks, and frogger style pedestrian areas that encourage us to rush as quick as possibly down Main Street to avoid being run down by an impatient driver.
Make Main Street as pedestrian friendly a possible.
Pearl Street in Boulder or the pedestrian street in Burlington, Vermont are some of the best decisions ever made by city planners. We need more pedestrian only spaces. It is good for businesses, good for residents. Please create some pedestrian only spaces.
Research has show you can't do projects like this through committee. Stop trying to please everyone by surveying this to death. The city paid a lot for design engineers with this type of experience so let's get the work done rather than having community input override engineering work based on science and experience. The community has no experience other than complain about whatever the outcome is.
Implement the design rather than trying to figure out if the extended sidewalk should be 3 ft longer of we should plant 2 more trees. The existing design has these elements so go with it rather than trying to achieve some sorted level of community perfection.
The concept looks well thought through. Improving pedestrian accessibility with wider sidewalks and curb extensions for safety is important. Parking on Main should be minimized and only accessible parking provided as there is sufficient parking on other streets close to Main. Bike racks moved to curb extensions, and maintain trash cans throughout Main as is currently available. Additional trees would be nice but as they grow might possibly block view of historic buildings?
good transparency and comprehensive process. Looking forward to the implementation.
I'm incredibly excited to see this project come to life, so much work has been put into this, Durango will only continue to improve with ideas and progressive projects such as this. Thank you!!!

I'm 100% in favor of a pedestrian-only mall downtown. Have seen it work well for business in small towns (Charlottesville, VA has a great one). The mall becomes a gathering place for people, and they go in many stores and visit restaurants, especially those with outdoor seating. Durango can find more parking spots outside of Main Ave. Taking the trolley downtown would then be even more attractive. Parades could still happen; begin at Transit Center/8th St.? Thank you for keeping these changes alive.
Making Main Street a pedestrian only street would increase safety.
Designs appear to lack bike safety infrastructure. People, including children, should feel safe when cycling downtown.
Main street in these blocks could be more pedestrian oriented, including accessibility (even though I ranked that lower I do believe it is important). I do believe this does bring more revenue to the business in these blocks. There are plenty other parts of Durango that are geared toward driving and not as easy for pedestrian use (north Main) that are practical for that purpose. A downtown with more trees, older buildings, slower pace, and not a drive through need speaks more to the character of a downtown meeting and small business place.
I am generally in favor of a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, walkable community. Not just on Main Ave .
Eliminate all parallel parking except for accessible/handicap.
Why not just close this area to traffic? Traffic just creates safety hazards, noise, and pollution.
get rid of parallel parking, add diagonal parking - see Grand Junction downtown/main st. Grand Junction's main street is way better than ours and we should try to design a downtown that has a similar feel, store and pedestrian friendly, less vehicle friendly.
Everyone that spends time downtown, regardless of how they travelled to downtown, spends time walking. Prioritizing a safe and pleasant pedestrian experience is a vitally important factor in encouraging people to visit downtown Durango. While many other stakeholders need to be considered, the pedestrians are the economic engine that powers downtown and a well designed downtown will reflect that.
I want most to reduce traffic down main and reroute it along 2nd/Camino Del Rio. Adding trees, narrowing lanes, widening sidewalks etc. will get people to slow down driving down the road and prefer to take other routes. Durango is special because it has an extremely walkable downtown and I want that to be improved for resident safety and tourism appeal.
My ideal outcome would be to make main one-way (moving south) with one traffic and one loading/bike lane. Traffic can cycle back north on Camino Del Rio (right turns only), pedestrian crossings would be safer, lots of space for sidewalk/restaurant seating, and with a bunch of trees a lot of shade. Might not be realistic but maybe there are some good ideas in there.
I am a huge fan of the listed plans. Durango needs to put more effort into walkable spaces and reducing car dependency. This is a great first step to improve the pedestrian experience and I hope that the pedestrian/bike network is improved in more areas after this improvement. One option on the list I really hoped to see present is grade separated bike lanes.
Do it already!!! A more walkable downtown will be such a plus!! Just look at Grand Junction - its awesome
I'm all for a mostly pedestrian mall and improving parking behind the buildings.

We should prioritize non vehicle travel. For the primary areas of downtown. We should aim to be more like a town like Telluride; where their main street is only half opened and one directional during busy times. Prioritize foot, bike, wheelchair, wagon, stroller travel while still accommodating handicap parking and deliveries to stores. Its a gift for all physically able bodied people to walk a bit from their cars. Who wants to sit outside in the bistro seating during the summer anyway when idiots from out of state fly up and down main with their loud exhausts, giant f150s, and music blasting? Discourage cruising behavior on main. Encourage "foot" traffic and socializing. Establish parking elsewhere (ie build that parking garage).
More effort should be given to making biking and walking and the trolley more attractive to tourists. Could we install a bike share program with nodes at the hotels? Including e-bikes?
it's time to get rid of the wasteful parallel parking that many are not adept at executing anyhow and just causes more congestion, side by side parking at a 20-25 degree angle would allow for more parking spaces as well, get the big trucks off main street they can park off main at a lot
I think to design our town around the need for tourists to park directly in front of the business they want to visit is foolish. There is too much focus on parking in these discussions. I understand that businesses and town generally relies on tourism, but I see so many tourists walking main anyway. That's what we want! And walking means it doesn't matter as much where they park. The focus of on-main parking should be for accessibility only. But please don't let the parking police (tousits) force us into redesigning our town.
Additional bistro space makes going out to eat more pleasant, looks great, and is shown to reduce traffic speeds. I'm in full support of anything that gets people out more!
I believe downtown should be more pedestrian friendly. We should limit/discourage motor vehicle traffic. Limiting or eliminating parking in the immediate downtown area would be a step in that direction. Certainly maintaining lanes or narrow lanes for pick up and drop off is reasonable. It would also be nice to have a pedestrian only area for seating, cafe/bistro similar to areas in Europe, New York City, Boulder, etc.
Just get rid of the parking and car traffic entirely. Nothing is closer to the actual 'historic downtown Durango' than no cars at all. Obviously delivery vehicles are excepted here, but wanting to be outside and spend money is hard to do with car exhaust(gases and noise), loud music from cars, and the danger that they present. You are hardly losing any parking spaces, and you are encouraging people to walk past more businesses to get to parking.
People and pedestrians are more important than cars.
I like this design and appreciate the effort that has gone into refining it. I think the bioswales need to be carefully done so they look attractive (not weedy and unkempt), don't smell or attract mosquitos. While the ascetics are obviously important and one of the primary motivations for the improvements to Main Street, I believe of utmost importance is maintaining the character of downtown Durango and ensuring it's economic viability going forward. Maintenance and upkeep of utilities aren't a sexy sell but they are crucial to achieving this.
I love the design. Downtown shouldn't be focused around vehicular traffic; downtown is for people, and this design feels like it finally emphasizes and embraces that. I've lived in Durango basically my entire life, and I generally don't like going downtown. This design would actually make me want to go downtown and spend time there.
Would be good to be able to provide a safe place for visitors, slower speeds, yet be able to maintain the look of downtown. Have to maintain an accessible roadway for emergency services.

It is fine, but you are trying to appease multiple user groups and watering down the design. Business will flourish downtown if you make it more walkable, and create places to hang out in. WE should not be encouraging traffic and travel in vehicles downtown.
We are very excited for this whole project. Think the curb extensions are a great idea, and the more walking accessible (like pearl street in Boulder,) the better. Our only concern is making sure our business and signs are still visible during constructions. If there are barriers or fences, and option to put up a banner would be great. Thanks
I would like to see downtown Durango as pedestrian bike and trolley only. Parking structures build at the transit center, train station and on 2nd and ninth, the county parking lot next to the century link building
It would be great to replace the "sharrows" shared bike/car lanes with dedicated bike lanes so that our community could feel safe biking though main street.
The historic nature of downtown is very important but I think we should remember that it was there before cars and parking. I think a design that slows down and limits vehicles, promotes walking and biking and has more vegetation and trees. I support the city fast tracking a public parking structure and would vote to fund it.
The curb extensions will make a huge difference in visibility of pedestrians, and create slower traffic. I think adding trees and making downtown more pedestrian friendly will allow people to spend more time downtown.
Neutral/General Comments
The main thing I hear from my customers is they want to park close to where they are going. It's great to think that people will walk but we need to maintain parking. Also there needs to be a free area for parking for employees of downtown businesses. I do not think someone should have to pay to park to get to their job. There should not be covered trolley drop offs downtown. We already have an issue with homeless people under any available awning and that would just increase the problem.
Important design concepts needed—point of entry identification of city at each end. Parking needed but more than parallel parking and. It at entrance to city. Consider connectivity to river walk across Camino del Rio. Develop Camino del rio at same time. It's your first view of downtown and it's filled with gas stations and car dealerships.
Many locals drive larger vehicles and pickup trucks. Downtown main ave is already very skinny, especially considering how poorly people parallel park. Making driving lanes narrower increases the risk that moving vehicle's mirrors will collide with parked vehicles, vehicles in the turn lane, or the middle loading zone lane. Don't forget about us lifetime locals during this project!
Add more free parking lots to free up metered and off street parking in residential areas.
I think that we should listen to the business owners who seem to have some major concerns about this project. Our downtown seems to be thriving right now. I am not against improvements, but think we should proceed cautiously. This "test run" might give all of us a better idea of what things will look like. I wish there was a way that we could cut down on the vehicle traffic on Main, and I'm not sure that making the traffic lanes narrower will improve that. What I hate the most is the dramatic increase in the number of vehicles on Main (and elsewhere in town) that have been modified to make the most noise possible. We have a noise ordinance that is not being enforced, and that needs to change. The amount of noise these vehicles emit is a health hazard and a serious detriment to the enjoyment of our beautiful downtown area. Thank you

Why is ample parking not addressed? Durango needs a parking garage for everyone. Employees that work downtown need a place to park for free. It's nonsense to charge the \$30 a month to go to work or clog up third Ave with parked cars. I also think that main Ave should be one way to narrow the street for cars or no traffic at all. Very doable with a parking garage.
We need more downtown parking. Build a parking garage or some space close for workers and owners to park and that will free up spots as well as encouraging everyone to park there. Like how the train has a lot to park in that's not too far but don't charge an arm and a leg for it.
I am not so physically impaired that I need a handicap parking permit, but walking long distances is difficult. Keep the parking on main for the locals and encourage the tourists to park off main with cheaper hourly rates on side streets. I am so tired of the tourists being treated like VIPs and the locals like chopped liver. The locals pay taxes - show them some gratitude.
Thanks for your outreach efforts
If you design downtown for no parking you better add parking levels to the transit center entering on 7th and exiting on 8th And buy the old community college building making a multi level parking garage with pay kiosks, elevators and overCamino del Rio skywalk. Elevators in both parking garage.
Please no bump outs they take up too much roadway parking spaces and are congesting the traffic
Please think about allowing parking downtown on main avenue and not trying to turn portions into a pedestrian only situation. Parking is difficult as it is , and it's only going to push out parking to residential areas and flood narrow gage parking and will probably become a large issues for businesses in the south city market parking lot as well. It will also make deliveries for some businesses along main with out rear access a very laborious situation for delivery drivers getting products to these businesses. Side walks can get slightly congested at times and locals (18 years for myself) might complain some but the tourists pay most of our bills at the end of the day so , we can deal with that.
Need more parking and less handicapped parking
All of this is beautifully designed, however we need for parking space for foot traffic before you take away more parking DT. If there is no place to park conveniently, THERE WILL BE NO FOOT TRAFFIC and therefore this would be a super waste of money and businesses would stuffer indefinitely with no place to park. Put money into building a 3 story car garage in the parking lot at the transit station for starters. Anyone would gladly pay to park.
Keep changes simple to maintain integrity and charm of Durango.
If adding more for tourism and/or cycling, please tax those entities. Please do not use property or road taxes for this
I believe keeping downtown historic is key to the town of Durango. I truly enjoy the historic buildings and looks of downtown. As a frequent visitor and looking at moving to town I absolutely love the ambiance of downtown
Main Street and 2nd should be one way way streets for cars.
Thanks for prioritizing community input. It's a difficult but worthy cause! All the best!
It would be nice to see street vendors for food.

I like the idea of just closing some of the main street off for car traffic maybe during the summer. But, build some parking garages that are cheap and do not attract homeless people to use as their homes.
Also, we need some parking for our ranch/farming folks so think spots for the like of Ford F250. No, I do not own a large truck...Telsa here....but our community has these folks and let's make them feel wanted/needed. Also, if the likes of Telsas or small car uses these large parking spots, give them a ticket just as if Gas cars park in EV spots. Let's welcome all to our DT area.
We need a parking garage, somewhere!
Access (car parking) to downtown businesses has been degraded over the years and is negatively impacting our economy; discouraging county residents from traveling to durango for food, local shopping, and entertainment. Durango has plenty of trees (more than it ever has) and ready enough access to public transportation. Snow removal is a nightmare and further restrictions for vehicle access will only further exaggerate that issueâ€, but you already know that.
Additional parking!!!! I hate to shop or go to a restaurant downtown because I will probably not find a parking space. I generally park at City Market and walk over. That is not fair to City Market. Changing from parallel to angle parking is my number one priority for Main Street downtown.
â€Can you think of any problem in any area of human endeavor on any scale, from microscopic to global, whose long-term solution is in any demonstrable way aided, assisted, or advanced by further increases in population, locally, nationally, or globally?â€ â€Albert Allen Bartlett
With downtown businesses being impacted so heavily by COVID-19, I believe we owe it to them as a community not to cause further disruptions. They should be the priority, as they are the reason visitors and locals enter the area. I'm all for removing vehicle access if we can develop a better downtown parking solution that works in conjunction with accessibility for those who can't park further away and walk.
thanks for taking public input
We love Durango, hard to decide how to make it better
I am all for maintaining the downtown character of Durango. You will lose the historical significance of Main Street if you change it to much. Make improvements, but keep them simple and within the parameters of the old Durango we all love.
I think enhanced intersections with pedestrian amenities makes sense. I do not agree with the extent of the design shown above. Less is more sometimes. Leave more regular parking spaces unaffected. We have a fair amount of trees already, take care of them and plant more sparingly where it is most needed, not just cookie cutter placement. Would bio swales really work here on Main Street? It's a good concept for landscape design but it seems too little to make a difference. I can envision it being a trash collection device. I would advise not going whole hog with the attempt to make it too pedestrian friendly with wider sidewalks the whole way. It works pretty well the way it is with the thought of doing more in the corner red zones. I have worked in retail on Main for the last 5 years and have a degree in landscape architecture.
Keep downtown's history

This fails to address the biking. How are narrower travel lanes safer for cyclists?? Also, the public transportation should not block the rest of traffic when they stop. Parking is such a HUGE issue downtown that removing parking spaces is a horrible idea. When I have meetings with clients, they can never find places to park. I have lived in Durango for 30 years and I love downtown; I always have. I love the historic character. It is already so walkable and beautiful with its wide sidewalks and trees. Please don't ruin it; do not move forward with this plan.
There is no place to park now, so we very seldom visit the downtown area. Parking is a huge issue, and will only get worse as this project moves forward. I avoid Main Street Durango and all the shops because of the congestion and parking issue.
Wonder why we can't leave it like it is, just clean things up a bit. Also, I would prioritize what business owners need since they are the important entity in downtown.
Bioswales are cool ideas but not necessary in our area. The city does not maintain landscape areas it would most likely be rocks full of trash.
I feel like there are a lot of better uses of the city's money than widening sidewalks/creating curb extensions. For example, making North Main safer to cross, fixing degrading roads and sidewalks in neighborhoods, etc. This project seems primarily to benefit heavier tourist traffic, which doesn't seem to be in the best interest of the city's permanent residents.
I don't like the trolley stop in front of my business. It makes it very hard for people to walk when there are people standing there and waiting for trolley. There are always trash on the floor.
If the City of Durango is interested in making Downtown Durango an economically viable and interesting place to visit, then it needs to let people invest in 3rd Avenue. The fact that we have an obstructionist planning department is ruining this town and keeping it in the dark ages. People want to live and work and raise their families here, but we are not allowed to improve our properties. It is a complete disgrace.
Keep the historical nature of Durango. Have transit center a free parking place. No need for a parking garage
Build a parking area/s for locals and tourists. Then do whatever.
Down town Santa Cruz would be nice to look at. Parking garage makes all the difference
If you are going to expand downtown more, we need more parking. Fewer and fewer people are able to live on the grid and need to drive in. Smaller parking spaces are useless since we live in a town with ranchers who need big trucks to do their jobs.
Improve the quality of life
Promote social integration
Reuse of public space
Innovative transportation solutions
Support the local economy
Enhance the image of the city
Promote urban development
Enhance community vitality
Integration of artistic elements
Cultural integration design
Traffic safety optimization
Eco-friendly facilities
Green building practice

Community needs consideration
Public space utilization
Public participation is important
Sustainable transportation planning
Environmentally friendly design
Community participation
Really don't like the bumpouts.
Adding parking seemed to be missing lol
2 lanes. 1 for business loading. Other one way for public transportation. No private vehicles. Route all other traffic on 2nd between college and 12th. More sidewalk space. That or leave it alone.
The economic driver for Durango is its historic authenticity within the context of the San Juan Basin. Without long term integrity of this resource, the future of the town and region will be grim.
how many surveys are required until you get the results that you want?
Are there any plans for more parking off Main Street?
Still need a parking garage at the transit center that was promised years ago.
We do not own property on Main but own 2 lots on 9th St, 1/2 block of Main. What affects businesses on Main affects all of us. Among other things, construction projects and street closures on Main discourage customer traffic and hurts every business. I only listed 3 important design elements because the others are not important to me or I see them as unfavorable. I don't support curb extensions so I did not rate them
We need more and better restaurants that are not high-end (sandwiches, burgers, breakfast, etc). I hardly go downtown anymore because of the lack of decent middle of the road restaurants, I am sure the rent and other issues are barriers so until there is a better way to get restaurants downtown, it will suffer.
Build a parking structure !
Question 9 is asking what the city wants, not what property owners or businesses want, and is loading to skew answers in appropriately. It further shows that the city is not listening to all involved.
Select the proper time of year - not summer - when the changes would have the least impact on tourist visits.
Do away with parking meters
I love that you're reaching out for feedback! I hope I win
Eating dinner on a bump out 5 feet from car exhaust is very unpleasant and a big health risk. Please either fully support cars and remove the bump outs or close off a complete block with no cars and much more seating and pedestrian amenities. Having a hybrid design means neither use case is enjoyable.
Main St Downtown Durango is a small and very walkable space. There is lots of parking within a short radius. Natural elements worked into the plan are great to assist with temperature, and overall aesthetics.
If the sidewalks are wider and the lanes are narrower, where do the bikers go?
Give a serious look into building the parking garage suggested for the last 50 years!!

The city needs to have serious discussion with the business owners and be very open to their feedback on what will and will not work.
Additional parking does not have to be located on Main.
What about no cars in the block by the train station?
In completing this survey I don't know the meaning of curb extensions or the red zone. Future surveys would be helpful to include definitions. And I terms of where to locate transit stops - I need a little more context.
Compare the "added value" of this project to other potential projects the town is considering like ART to Three Springs, Durango Mesa Park, Multimodal, ETC.
Some of the items in Question #9 are difficult to interpret without additional information. You may not get usable answers beyond the top 2 or 3 things.
The city of Durango has been studying this for 18 years? That's quite a long time. I'd love to know the priority of the remodel? What is wrong with our current downtown setup? The impact on our local restaurants and business owners is going to be excruciating and a lot of folks won't recover from the loss of revenue created by this project. Let's deal with a few of our priorities first, Getting homeless people off our sidewalks and loitering downtown Parking meter fee reduction Code enforcement to monitor signage downtown (banners used as permanent signs) Keeping sidewalks clean from food waste, trash, melted ice cream, gum, vomit etc.
It seems like there is no additional infrastructure for bikes in this design--are they expected to use a (potentially widened) sidewalk, or ride in the street, now with narrower lanes? It's unclear how this will increase bike ridership or safety, particularly for novice bikers or children and families.
no curbs at all, please
With the seasonal bump outs Main Street parking is limited anyway. It would be safer for pedestrians to have no parallel parking on Main and keep it to the side streets, 2nd Ave and 3rd. There is a one way alley, El Camino and 2nd Ave for other options for traffic. Then additional trees and wider sidewalks, and loading zones would not be an issue.
I vote strongly to keep the historical culture and buildings of possible all along Main Street. If possible incorporate grated sidewalks for th winter when the sidewalks are icy and slippery.
Visitors come to Durango for the charm. It's important to maintain that character while allowing for higher volume use and innovation. First and foremost should be the visual aesthetic.
Generally against the project
Your questionnaire clearly shows that you have decided to turn Main St into a walking mall. I drive to get to town. I mostly work on Main St that includes exterior installations at businesses. I will frequent restaurants, but most day to day shops are gone. You have made Main into a tourist or residence within a few blocks focus area. Alienating life long locals who end up having very little reason to go to downtown. When dealing with your new pedestrian/bike focused areas and as a drive in local that both consumes and works in the area, I find the stress and inconvenience taxing. I am growing to hate going downtown. Durango should be encouraged to have a more diverse economy, push toward a more traditional downtown with an economy that serves all of the Durango and surrounding residents needs. Turning it into a mall for tourist and festivals ruins the character of a Durango that I have been in in some fashion for about 52 years.

You are not listening to the residents of Durango, we don't like the bump outs as they look like pimples on a pig. Go back to the "old school" parking without bump outs to keep the historic look of downtown Durango. We all voted on this before to keep it the way it was WITHOUT change. You did not listen, instead you said: we didn't explain it properly and they didn't understand. WE UNDERSTAND, we don't want change, you didn't listen. If I had my way you all would be fired for promoting your "OWN" idea of what Durango should be versus what the residents of this town want. I have lived here for 45 years, and we still don't have a parking structure that was promised back in 1979! I don't want to sit next a street full of exhaust to eat food in a structure that looks like a bunch of kids made it. Remove all the bump outs and bring more parking into downtown where the lively hood of town can be vibrant and continued in historic ways. WE don't want a New Vision and Strategic Plan, we want consistency of what has drawn people to Durango, it is not bump outs devised when Covid was around that look like afterthoughts. Go back to what has always worked, enough parking to have more access to downtown spaces. You have given little thought to emergency access, deliveries for businesses, accidents that will stop flow through etc. Narrowing the traffic lanes is an accident waiting to happen!!
More parking. The fact that summer is the busiest time and we eliminate a significant number of parking spaces with bump outs doesn't make sense. A parking garage on 2nd would be amazing for those who intend to be downtown for longer periods of time (ie restaurant employees).
I have lived in Durango over 50 years. The Downtown has retained the flavor of historical Durango. I think the design is horrible and so many people I know, feel the same way. Well, I agree, it will certainly generate more money for restaurants that are in the specified area, but I certainly wouldn't want to eat near cars that are passing by. The air quality will certainly be reduced. I understand the need during the Outbreak but not now. Also, I think it's very unfair to restaurants that are not on Main Avenue. Let's maintain the beautiful area we live in and not destroy that beauty horrific idea. Thank you..
The survey is designed to provide the answers you want to hear. How about listing "preserve the history and heritage of downtown" instead of all the feel good "improvements" nobody wants. Afraid it would be the #1 choice on the vast majority of surveys?
No changes are needed! This is crazy, it will ruin the traffic patterns downtown that businesses rely on, employees rely on,. We need more parking, not less.
Get RID OF THE OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS !! THEY BLOCK THE SIDEWALKS AND ROAD. DO NOT MAKE THIS A BIG CITY !! I ENJOYED IT AS A SMALL CITY !! BRING BACK THE SHOPS AND TOURIST TRAPS DOWNTOWN. IT HAD IT'S OWN BEAUTY BACK IN THE 70'S AND 80'S. WE DO NOT NEED TO MAKE IT NEWER. IT WAS A FUN PLACE TO GROW UP IN. SO GET RID OF THE PULL OUT RESTAURANTS, MAKE MAIN AVE A 4 LANE AGAIN ALL THE WAY TO THE GENERAL PALMER . I AM HANDICAPPED BUT I COULD NOT GET THRU WITH THOSE PILL OUTS.AND THEY LOOK LIKE CRAP !! PLEASE DON'T MAKE OUR SMALL TOWN LOOK LIKE A TURD !!
Don't change Main St. Just because you have money to spend doesn't mean you should spend it. Durango has a very successful Main St. Don't screw it up.
Limiting traffic going downtown will only back up the surrounding streets even more. As a business owner in Durango, we know that transit time through Durango is ridiculously long due to this.
Leave "Historic Durango" as it is. Why change what has worked for over 100 years.

Over the years I have seen plenty of misguided urban precinct renewal projects, from Boulder to Ventura, Albuquerque to Pittsburgh. Almost without exception the changes you are contemplating are not successful. Please concentrate on making downtown Durango an authentic small town shopping and dining area and not an artificial tourist trap. Remember what it was like in 1973?
Bring back the double lanes. Middle turn road is taking up valuable space. Stores that have outdoor service are taking up parking space. The scooter/ motorcycle parking locations are taking up parking space. The intersection of college & main pedestrian crossing needs to have both red lights at the same time so that all who cross the street can cross safely. The one way road from main ave & college drive to the train station & up the street needs to have access both ways. Curb blocks take up space.
The cities biggest concern should be our parking issue!
I miss cruising main. Good times when we would meet up and show our cars off and drag main. I DONT CARE ABOUT BUMP OUTS FOR DINNING. Pedestrians never look where theyre going. They just walk out into traffic.
Get rid of those tacky bump outs! Theyâ€™re not needed, take up parking spaces and look horrible! There is no reason to have this mess still! There are restaurants that have patios that people can choose if they want to eat outside. LOSE THE STUPID THINGS! THEY WERE RIDICULOUS DURING COVID AND NOT NEEDED NOW! They make Main look like a tacky slum! Parking is limited and meter charge is a joke! Main Street is totally bypassed by me and my friends anymore because itâ€™s not fun to go downtown!
Quit trying to ruin main Ave. 2014 era was better. Bring back 4 lane traffic and no more bump outs
Stop! Put the brakes on this. The bump outs were important for businesses during covid. That's behind us. The expanded sidewalks give downtown businesses an unfair advantage over off of main businesses. This will forever put an end the the historic look of our downtown. We're not Boulder, we're not grand junction. Just stop, put this money into repairing the roadway and repairing the sidewalks. Put this money into several large parking garages located on existing city parking lots and expand the transit system.
The bump outs are a hazard and unsafe
Please please please stop the bump outside and let people park. The parking issue is big and not helpful for anyone. The cost of meters is now ridiculous so the closer you can park to your destination the better
Maintain access for emergency vehicles and delivery trucks, modifying the red zones is lunacy.
I do not think there is anything wrong with the current configuration. It is already walkable for most. Taking away vehicle access would lead me away from visiting downtown unless I absolutely have to. What you are proposing seems more tourist related than those who live and work here.
Hate the bump outs. Main Ave is for traffic, the sidewalks are for people. The sidewalks are just fine the way they are.
You all have destroyed the character of downtown Durango, you have destroyed the reasons why people have always loved to visit, vacation and live here. I am a lifelong resident of this area. What you all have done in Planning and development have destroyed Durango and made it just like any other town! Stop!! Just stop destroying our beautiful city! We do not want to be like everywhere else in the country!!! We used to hold special values, integrity, a great western heritage, the Train! You have systematically worked to destroy every damn bit of what made us proud to be residents of this area!

Keep Main historic. We love to go downtown for "date night". The road by east by southwest needs to be put back to a 1 way and all the parking put back the way it was. The bumpouts are cool but really are a waste of space and take away too much parking.
Don't do any of this.
Please put Durango's downtown back the way it was. I grew up here and people moved here because they loved it. Don't go changing it making it into Boulder or Grand junction. Two lanes both ways and fix college Ave too. Two lanes both ways. Those turning Lanes create so much traffic. Keep Durango the way it was please thank you.
Keeping the historical importance of downtown is the very most important. We don't want to look like every other town in Colorado. We have already lost some of that with the bump outs making sure that new businesses keep the traditional appearance.
This whole project seems unnecessary and a waste of money. There are so many residential areas that need their sidewalks repaired for safety reasons. We have so many streets that need to be resurfaced. Narrowing the traffic lanes will put people who cycle downtown at risk. It seems that once the city decides it's going to do something you really don't listen to the public even though you put out surveys like this.
This Is THE MOST RIDICULOUS survey I have ever had to participate in. How dare the city run over the wishes of the current residents and retailers who pay taxes. It is our wishes and not the wishes of the city councilors that the City should be following. The majority of retailers and public have expressed our absolute disgust of wanting anything to be changed in the downtown area of Durango. It is a historic district !! Shame on you. Shame on the city councilors who voted to force this terrible option on the city of Durango. Shame on those in power who have wasted the taxpayers money. This should absolutely NOT be allowed to go forward. It will be a great setback to businesses due to construction and loss of parking !!! How can the city take away parking ????? Solve the parking problems by putting a 2nd story on the transit center. LEAVE THE DOWNTOWN AREA AS A HISTORIC DISTRICT. Please do not go forward with this project. You will be the ruin of business in Durango. We do not want to be the next Vail or Aspen. We want to stay uniquely Durango. The locals and the tourists want Durango to stay and continue to be Durango.
This is a waste of a lot of money for the tens of millions of dollars it will cost for nothing more than an 'enhanced visitor experience'. Durango government loves to talk about sustainability. What is the environmental cost of digging up streets, transporting and disposal of this material, creation and pouring of new concrete and the creation and installation of the new features? All the trucks, fuel and pollution used for this project. The low bid will go to an out of town contractor hiring cheaper labor who will drive from NM and AZ to work here. How does all that fit into the sustainability equation? Lets enhance the Durango worker experience and pay policemen, trash collectors and the city workers who maintain our streets something closer to a livable wage for Durango.

The hardest part of trying to shop downtown is finding parking. As a 50 year resident of Durango having worked downtown during the 70's through mid 90's and owned homes in downtown, I find this new design absolutely a disaster. The current bump outs have eliminated parking and clogged the sidewalks so much as it is. Building curb extensions along the street will make it much more difficult for snow removal and wreak havoc with all of our parade routes. Downtown Durango is an Historic District where tourists come for a taste of the Old West. The money should be spent on some kind of parking garage so people can at least get close enough to downtown to enjoy walking to the local businesses without a hike from their car parked 6 blocks away. And what happens to all the parking meter revenue when the meters are gone? I, myself as a senior citizen, find it harder to do business downtown if I can't find close parking. I see only 2 handicapped parking spaces in that entire area. If I were a business owner on these blocks I would be very unhappy with the poor access to my business. Thank you for listening for what ever it is worth.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it! Downtown is a very well functioning business/tourist hub for Durango and will be hard to improve on without significant cost and risk. The huge cost of lost business and tax revenue during construction is not being considered. During construction this will be like another 416 fire or worse for every business in the cone zone. Some businesses will fail. Any reduction in parking in a destination drive tourist market is foolish. The rural/dispersed nature of the population downtown serves requires parking and local population growth is primarily drive dependent. Don't reduce parking. Commerce relies on trucking, don't impede deliveries or ability for trucks to safely deliver goods to businesses. This will just give people another reason to shop at Wal Mart or Amazon. Bottom line is that the total cost of this project has not been considered and the perceived benefits are marginal at best and skewed toward special interest and not the general good. The downtown currently functions well for pedestrians, cars and cyclists and is serviceable for truck commerce. The City sales tax receipts, high commercial occupancy rates and vibrant local and tourist economy downtown tells the story. This money would be much better spent on a higher police presence downtown, workforce housing, road maintenance etc. And for the record, I live a mile from the CBD, work in town and I walk to work 2-3 days per week.

I am not a fan of turning the current Main Ave into a total pedestrian walking mall. Durango needs expanded parking first before Main Ave is transformed. The concept above cuts several parking spaces out. Where will the cars park that are bringing in all the tourists, not to mention the people who work downtown? The concept above is good, but with the expanded sidewalks, it has delivery trucks, cars and bicycles competing for an already tight roadway.

Next step is not what we need. Parking is the only issue.

What has been and what will be spent on all the consultants and "trials" for downtown "improvements" ? Consulting cost for the idea of a parking garage had to be astronomical and is lost money. So with the parking garage dollars spent with no garage being built and now more consulting money being used for bump outs etc. as "downtown Improvements" which is an ongoing expense, what is the total cost to date and expected future costs that Durango taxpayers will have paid for scrapped plans or plans in progress for Downtown Durango?

For transperence Citizens should be given a total amount spent to date for all consulting and other costs incurred to change our beloved and totally functional downtown! Has Council not learned that sometime leaving things as they are might work just as well as changes to an already beloved and vibrant Downtown?

I feel that downtown Durango already provides a vibrant, diverse "real" experience. I don't want to live in Boulder or Downtown Disney. Other than upgraded utilities and existing infrastructure I don't want to see changes. I think the move to just two lanes and a loading zone was good. As a commercial driver I do not want to see curb extensions added!! I know what "engineering studies" say but the reality is that such features create a hazard to commercial vehicles and snow plows. Please focus resources on adding parking- not removing it.
Durango should be maintained as a working downtown with a variety of businesses, including those that locals need. Changing it to be more tourist or pedestrian friendly does not seem necessary. Everyone loves downtown Durango. Our houseguests from all over the country love it. I've never heard them say that they wish it was more like Pearl Street in Boulder. It's not broken - why fix it? I do not favor curb extensions, bump outs, or anything else that impedes driving, business deliveries, etc. for a fake Disney feel.
Look, I had to move to awful-querque because I have been priced out and work for an agency. But the Durango area is my home. The Central corridor in Albuquerque and Farmington Main Street, "improvements," are NOT improvements. They have made disabilities and access harder. Crazy high ramps with impossible slopes/rises, barricades, elimination of parking spaces. Traffic calming is obsolete because the traffic backs up for miles. Which pisses everyone off. The curbs are higher, which makes moving my people and their wheelchairs, walkers, and lifting their fatigue ridden arms and legs impossible for those who are trying to maintain their minimal mobility. Who designs this crap? Shutting down streets does nothing but eliminate access for those same people. Curbside pickup? That's out. Those businesses proprietors and staff kind enough to help, will likely discontinue that practice if their staff has to step so far away from the store front that they can't keep an eye on their operation. And if part of this effort busts pets (dogs, cats, horses, or jackalopes) from enjoying or entering or businesses placing water bowls nearby, it is not ok. But let's make it a dysfunctional experience for everyone but the beer swilling wealthy who don't build community. They suck it dry. You're turning this into Telluride and it is not welcome.
Please don't change historic down town Durango. It's unnecessary. County residents drive to town and need to do banking and shopping, without walking long distances. It's ridiculous that this is still on track when so many residents and businesses owners are against it.
This project is not needed. Durango's Main Avenue is an historical western street that is vibrant and healthy. This project will turn the street into a semi-Disneyland attraction, destroy retail business and, won't make it any safe and it will no longer be the central business district for La Plata County and all of Southwest Colorado. The project will cost millions, disrupt current businesses during construction and result in multiple bankruptcies. Two blocks are designated as "Festival Blocks" that the city can shut down at any time to host an event. Businesses on these block are not in favor of this and the city just spent \$6 Million dollars to buy Buckley Park with hold plenty of people for festivals. By narrowing the parking lanes, it will make it more dangerous for people with disability issues and older people to safely exit their vehicles.
If the goal is to allow people to have a unique Durango experience then leave it alone. Turning it into every other "modern" city does not make Durango unique. Seems like there is multimodal transportation already present. Just stop. Leave it be unique. All the changes are NOT good ideas.
Don't change it. You didn't leave us that option. Businesses should be the priority. What do they want?

Please DO NOT tear up the downtown during the tourist summer season! It will be devastating to the businesses downtown. WHY NOT build a parking garage at the train station land on College at Camino del Rio? And then allow those who are mobil to walk to downtown? Maybe do like other towns and have bicycle rickshaws. Please do not destroy an historic, functional downtown.
Please NO curb extensions!! Those are so awkward and cut into parking spaces. We don't need wider sidewalks. That again would reduce parking.
Most importantly we need to keep vehicle access and parking through Main Street. We definitely do not want narrower roads, more trees (which require more of our limited water and maintenance as trees grow too big later) or wider sidewalks. We have limited access and parking issues already with a growing population which will only become more congested. What you really need to be focusing on here with our tax dollars is building a parking garage, finding a place to dump our snow removal, fixing the homeless encampment issues and I could go on. Spending money on limiting Main Street while we have so many other challenges and city needs in Durango in my opinion is ridiculous and frustrating . I donâ€™t even wish to rank the above items because there are so many listed I feel this is all rather disgusting. Along with the continued push for this over the years when we have more important matters at hand. I am sorry, but I canâ€™t help it. I am so disappointed.
I do not support this design project at all. I believe it would be better to maintain Main Avenue as it is to better support local businesses and parking access.
We do NOT need to lose parking space downtown! Sidewalks do NOT need to be widened. Main has been functioning just fine as it is. Do NOT use the Next Step design. The money would be better spent on building a Parking Structure at the Transit Center between 7th and 8th Sts. Do NOT push out curbs into intersections. Do NOT add more trees. Do NOT make our National Historic District of Main Ave. look like Disneyland. Keep it Historic. ~ I lived on the 3rd Ave and in old district for 30 years. Worked downtown at many businesses on Main for 30 years. Been in this area 50+ years. Main Ave. is truly valuable asset to Durango and does not need to be improved other than cleaning and general repairs. Next Step almost turns it into a "mall" and we DO NOT WANT THAT. We want a Main Ave. which functions as it is doing right now. Thank you.
More access for handicapped is needed, everything else is not needed. Downtown should not be changed! Who is lining their pockets here?
Leave downtown alone. The ONLY thing that should be done is upgrade aging utilities and add more parking.
It's interesting that there are no options for keeping Main Street the way it is. Before any work is done I would love to see city Council show us the results of this survey, and also provide clear indicators of what the citizens here actually want. And if they decide to go against with the people want I'd like them to be clear with that as well.
The City of Durango needs to preserve the historic downtown and not try to modernize it. The bump outs during Covid was a great idea at the time but we are well beyond that now and know better about the transmission of the virus. Today the bump outs have made the downtown look like a shanti town with no uniformity. It reminds me of the images you see in San Francisco or LA. We have a beautiful old west feel downtown. Letâ€™s preserve that feeling because that is what tourists want to come and see in Durango, not a cobbled up bump out that has the brightest colors and looks so out of place. Tourist can go visit San Francisco or LA if they want to see a shanti town.
I want downtown left alone!!!!

Leave it alone!!!
Take it back to how it was 10 years ago. Ditch the Covid "bump-outs". Streets are for driving, not hobos and trees. This project is the opposite of what COD should be doing. Spend our money on fixing the existing roads, not taking them away!
My concern is making parking very difficult in these areas. I would like to first see our sidewalks get repaired. I have known too many friends who have tripped on them, including myself. I also want to be sure businesses and parking is easily accessible. I have lived here over 25 years and really do not see the need to make our main downtown free of cars if that is the objective of all of this.
Time to get rid of the bump-outs. Good for pandemic but not now. Keep the historic feel and look of our downtown. Just because you have the money doesn't mean you need to rape the downtown area. Parking spaces are a priority for the public. This is a bad idea, waste of time and money, and does not add value to our city.
Refund the sales tax and get rid of this ridiculous plan. Downtown Durango has served us for 140 years as the Victorian designer intended. The new design, at present, is ugly and too congested. What is planned is outrageous. Why do people fall in love with Durango, Primarily because of the beautiful and historically significant Victorian downtown. Since the rest of Durango is beset by urban sprawl leave the historically significant downtown alone. There will be no reason for Durango to be listed as a Historical District. Instead of this make work plan LOWER OUR TAXES! P.S. Your ranking system is biased. There is no place to list NO ACTION. You are manipulating the process to get the predetermined outcome you seek.
You are ruining the character of the town. It is already too overcrowded in the summer with all the tourists. If you narrow travel lanes it will be much more difficult for pickup trucks to navigate much less delivery trucks. You will make an even worse traffic bottleneck on Main Avenue and it is now horrendous during the now 7 months tourist season. I moved here over 10 years ago and loved walking the streets. Between the flood of tourists and the ridiculous bump-outs, I no longer enjoy the town and avoid it most of the year. I now do a lot of my shopping and dining in Farmington. I guess I'll just stop coming into town altogether.
Keep downtown the same! It makes us unique. We are not Boulder.
Downtown is beautiful just as it is. Those design modernizes a historic area that needs to be left alone.
I am vehemently opposed to items not above and the survey as designed implies that I see some value in them which I do not. Jimmied survey in my book. A coffee shop and a bookstore are not "bistros" so that is misleading in the survey as well.
I am not in favor of any changes that narrow travel lanes, slow traffic (both foot and car), or add bulb outs or extensions. Most of these changes impede vehicle traffic and make downtown feel more congested/less functional. The traffic patterns on college drive and east second ave. are already quite strange.

Do away with summer bump outs. Leave thru traffic all the way along Main Street. Delivery trucks must be able to use Main Street all year round.
I personally like it the way it is. It does not need it!!!! Downtown is needing accessible business entry and parking. If anything a parking garage needs to be built allowing more parking which means more business and better economy. Brick and mortar stores are barely existing. Throw them a bone!!
Stupid
No changes that have been proposed should be used.
I am completely against making Main into a no drive zone.
This survey is biased. There should be an option for "Leave downtown the way it is".
Parking is at the top of my list. I won't use the outdoor patios parallel to the street. Traffic noise and exhaust makes it a unpleasant experience.
Leave Down Town Durango ALONE!!!!
I like downtown the way it is already. Change is not always good.
Biased questionnaire. Don't do any of these things should an option. Very offended that legally mandated ADA compliance is treated as somehow being an optional "feature".
Get rid of bump-outs! They were fine during COVID but now just eye sores!
Get rid of bump-outs and this new design. Change the intersection at Main and College back to how it used to be with all lights red for pedestrian crossing/diagonal crossing and add back the ability to turn right on red from Main to College.
This is a BAD idea. Not sure why city council thinks we need to redesign downtown other than necessary infrastructure improvements. This is going to be a nightmare scenario for residents. WHY WHY WHY? For tourists? Why do we need wider sidewalks? For tourists? Tourists will come regardless of sidewalk width. The seasonal bumpout program works great. WE DON'T NEED TO MAKE THESE CHANGES PERMANENT. This is a ridiculous waste of money, and for what? Why do we need to completely redesign our downtown? Who decided we needed to do this? This survey is poorly designed, because there is no option to choose 'keep things as they are'. You are forced to make a choice you don't want to make. STOP THIS MADNESS.
I think this is a terrible design they will prevent even more parking downtown and will keep the locals away. Downtown needs locals to shop to stay alive.
No

I think one of the options that should have been put out in your surveys about these choices was to vote to leave things as is since it has been working well overall compared to a lot of other cities around the State. Some changes are always good but more minor than major. If the City would just clean up the Downtown, steam clean sidewalks every night, have a better foot patrol police presence for safety, better lighting, control the vagrants sitting on sidewalks, or other improvements that would cost far less than these extravagant and expensive ideas drummed up by outside consultants that don't really live here and know Durango would go a long way in keeping downtown viable for another 100 years. I'm concerned about business interruptions with many downtown businesses just getting by so access and disruptions during major construction could put some out of business during what will surely be a project that will have delays once it gets started. Just visit downtown Denver's 16th St Mall to see what those several year delays have caused to the businesses. It has killed them and instead the homeless have taken over downtown Denver so let's not repeat that here. No project can predict how long it will take or what unforeseen issues will pop up to cause delays. Our downtown has few vacancies now and businesses are struggling to keep open and profitable so let's not lose what we have in order to have things like curb bump outs, etc. that we have functioned very well without to this point. More benches and areas to hangout will only bring more homeless downtown like it has in Denver and then when businesses fail and close who will be left to pay for this expensive project. I still don't know how these costs can be justified now or will this be eventually put on a shelf until funding is available or be like many plans that we pay outside consultants to design but then are never implemented since that are unrealistic. Keep changes simple and improve the quality of life downtown for workers, visitors, and residents by making it safer and cleaner and you will accomplish much more and make it much more vibrant than spending money on over the top ideas. Even if these plans are implemented if businesses can't survive and downtown is not cleaned up and made safer then what will be accomplished??? BTW I have lived in Durango since 1975 and have worked downtown for 45 years so I see it every day and know a lot of these issues firsthand with crime and homeless problems so let's not make it worse and instead maintain what we have before it's lost. We are the envy of a lot of other towns without these expensive plans so there must be something good about the current set up.

Leave it ALONE!!

Keep the durango character! Highly disapprove of the new hotel across from gazpachos. How sad for those historic homes- no views and now this hotel towers over the downtown. We don't need bigger!!! Why do people come here? Why did Kevin Costner? Keep Durango historic and preserved. Keep it a mountain town. Our mountains are getting cut into. Camino Del Rio is a nightmare!! What are we doing about this part of town?

Stop narrowing driving lanes. This concept is ridiculous and has causes more traffic problems in the areas you have already done this.

Read the book Paradise about the California wildfires. Don't reduce traffic flow or accessibility to the downtown area please.

I hear lots of locals wishing that Main St would return to 4 lanes. The inconvenience of a single lane deters more tourism than it attracts.

The redesign is unnecessary and a waste of money. The bump outs already reduce the number of close parking spots, restricting access for people who need close/handicapped parking. The city should work toward adding more of those kind of spaces, not eliminating them. Adding these suggested "improvements" will also make snow removal even worse. Currently, downtown is a treacherous ice hazard when it snows. Streets have mounds of snow on them, parking is nearly impossible and side walks are extremely icy and inaccessible when crossing streets from the ice mound left over from plowing. If the side walks and road can't even be maintained properly now, how does one expect even wider sidewalks and narrower roads to be maintained any better. Additionally, narrower roads will back up traffic even further. With the newest light "improvement" for pedestrian "safety" at Main and College, traffic backs up for two blocks in nearly every direction leading to road rage, people running red lights after waiting several light cycles and turning as pedestrians cross. The proposed "improvements" will also take away from the small, historic western town feel. These are big city or overcompensating mall ideas, not something for Durango. If you don't like the way Durango is, move to the city or back to wherever these ideas are coming from. These "improvements" seem to be made for the tourists and not for the people who live and work in the area, especially those who have lived here for a long time. Once every other shop is an overpriced t-shirt shop or a boarded up empty store front because it is too expensive to run a business downtown, then tourists will quit coming as often. I know that changes and improvements are inevitable, but this seems a waste when there are other more needed areas for actual improvement like city streets, parks, the river trail, dog park and more
I own a business on College and know many of the business owners downtown do not want to lose parking or ability for trucks to deliver to their doors. I understand improvements, but making Main more narrow and having less parking is not something that should happen. Businesses downtown should have the bulk of the say as to what happens as they are the ones that have to deal with the choices. Durango needs to continue to have its own identity and not those of Boulder, Aspen, or Denver. I do agree we have to have change, but it needs to keep Durango true to its roots.
I really don't think that a main street remodel is necessary but if the city insists on moving forward - parking needs to be the highest priority since the majority of "Durango" are rural/commuters. If there isn't enough parking you will deter people from coming to town.
The cost has not been established. Too much disruption to Main Loss of parking won't help businesses
I don't know why you are changing how it is. Get rid of the bump outs and bring back the parking spaces and make downtown look better, those bumpouts look trashy. Leave downtown the way it always has been that's why people like Durango. Stop changing Durango into what you left. We don't have to look like Denver or Boulder we are Durango.
This plan seems to take away the historical western feel that made Durango famous. It will become a cookie cutter tourist town. Just a pedestrian mall like many other places. I strongly dislike all the bump outs. Curb extensions at corners only. It all looks so messy
Historic preservation! Keep us an old mining town feel. Create Standards to do so! Thx!!
I don't think the mid street bump outs are a good idea or that we need bump outs at the end of the streets either. In my opinion, more public restrooms (I get complaints all the time about the welcome center not being open) and more public free parking should be our main objectives. Towns like Telluride and

Salida have free parking lots where visitors can park all day long and not have to worry about meters
I did not find Question 8 to include priorities I would like to see: Maintain parking Not have pedestrian walkway between storefronts and eating spaces (bump outs) Not decrease traffic lanes Question 9 did not offer an opportunity to say "I oppose this option" [narrower travel lanes, curb extensions
Keep the character of our downtown that has worked for generations and continues to - no need to reinvent the wheel here.
Durango used to be an agricultural community. You have pushed out all the locals to accommodate bicycles and transplants. My truck does not fit in the parking spaces. I can't have multiple vehicles just to come shop in Durango. I work in town but will drive to New Mexico for groceries, etc... because it is easier to get around. The streets can't get any narrower. You would be better off to eliminate all traffic, cobblestone the street and put in parking around it.
this city sucks maybe instead of focusing on main street you should focus on having affordable housing for the middle class workers of Durango instead of building yet another mcdonalds or car wash. Goof balls
Making businesses more accessible to cars
there is NO NEED for most of this nonsense. People can cross the street as they always do everywhere. - curb extensions are AWFUL !!! we do not want gathering places on Main Ave. we need traffic flow and turn over for businesses. We need every parking space. Our downtown is lovely with out your "improvements". The homeless will gather.....we removed the benches out of need. There are 142 parks and a huge wilderness right here already. don't waste the money, disrupt the businesses, to impose your ill conceived plan. We have been trying to communicate with you for years but you had already decided to carry out your plan no matter what we have said or done. Doubt you have even read this.
I think eliminating parking and narrowing the road is the worst idea possible. What we need to address is the downtown parking issues, who cares about wider sidewalks and narrower roads. Let's take an already distracted tourist driving 10th under the speed limit rubber necking at it all and make it that much harder to navigate. Taking away parking is taking away these businesses opportunities to make or increase their revenue. I can't even begin to tell you the number of times I have attempted to shop local downtown and given up because I couldn't find parking. These fixes are only going to add to the problems down there.
Unnecessary spending for redesign of main street and potential economic impact for many businesses with less main street access and narrower lanes that are already unsafe is not smart. Updating the outdated infrastructure should be the priority if absolutely needed to be done.
Please don't make big changes downtown "for the sake of change". Making the visit "more unique" with curb bump outs, narrow lanes and whatever else would hurt downtown. The character is there! The unique visit to a walkable Main St with shops, etc. is already there. Don't F it up by adding all this extra stuff that is not needed. People aren't going to go home and rave about the extra curb space on Main to their friends.
Do not narrow the travel lanes.

This overhaul is unnecessary. Maintaining the character of the town and infrastructure should be the top priorities.
Not broken Don't tear up our downtown for bikes
It's already a lovely place people come to visit. Visitors love the historic, simplicity of Durango. Upgrade/update utilities, add underground parking & leave the rest as is.
Travel lanes are narrow as is. They shouldn't need to be narrowed anymore.
I was unable to complete the survey because I am not in favor of the project as it has been presented thus far. narrower travel lanes, curb extensions, additional trees, wider sidewalks are all elements of the next steps project which I am not in favor of.