



Downtown's Next Step Preliminary Design

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INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF DURANGO BY RESOLUTION

- This is a call to honor and respect Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination. As residents and visitors of Durango, we are called upon to educate ourselves about the history and cultural heritage of the land we inhabit. The City of Durango is situated on the ancestral homelands and territories of the Nuuchiu (Ute), Jicarilla Apache (Apache), Pueblos of New Mexico, Hopi Sinom (Hopi), and Diné (Navajo) Nations. The original stewards of this land were forcibly removed and exposed to countless atrocities by the United States government, including repeatedly broken treaties, forced assimilation, the tragic legacy of Indian boarding schools, and the loss of ancestral homelands. We recognize lasting generational trauma exists within native communities today. We affirm the continuing importance of ancestral sites to descendant communities as integral to the living cultural landscape.
- This acknowledgment only becomes meaningful when combined with accountable relationships and informed actions. May this serve as a step towards inclusion and reconciliation.



MEETING AGENDA

Presentation (20 minutes)

Breakout Groups (55 minutes)

- 10 minutes at each table
- 1 minute transition

Questions and Answers (20 minutes)

Conclusion (5 minutes)



PROJECT BACKGROUND



DESIGN & STATUS



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

PROJECT HISTORY

Streetscape
improvements identified in

2006 Downtown
Durango Vision

Multimodal
Transportation Plan

Downtown Overlay
District

Comprehensive Plan

Project prioritized by
Multimodal Advisory
Board in 2021

Council adopted
budget

Budgeted \$400,000
for multimodal
improvement

Design proposals for
\$1.2 million

Visioning and conceptual
design was conducted in
2021-2022

Community
Development

Evaluated multiple
design options

Created vision and
goals

Conceptual design

Design started in 2022

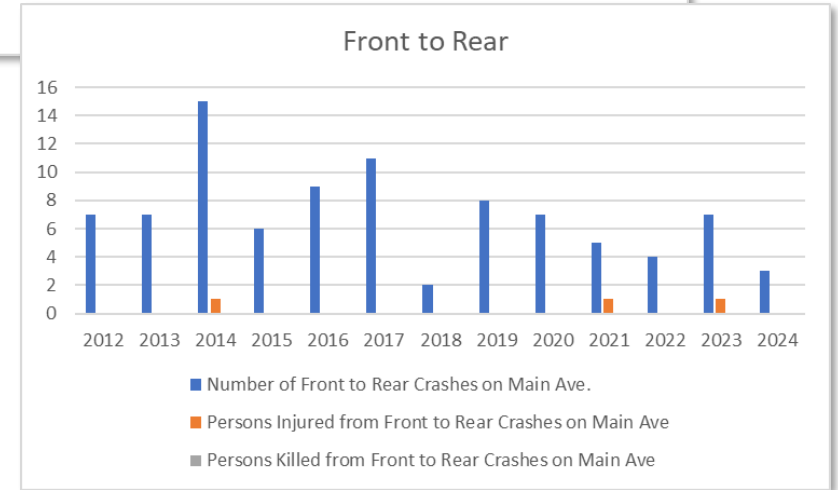
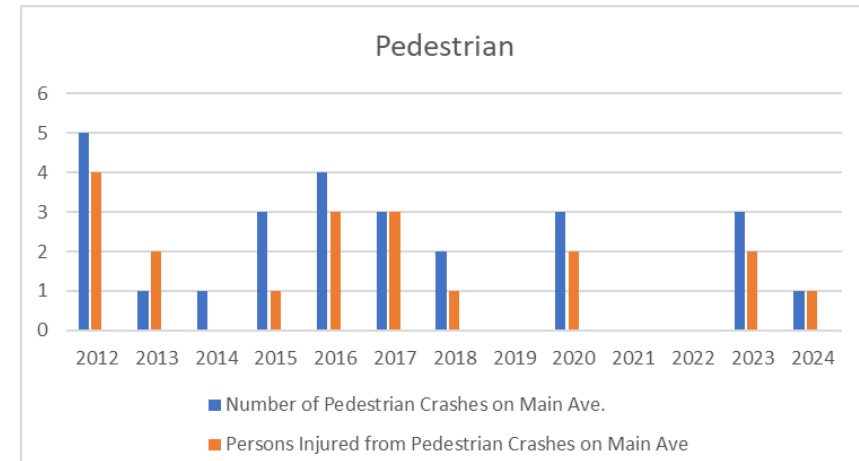
Surveying and
analysis for the
corridor

Preliminary design
for 2 blocks, 600 &
700

Utilities design

SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY STATISTICS

- **Speeds**
 - 15 mph average
 - 31% over the speed limit
- **2012 - March 2024 crashes**
 - 26 pedestrian crashes with 19 injured
 - 6 cyclist crashes with 1 injured
 - 445 overall crashes with 28 injuries
 - **Crash types resulting in injuries**
 - Pedestrian, cyclist, broadside, front to rear, curb, other object
- **Accessibility**
 - Non-compliant curb ramps and sidewalk
 - 2 designated accessible spaces on Main Ave



ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS - CONCEPTUAL

Meetings

- 19 meetings

Two Questionnaires

- 2,203 responses

One-on-one Meetings

- 20+ meetings

Online Review

- 58 comments

ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS – PRELIMINARY



Public Meeting
• 94 attendees



Community
Questionnaire
• 700 responses



Focus Group
• 9 members



Business
Forum
• 100 attendees

RESOLUTION R-2024-54

- Funding the construction of the new Police Department and City Hall facility is a high priority of City Council
- Construction of Downtown's Next Step (DNS) and utilities is anticipated to be a significant cost investment
- Completion of the design phase is necessary for City Council to have construction estimates, allowing them to make informed decisions about whether to prioritize the project for construction in the future
- The City has received \$640,000 in grant funding to finalize the design phase of DNS, with a City match of \$160,000
- Construction of both projects requires substantial financial commitments and would not be fiscally responsible to be done simultaneously
- Therefore, spending on the construction phase of Downtown's Next Steps should be suspended until direction is given to move forward and after the Police Department and City Hall have begun construction

MAIN AVE UTILITIES

WATER

- **Old Infrastructure:** Many components are past their useful life, around 50 years.
- **Old Cast Iron Waterlines:** Installed before 1960 on 5th to 14th St, at least 65 years old.
- **Improper Bedding:** Pipes bedded in unsuitable materials and "hot soils," leading to pitting and corrosion.
- **Old Fire Hydrants:** Some are pre-1974 and are no longer serviceable.
- **Worn Isolation Valves:** Many don't seat properly and have passed their functional life.

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MAIN AVE UTILITIES SEWER



- Clay sanitary sewer lines from 5th-14th St installed pre-1960 (at least 65 years old)
- Pipes are cracked, service lines protrude into the pipe, making them non-serviceable
- Manholes made of brick or cracked concrete
- Increased inflow & infiltration (I&I) Causes treatment challenges at SRWRF

** pipes are jet-rodded prior to camera work, pipe on left had debris caught on crack & settled at bottom of pipe*

MAIN AVE UTILITIES STORMWATER

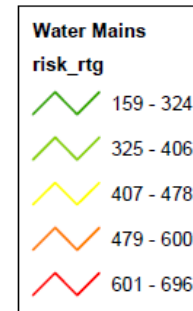
- Clay pipe stormwater system from 5th-14th St
- 1-2 block section slip-lined, much of the rest is cracked & separated
- Debris enters through cracks & settles in pipes



MAIN AVE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

- Preventive maintenance has been deferred on Main Ave for years
- Performing reactionary maintenance on Main Ave, not preventative maintenance
- Years of not flushing on routine basis → water quality issues if mains are disturbed → businesses close until dirty water clears up
- Water isolation valves no longer operate effectively (can't shut all the way)
- Pressure waves cause old pipes to break
- Pipe material is brittle due to age & condition, newer materials are more resilient

Water Mains- Risk Rating



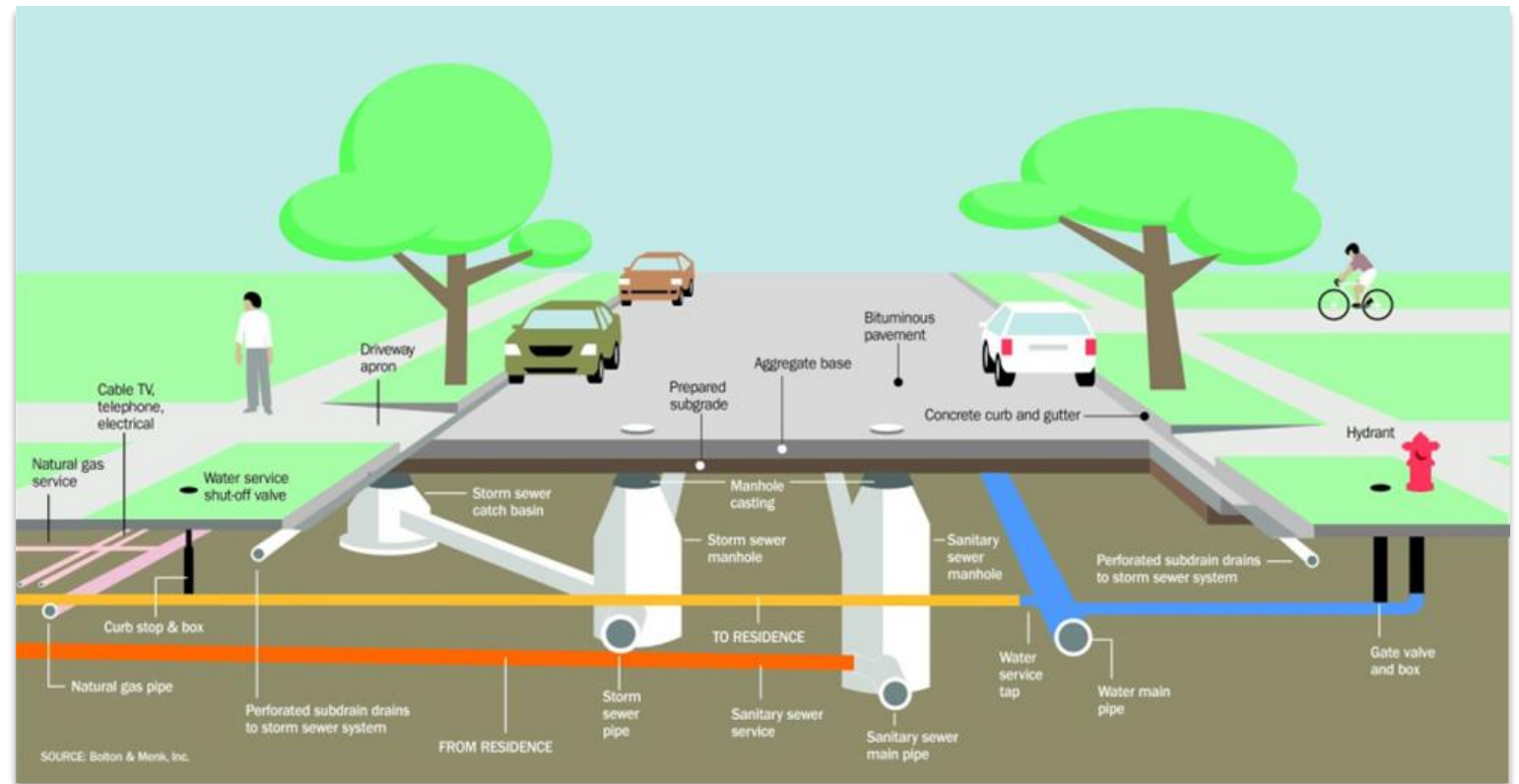
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UTILITIES

COSTS, TIMELINE, PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Preliminary design for most of Main Ave utilities
 - No potholing or ground penetrating radar (GPR) yet to confirm underground conflicts
- Engineer's estimate of probable cost at final review
 - Estimates have been ~40% lower than construction bids
 - Construction & material costs are increasing year by year
 - Construction timing difficult to determine, goal of 1/2 blocks/year (budget & impact depending).
- Build from the bottom-up, utilities first



What's under a typical city street?

DESIGN STATUS

Design Status

Full streetscape design for corridor 5th -14th

Going out to the public in June for feedback

Pilot Status

Pedlets and curb extensions put out in April

Hiring artists to paint curb extensions and adding planters

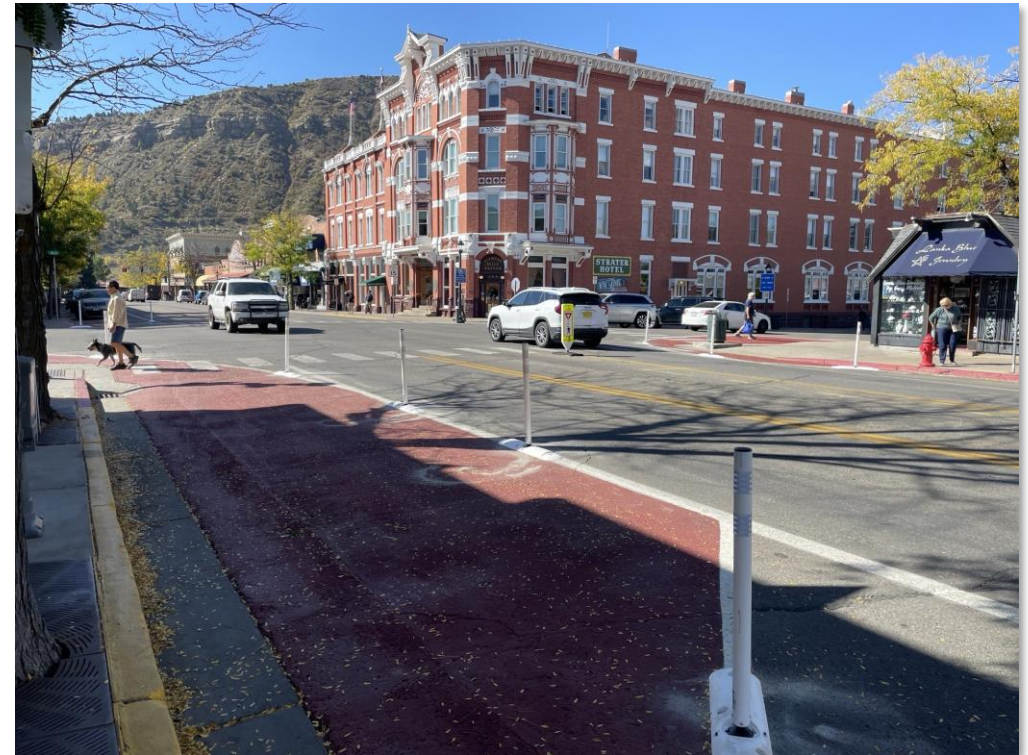
Design Updates

Shortened curb extensions and added parking spaces back

Kept lane widths and reduced sidewalk widening

PILOT PROJECT

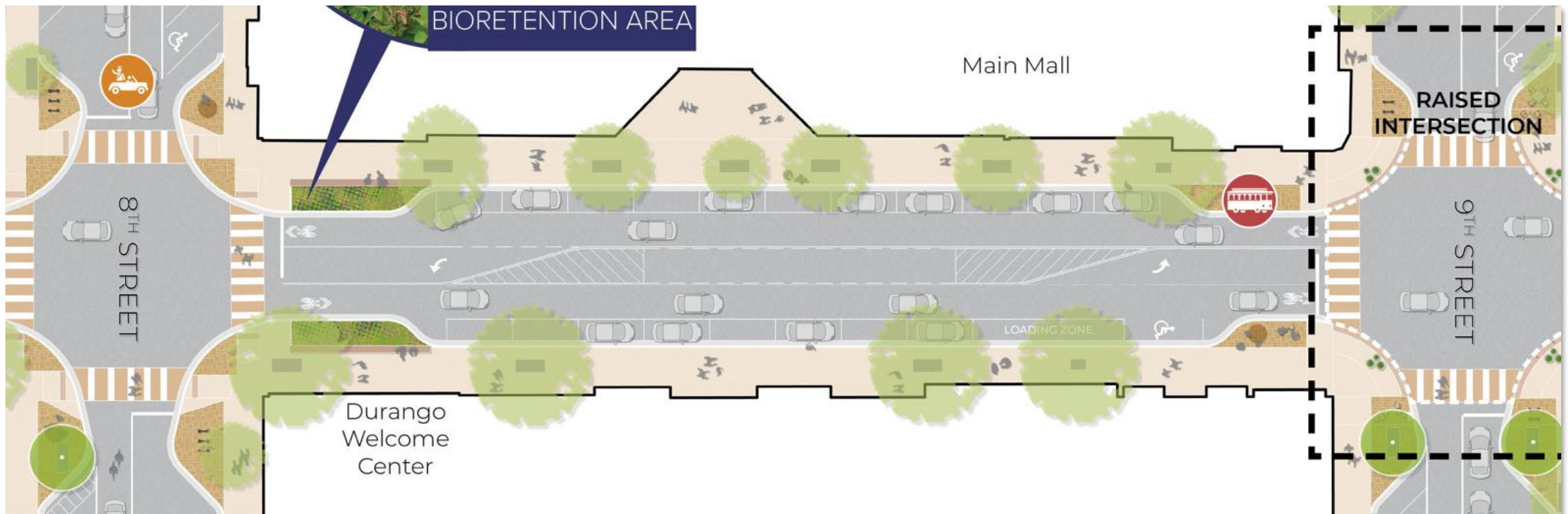
- Pilot funded through Revitalize Main Street grant program
- Two pedlets
 - Demonstrate expanded sidewalk by adding extra pedestrian space and activation space
- Temporary curb extensions with flexible posts at College, 7th, and 8th
 - Demonstrates safety benefits
 - Allows real world testing of turning movements



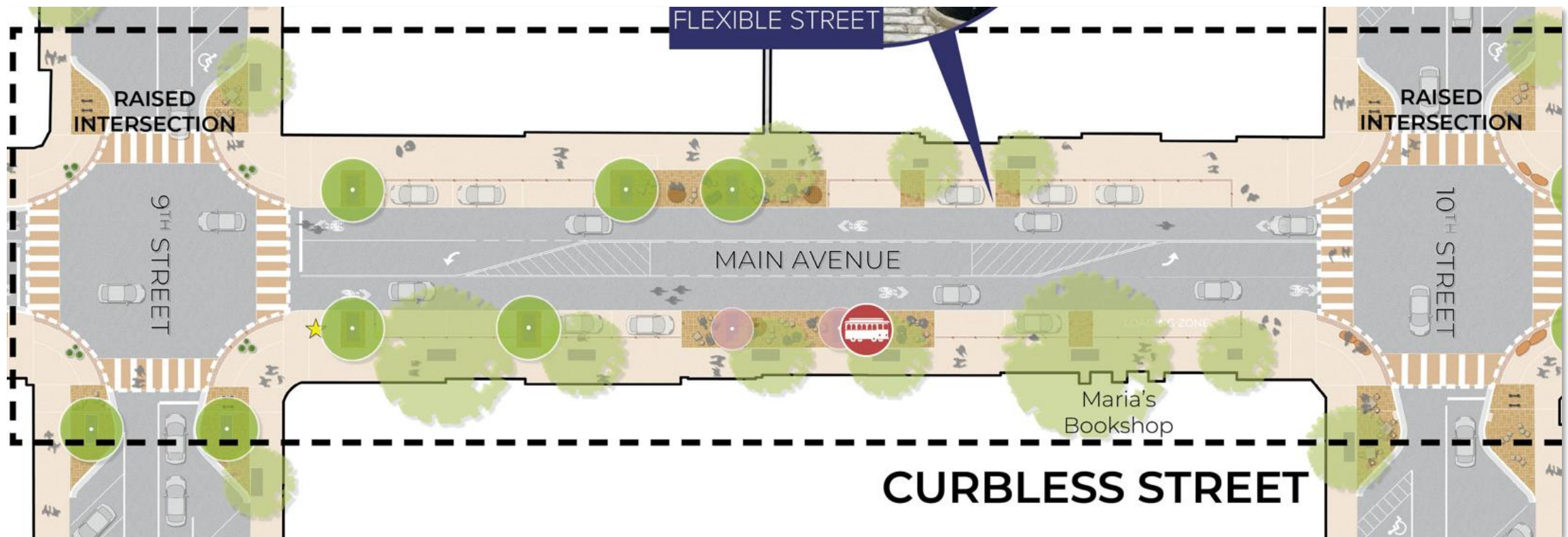
DESIGN – 500 BLOCK



DESIGN – 800 BLOCK



DESIGN – FLEXIBLE BLOCKS



DESIGN UPDATES

- Updates based on feedback
 - Curb extensions reduced in length
 - Turning lanes at each intersection
 - Parking reduction of 38 spaces
 - Curbside loading zones added
 - Sidewalk widening reduced from 5-ft to 3.5-ft
 - Maintaining existing travel way width



CURRENT UNKNOWNNS

- Construction timeline, cost, or phasing
- Snow maintenance
- Landscape maintenance
- Sidewalk being replaced (all or some)
- Construction funding

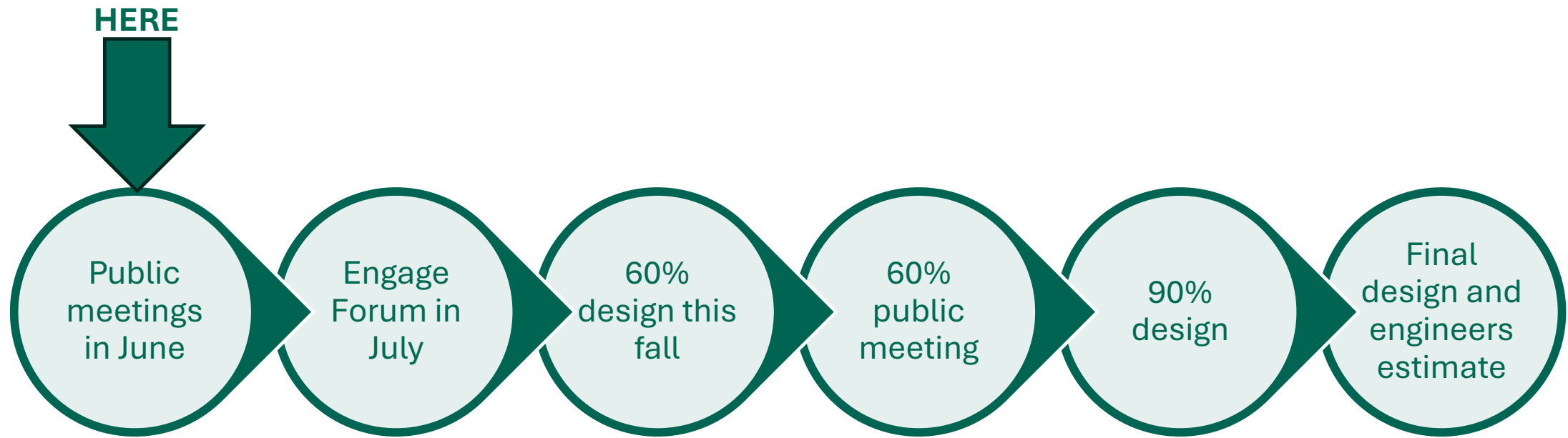
BREAKOUT GROUPS

- Groups
 - Parking & Business Access (Sarah Hill, Tracy Shauinger)
 - Cycling & Pedestrians & Accessibility (Devin King, Dylan Cuatt)
 - Utilities (James Law, Evan Tyler)
 - Trees, Landscaping & Amenity Zones (Rachel Hart, Tommy Crosby)
 - Roll Plot (Liam Goettelman, Keith Dougherty)
- 10 minutes
- Use worksheets to provide comments
- Staff will capture group comments and conversations
- Put sticky note comments on roll plot

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



WHAT'S COMING



UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Downtown business owners

- Wednesday, June 4, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Fort Lewis College Center for Innovation, 835 Main Ave., Suite 225

Downtown business employees

- Tuesday, June 10, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at 11th Street Station, Main Avenue and 11th Street

Residents meeting

- Monday, June 16, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Durango Public Library, 1900 East Third Ave

Accessibility meeting

- Monday, June 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Durango Public Library

How did we do? Scan here to let us know!



Check out our Engage
Durango website to
provide feedback on
City projects!

