Downtown Streetscape - Vibrant Downtown

Making Delphi’s downtown a lively place where you can live, work, and play...

Project Description:
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Creating a venue that meets your outdoor event needs now, and in the future...

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Downtown Streetscape - Flexible Event Spaces

Event Space Components:
- Arched Gateway Structure
- Removable Bollards
- Electrical Service Connection
- Wired for Sound System
- Signage
- Event Banners on Light Poles
- Opportunity for flexible tent / vendor & stage layout

September 30, 2013
Downtown Streetscape - Pedestrian & Bike Friendly Community

Making it safe & comfortable for you to walk or ride a bicycle to your favorite business...

Project Description:
For a downtown to thrive it must be a place where you feel comfortable walking around and spending quality time. One goal for the Downtown Streetscape improvements is to create an environment where pedestrians and bicyclists feel as comfortable as automobiles. The six blocks of downtown streets will undergo a transformation, making it easier to cross busy streets and more inviting for Delphi’s resident and visiting pedestrians and bicyclists. This project will include portions of a new gateway trail connecting the Hoosier Heartland Corridor to downtown Delphi, the Canal Center, downtown neighborhoods, and your other community trails. In addition, the project will include design elements such as bump-outs, mid-block crossings, street trees, a bicycle hub, and street furniture intended to make pedestrians and bicyclists more visible and more comfortable. Have you ever visited a great pedestrian downtown? What kinds of features would you recommend to make your downtown a more comfortable place to spend time?
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Reducing the impacts of construction on your daily schedule...

Project Description:
This project is a large undertaking for Delphi and construction will impact the downtown for 2-3 years. A key concern of community leaders is how construction impacts you. For this project to be successful businesses need to be able to make it through construction and residents need to have access to their places of employment, shopping, and restaurants. Façade work could begin in 2014, with Streetscape construction beginning in 2015 and there could be a construction overlap between the two projects. Building and business owners have voiced their desire to have the projects constructed separately, which would be less disruptive to their business. What do you prefer? How do you see downtown construction affecting your daily life in Delphi?
**Phase 1:**

**Stellar Parking Improvements:**

**Intent**
Meet current parking demand and allow for parking needs for 25% upstairs occupancy.

**Recommendation**
Build two new off-street lots as part of Stellar Project. Lots will provide spaces for upstairs lofts, while also providing additional parking for the Opera House and downtown all-day parking.

**Capacity**
This project will add 38 new spaces and improve 34 existing ones. The result will be 10% more parking than is anticipated to be needed.

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**Phase 2:**

**On-Street Parking Improvements:**

**Intent**
Provide additional parking, as needed, to meet demand as revitalization occurs. The goal is to be able to serve as much as 50% upstairs occupancy.

**Recommendation**
Convert on-street parking from parallel to angle parking to increase capacity without having to acquire property. This allows the City to quickly build parking capacity as demand increases.

**Capacity**
This allows 80 parking spaces to be added. This will provide 8% more parking than is anticipated to be needed.

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**Phase 3:**

**Off-Street Parking Improvements:**

**Intent**
Meet long term demand for parking as occupancy approaches 100% on lower and upper floors.

**Recommendation**
Convert downtown lots to public parking. This will require a partnership with downtown property owners to jointly upgrade lots and the strategic acquisition of available lots.

**Capacity**
This allows 80 additional parking spaces to be added and another 50 existing spaces to be improved. With other improvements, up to 1,100 parking spaces can be provided downtown - adding over 200 spaces.
Project Description

A vibrant downtown is a place bustling with activity, which means there is also a lot of traffic. One unintended consequence of a vibrant downtown is often difficulty in finding a parking space. Community leaders have acknowledged the need for a long-range plan to help provide additional parking. There is money within the current Stellar program to help begin this process but it will not provide for every future parking need alone. You may need to do more. The long-range vision for parking in Delphi includes a three-phased approach beginning with the Stellar Communities program. What is your greatest current parking need in downtown? How can you see downtown parking evolving over time as the benefits of Delphi’s Stellar program are realized? Which of the locations below has the better parking situation? Which one would you consider more vibrant?