



Downtown Bloomington Streetscape Project

Committee of the Whole Meeting - August 15, 2022



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What does Downtown Bloomington Offer?

- Home to a vibrant business and artist community that welcomes any traveler or community member with open arms
- Over 80 community events each year, drawing thousands of people to a thriving and vibrant downtown, ranging from a year-round Farmers' Market, Community Concerts, First Fridays, and so much more
- Over 100 shops, restaurants, and services ready to provide visitors with distinctive merchandise and friendly, small town customer service



Why is Downtown Bloomington Important?

- The vitality of Downtown is an important element in the city's overall economic health
- Downtown is the core attraction for employment, specialty retail, innovative mixed uses, culture, and entertainment
- Downtown is also a neighborhood with residents that use city services
- The historic Downtown should be preserved and expanded



What is Streetscaping?



Green Infrastructure

Source: nacto.org



Outdoor Dining

Source: champaignil.gov



Gateways & Identifiers

Source: chicago.gov



Curb Extensions

Source: chicago.gov



Complete Streets

Source: cmap.illinois.gov



Landscaped Buffers

Source: chicago.gov



Public Art

Source: cityofevanston.gov



Parklets

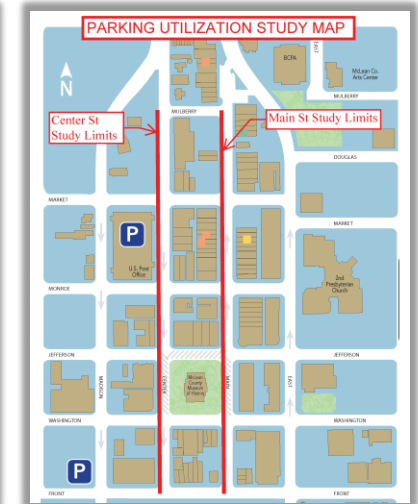
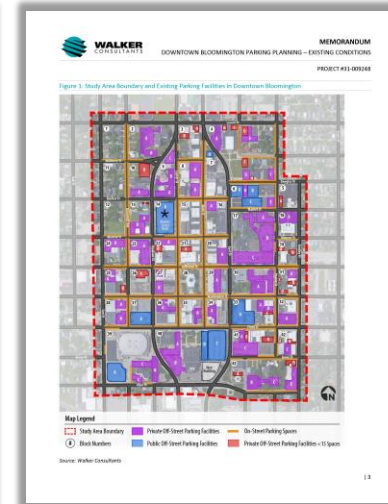
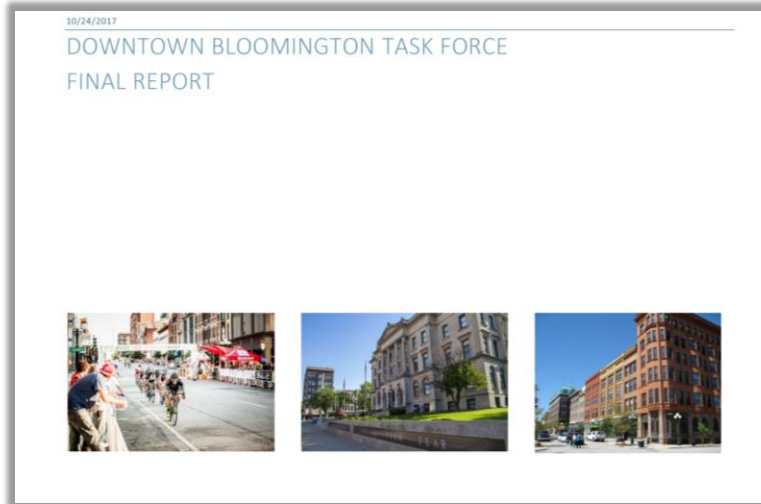
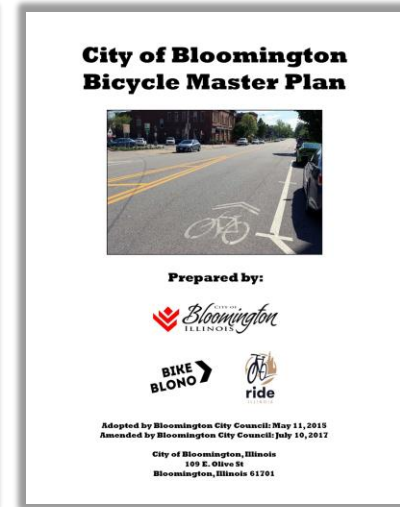
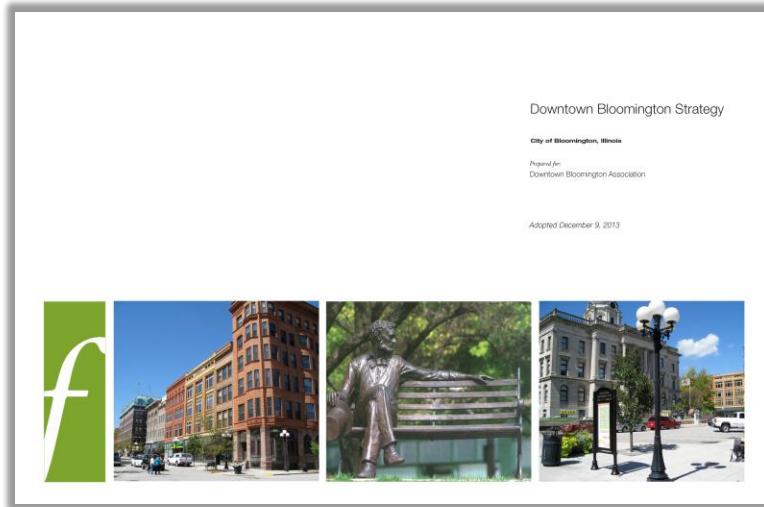
Source: nacto.org



Event Space

Source: champaignil.gov

Why this Project?

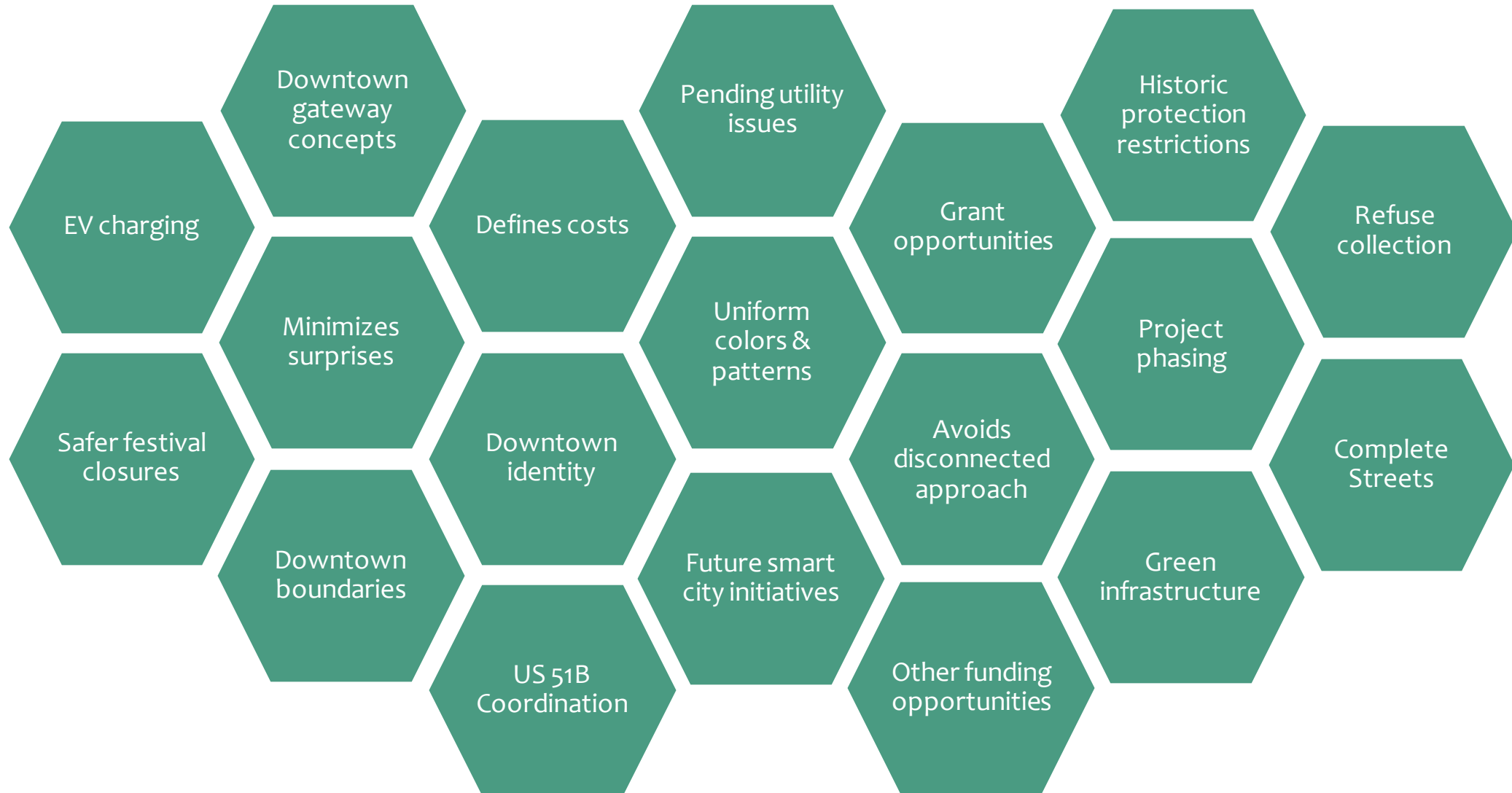


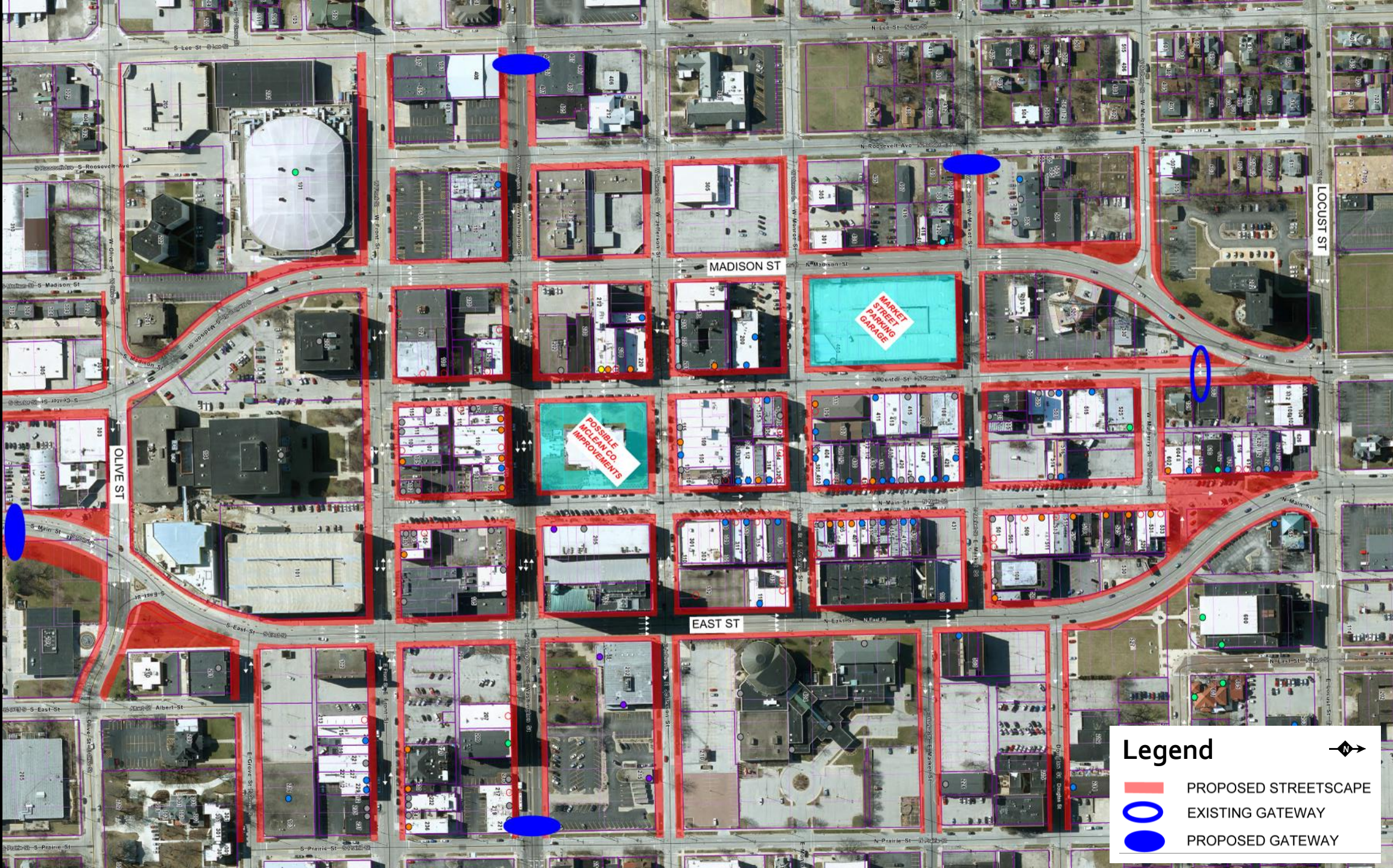
Why this project?


- Streetscape efforts so far
 - Piecemeal approach
 - Main Street Corridor – 2012
 - Front Street (unexpected) – 2019
- Development projects & unanticipated work
 - No developed plan for streetscape consistency
 - Opportunities to improve are lost






Why this project?



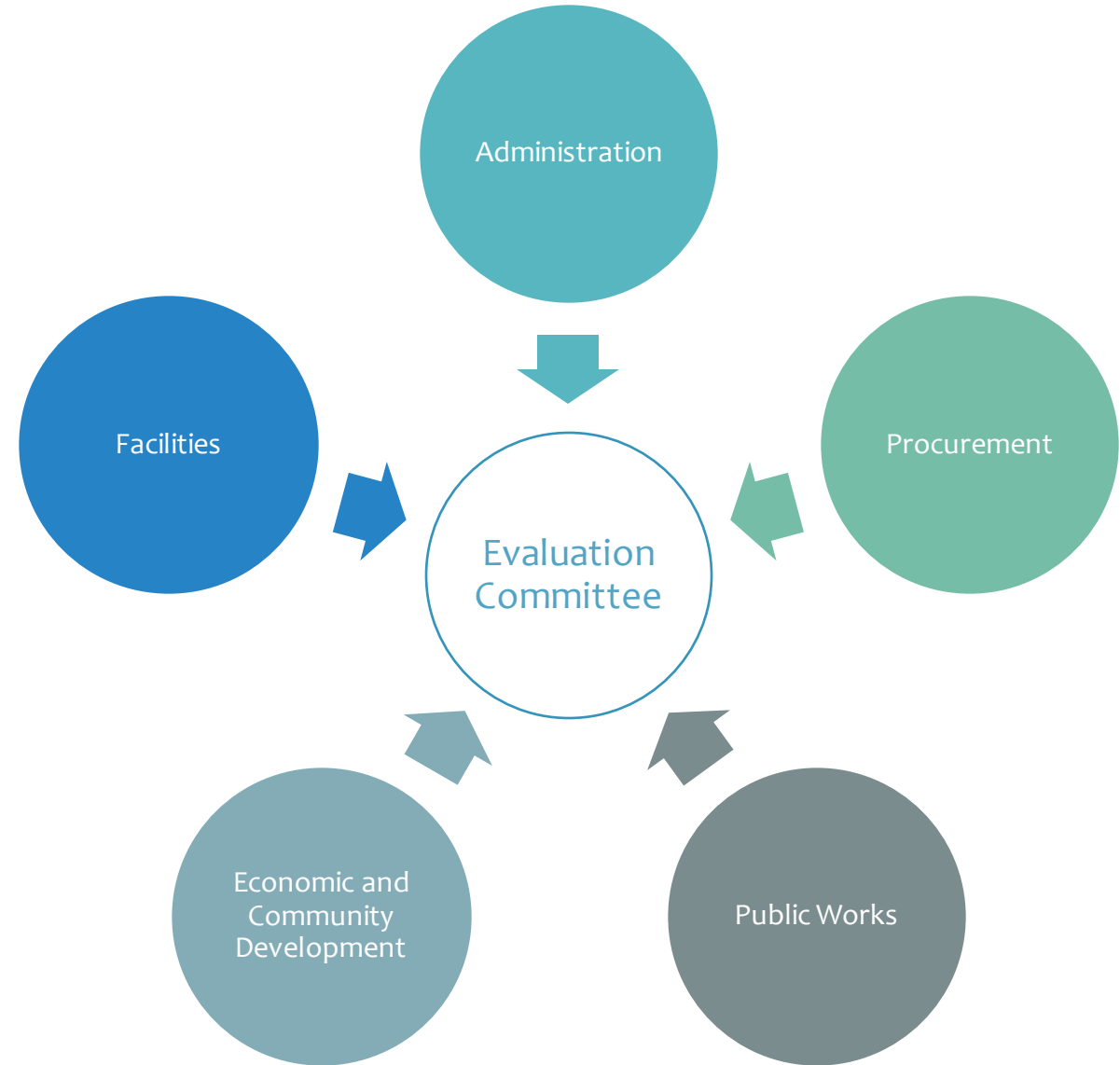


Legend 

-  PROPOSED STREETSCAPE
-  EXISTING GATEWAY
-  PROPOSED GATEWAY

Professional Services Selection

- Qualifications-Based Selection process with evaluation committee
- 2022-04, Request for Statement of Qualifications, Downtown Bloomington Streetscape Improvements, Issued July 9, 2021
- Proposals received from six firms
- Three firms selected for interviews
- Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., selected for Professional Services



Project Approach



CMT

Springfield, IL



Massie Massie+Associates

Springfield, IL

Workbench

ARCHITECTS

Bloomington, IL



Goodfield, IL



St. Louis, MO



Bloomington, IL





Open Houses & Virtual Meetings



Visualization



Branding Workshops



Tactile Urbanism

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN **2020**
TRAILNET TRANSPORTATION SURVEY RESULTS
 654 Trailnet constituents answered our survey this February. Here are some highlights:

Who took the survey?

- 3 out of 4 are over age 50
- 96% - White/Caucasian
- 1.39% - Black/African American
- 1% - Hispanic/Latino
- 1% - Asian/Pacific Island
- 3 of 5 are men

How We'll Use These Results

Your feedback will not go to waste - here's how Trailnet will use your responses:

1 INFLUENCE POLICY-MAKERS

Your responses will be used to directly influence and educate policymakers on policies and infrastructure that will improve walking and biking in the

77% of respondents said the **MINIMUM** level of infrastructure to make them feel safe walking and biking is a form of bus

SEPARATION means SAFETY on our ROADS

Community Surveys



Bike Tours / Walk Audits



Drop-In Offices



Testing Materials & Furnishings



Community Outreach

Project Approach

- Implementable Multi-Year Planning Program
 - Executive Summary & Findings
 - Existing Conditions Analysis & Audit
 - Planning Process & Public Involvement
 - Utility Infrastructure System Analysis
 - Transportation Network Analysis
 - US 51B Coordination & Concepts
 - Pavement Management Plan
 - Historical Clearances Management
 - Streetscaping Concept Plan
 - Program Phasing Plan
 - Phased Budget Forecasting Summary
 - Implementation Strategy
 - Presentation to City Council & Stakeholders



Project Approach

- Concept Design Strategy
 - Use Guiding Principles from City's Comprehensive Plan & Other Studies
 - Develop Specific Program Improvements by Corridor
 - Stakeholder & Community Engagement & Communications
 - Provide Schematic Drawings & Material Selections
 - Develop Sequential Phasing / Implementation Plans
 - Provide Budget Forecasting & Funding Strategies
- Special Components
 - Refuse Management Analysis
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
 - Coordinate with Route 66 Parklet Project
 - Coordinate with Old Courthouse Square Project
 - Gateway Concepts



Bicentennial Plaza (Springfield, IL)



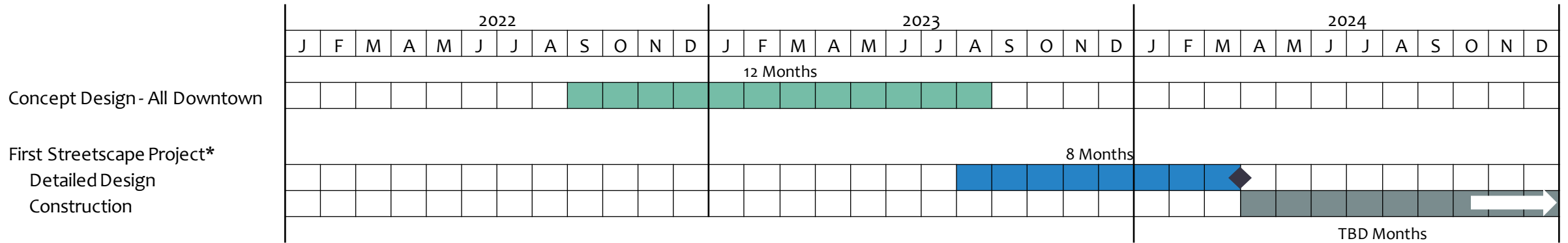
Jackson Street / North Mansion Block (Springfield, IL)



Georgia Street (Indianapolis, IN)



Project Schedule



*Best case scenario. The extent of the First Streetscape Project is dependent on results of the Concept Design phase and funding availability.

• Concept Design

- Sept-Nov 2022 – Kickoffs/Data Collection
- Dec-May 2022 – Concept Development/Public Involvement
- June-Aug 2023 – Costs/Programming/Deliverable

• First Streetscape Project*

- Summer/Fall 2023 – Detailed Design
- TBD – Construction

Questions and Discussion



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