

SPROW Meeting

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Welcome & Introductions



Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting agenda, presentation, and handouts are located on the [SPROW Subcommittee webpage](#).
- Please use the [Microsoft Form](#) linked in the chat to add your name and organization for attendance.
- Please mute your line.



1. Design Downtown Denton Presentation

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City of Denton





DESIGN DOWNTOWN DENTON

Sustainable Public Rights-Of-Way Presentation

Overview

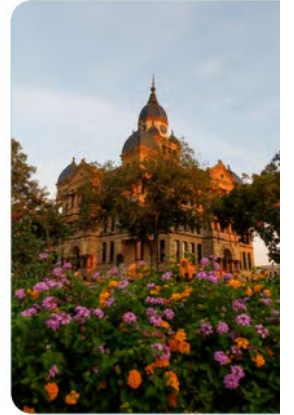
- Introductions
- What is the Design Downtown Denton Plan?
 - Community Engagement
 - SPROW-Focused Results
 - Community Priorities
- Design Downtown Denton Plan – SPROW Recommendations
- Implementation
- Next Steps



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Final Report

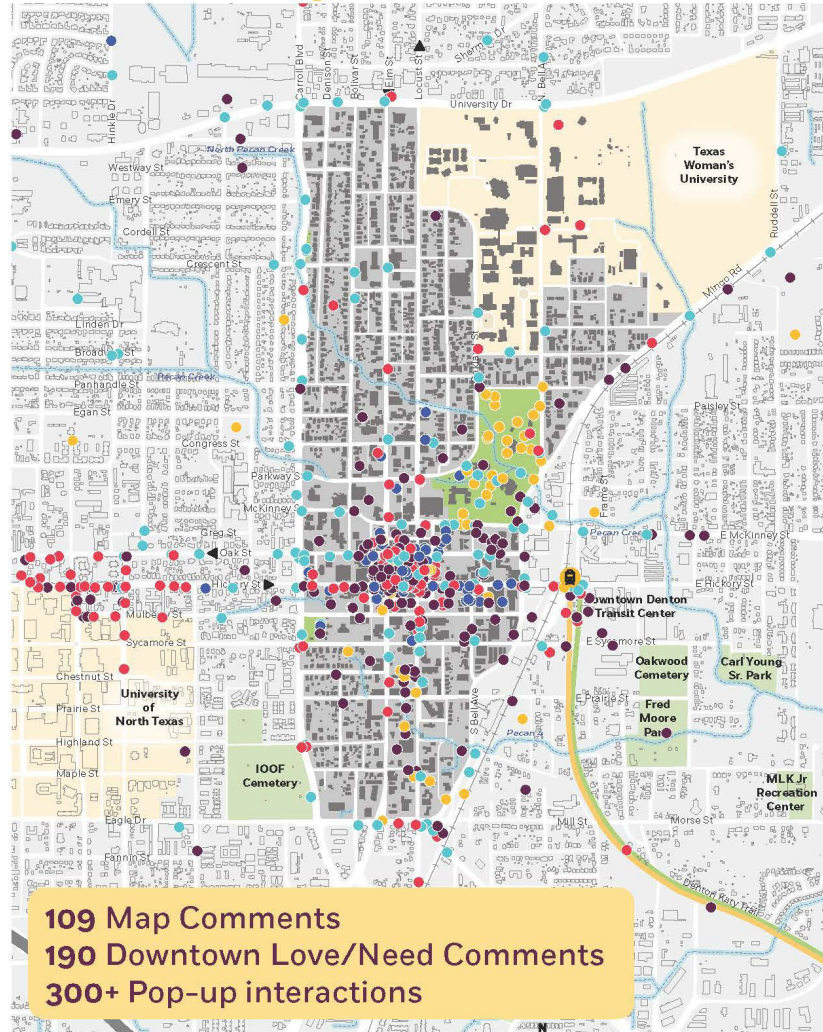
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Public Engagement Review

Online Survey #1



Pop-Ups 100+ Attendees



September 2023



September 2023



October 2023

Workshops 100+ Attendees



December 2023



April 2024



May 2024

Overall Online Engagement

5,385
Total Visits

3,761
Individual
Visitors

1,109
Contributions

What did the public say about the right-of-way?

"This road is too dangerous for the context it's in, make the lanes narrower and see if bike lanes will fit in." [E McKinney St]

Priority Tier 1

1

Bike and Pedestrian
Safety and Mobility

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"The square would benefit from an increased level of outdoor seating, trees, and pedestrian infrastructure that could help revitalize the area..."

Traffic and Transit

Improve traffic safety, parking management, and transit accessibility.

"Better public transportation in the form of buses, better safe parking in the form of garages, improved walkability and bike lanes."

What is missing from Quakertown Park?

47 Total Responses



Lighting
19 comments



Bike/Ped Mobility
5 comments



Restrooms
5 comments

"More events! More transportation (bike/ped) connections and surrounding density."

"A fully connected, protected bike network that gets to essentials."

Traffic and Transit (26 comments)

Address parking on the Square. Some would like to see more street closures for events and gatherings or removing traffic and parking from the Square altogether to create a pedestrian destination. Others want more paid parking to be introduced, a parking garage, and for parking regulations on deliveries to be added and back-in parking rules to be enforced.

"I like the idea of closing the Square to traffic. Keeps it clean, safe, and allows more outdoor patio space for business."

What types of public improvements (for example sidewalks or parks) Downtown would be most beneficial to your business?

- More clean and well-maintained sidewalks
- Easier parking
- More parks and family-oriented activities

Bike/Pedestrian Mobility (15 comments)

Make road crossings into the park safer, and improve bike network between Quakertown Park, Downtown and neighborhoods.

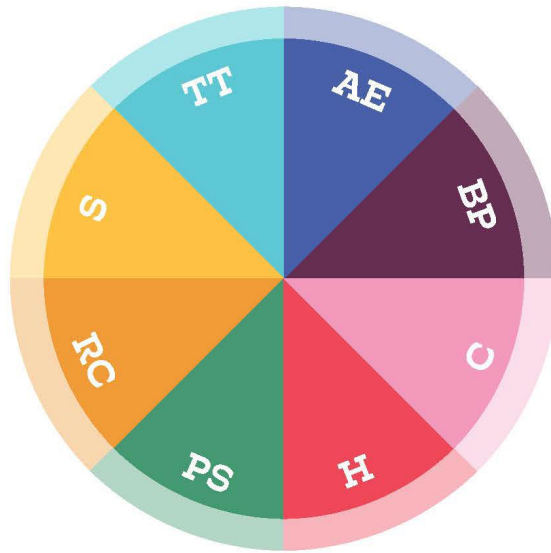
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Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure (26 of 36 comments in area)

Consider reduction of vehicle lanes and crossing distance, expansion and improvement of protected bike lanes, add pedestrian crosswalks and improve walkability.

"Protected bike lanes going both directions here...The demand for biking/rolling exists. Our families need protected infrastructure to get to/from school."

Community Priorities



AE Arts, Entertainment and Events

BP Bike and Pedestrian Safety and Mobility

C Culture

H Housing Development

PS Parks and Public Space

RC Retail and Commercial Development

S Safety

TT Traffic and Transit

Recommendations

Better Utilize Downtown's Streetscape

- 1A** Rightsizing and 4/3 Conversions
- 1B** Pedestrian Priority Routes and Denton Chill Streets
- 1C** Improve Bike Connections
- 1D** Improve Transit

Build a Network of Improved Public Spaces

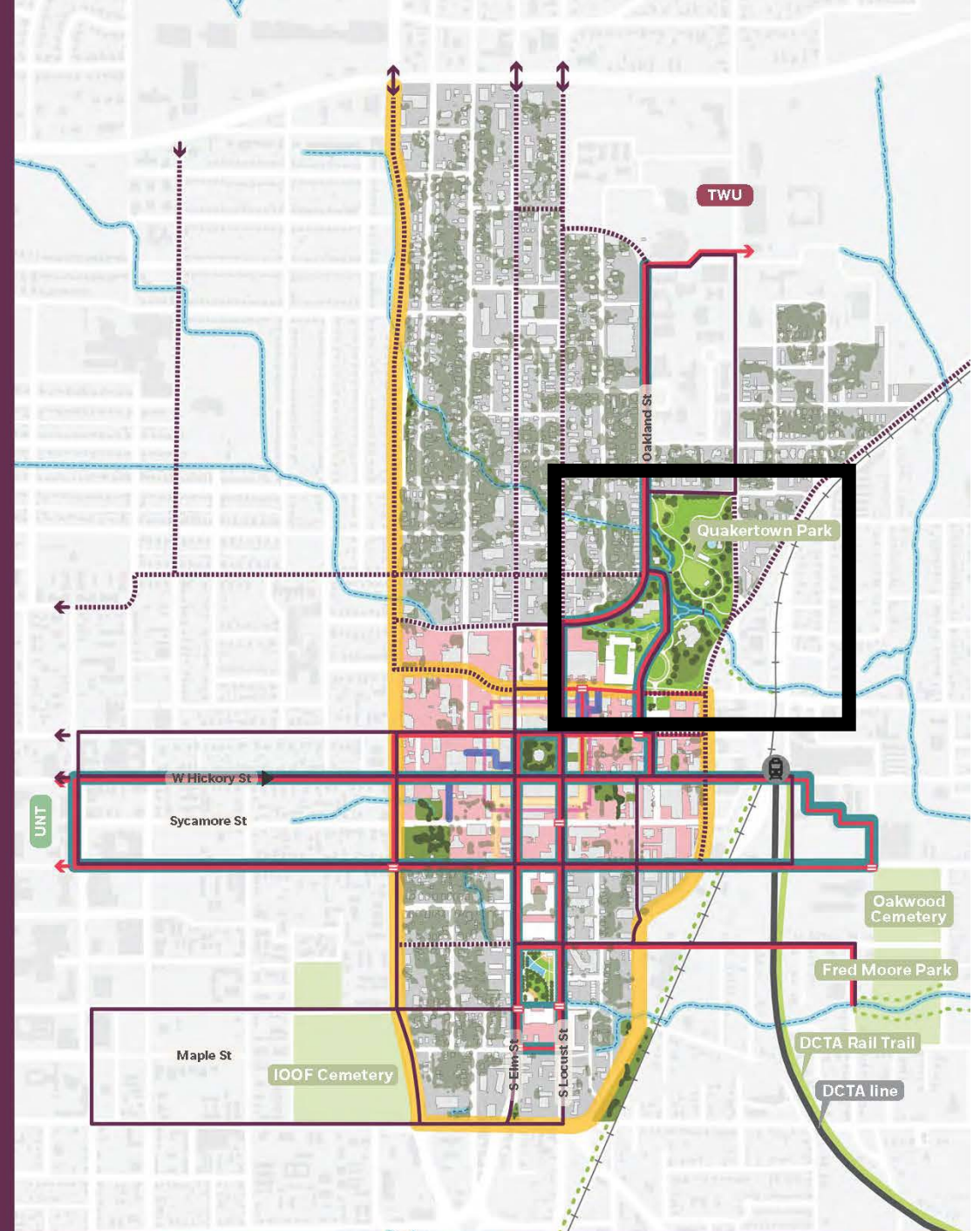
- 2A** Quakertown Park Master Plan
- 2B** Activate Vacant Lots
- 2C** Utilization of Alleys
- 2D** Utilization of Underutilized Streets
- 2E** Create a New Park in Southern Downtown
- 2F** Improvements to the County's Historic Park
- 2G** Develop Public Art Plan

Target Development to Build on Downtown's Character and Assets

- 3A** Develop Southern Downtown
- 3B** Encourage Downtown Living
- 3C** Strengthen Historic Preservation Opportunities
- 3D** Public Realm Design Guidelines and Zoning
- 3E** Explore Opportunities for Specific Programming

Promote Downtown's Nightlife, Music, Events, History, and Art

- 4A** Support Music and Nightlife
- 4B** Develop a Performing Arts Center
- 4C** Expand Programs to Support Small Businesses
- 4D** Expand on Downtown Events
- 4E** Expand on Economic Development Tools
- 4F** Establish a Downtown Brand
- 4G** Establish a Public Improvement District



1 Better Utilize Downtown Denton's Street Space

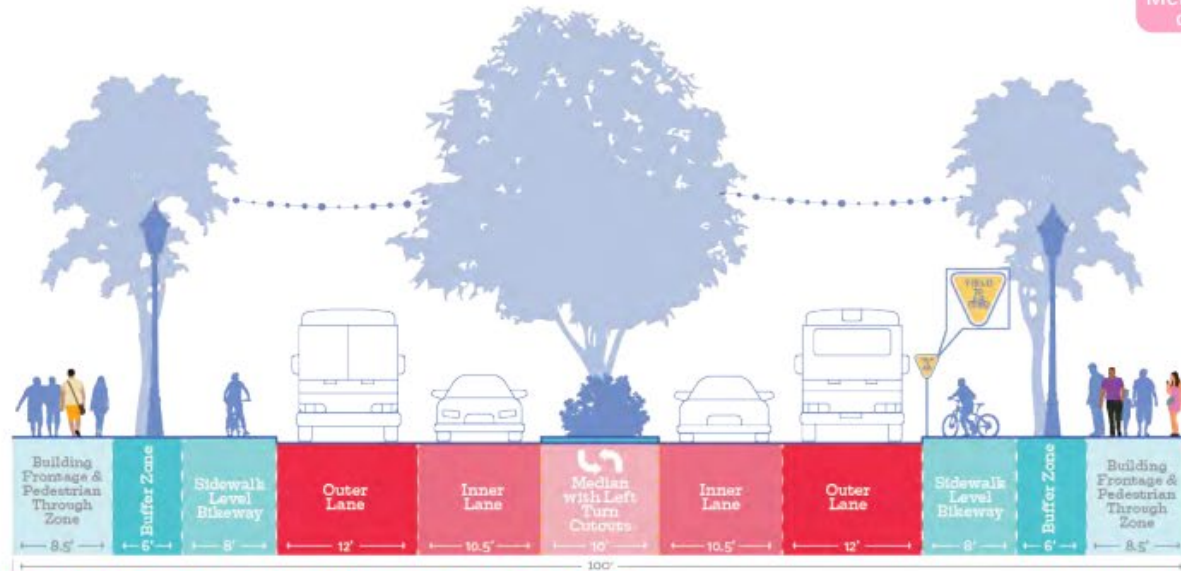


Oakland Street

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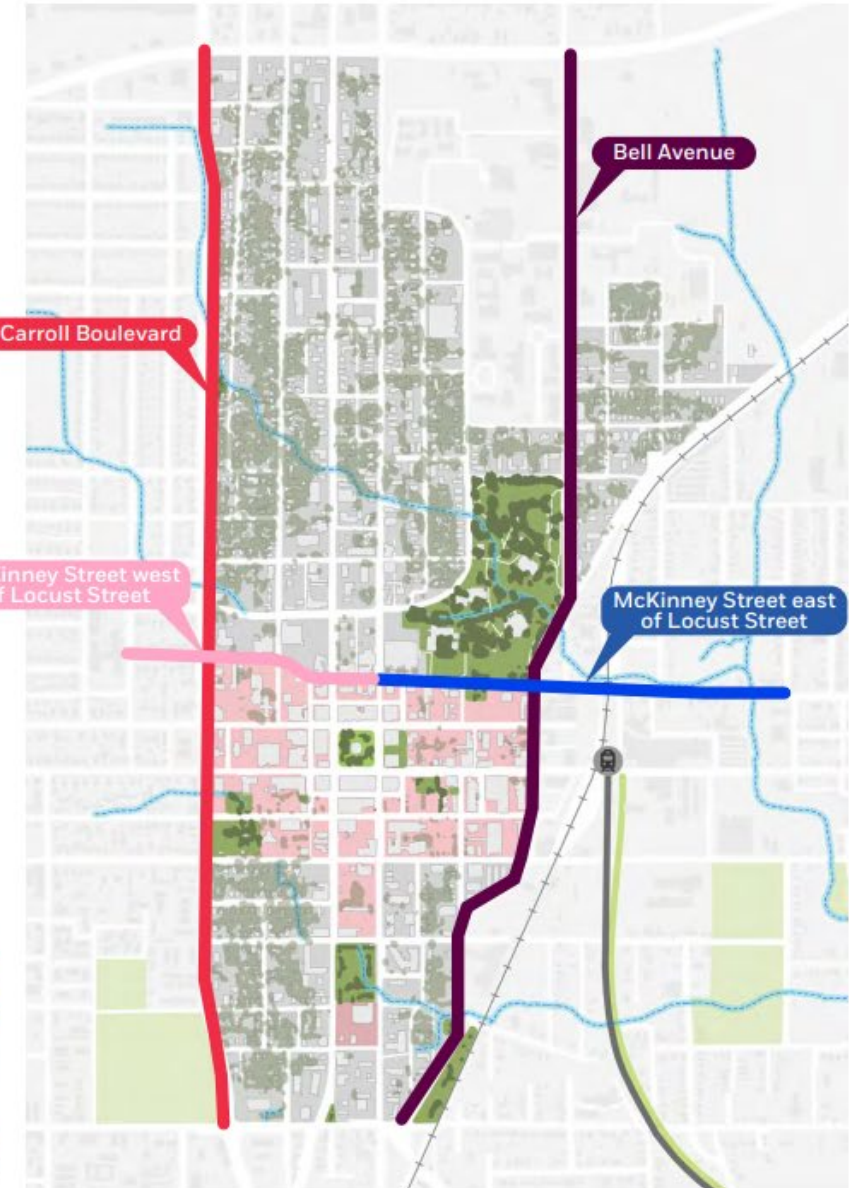
Rightsizing and 4/3 Conversions

Rightsizing Street Cross Sections to maximize walkability and safety and reduce barriers between Downtown and the adjacent neighborhoods.



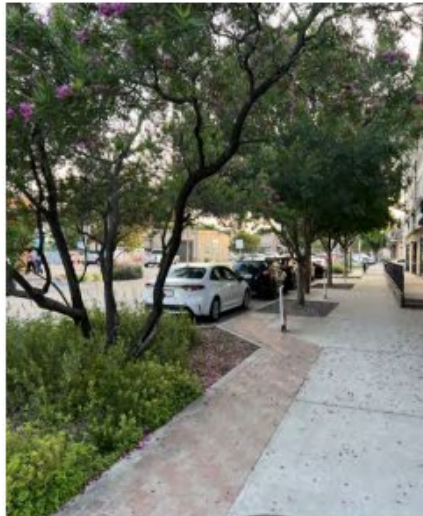
Carroll Boulevard Proposed Section

*Trees not to scale



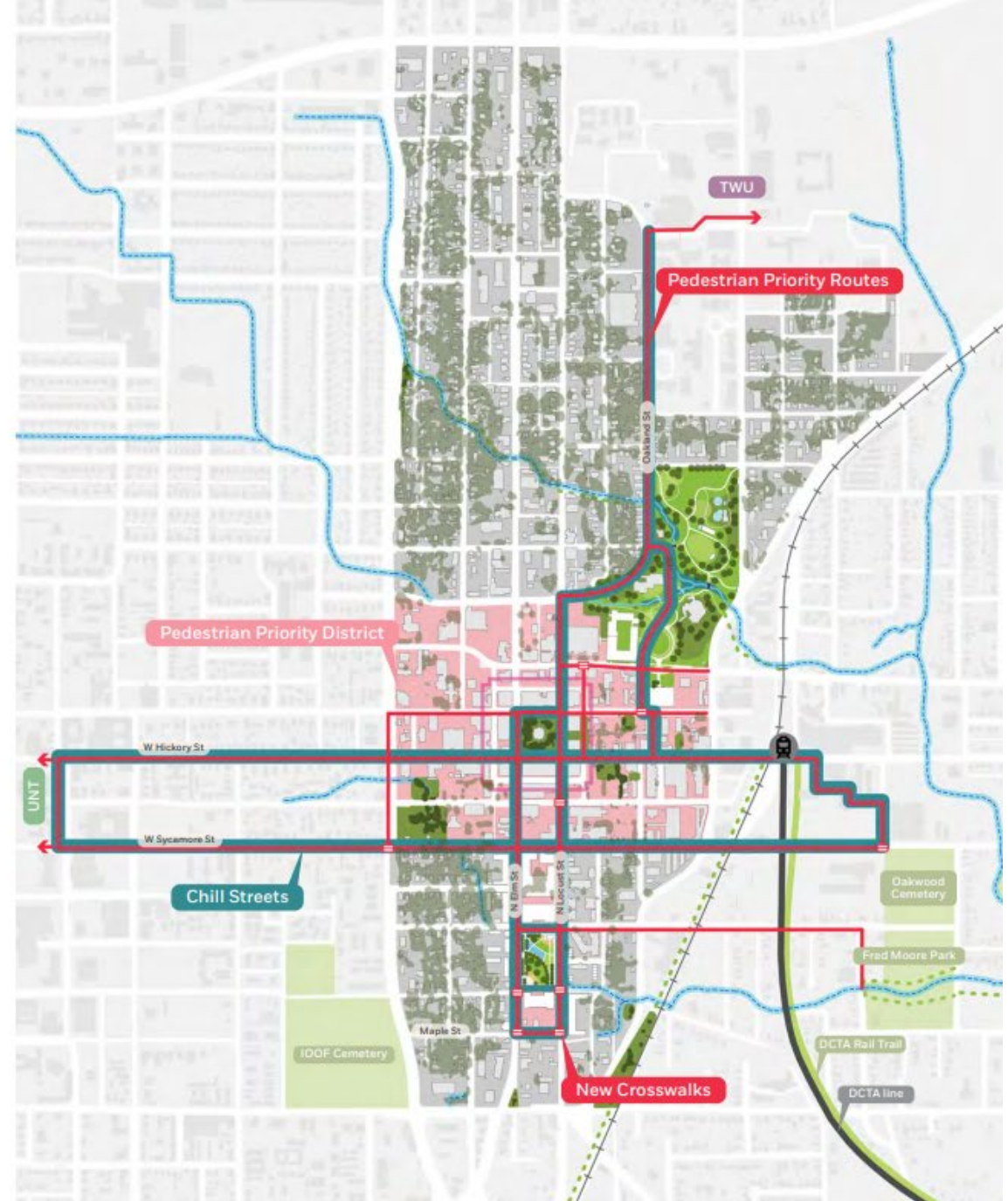
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Pedestrian Priority Routes and Denton Chill Streets



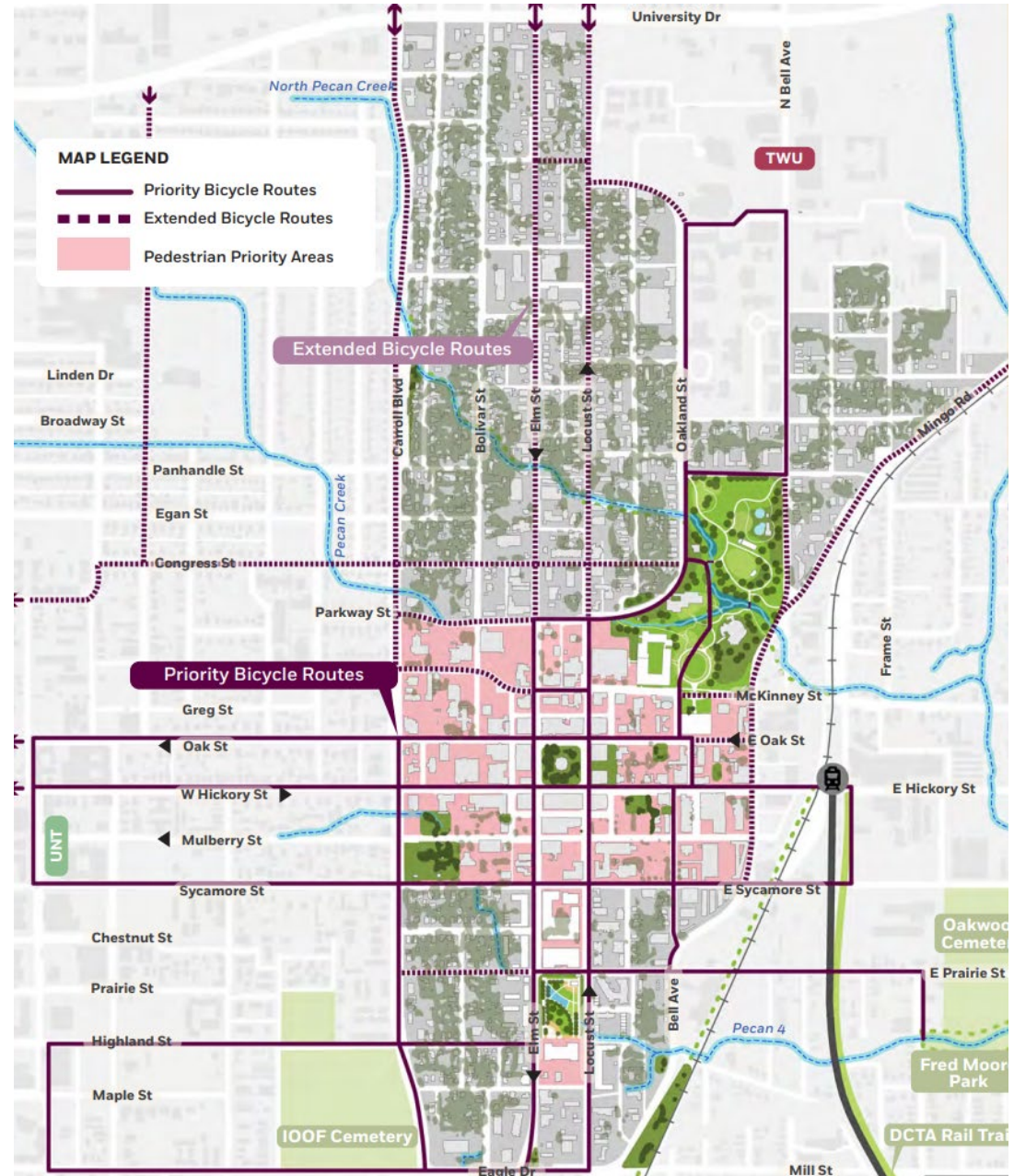
MAP LEGEND

- Chill Streets
- Pedestrian Priority Routes
- Pedestrian Priority Areas
- New Crosswalks



1C Improve Bike Connections

- **Build Behind-the Curb Priority network**
 - Focus City funding and construction efforts to prioritize bike lanes that connect to UNT, Denton Square, TWU, and Quakertown Park
 - Extend the curbs along this network so that there is enough space to put bike infrastructure behind it
- **Develop Expanded Protected Bike Network**
 - Update the Mobility Plan to recommend construction of a larger network of protected and behind-the-curb bike lanes
 - Update Denton Development Code (DDC) and Criteria Manual to only implement sharrows* and non-protective infrastructure where there is not ROW available for protected bicycle infrastructure.
 - Prioritize safety and quality of important routes over quantity of less protected infrastructure.



Chill Streets

Broad-leaf Trees

Elm Tree

Shaded Bike Lane

Building Awning
(in background)

Shaded Seating

Light Concrete or Paving Materials

Raised Bike Lane

Native Plant Beds

Silva Cells or Structural Soils

Shaded Sidewalk





Build a Network of Improved Public Spaces

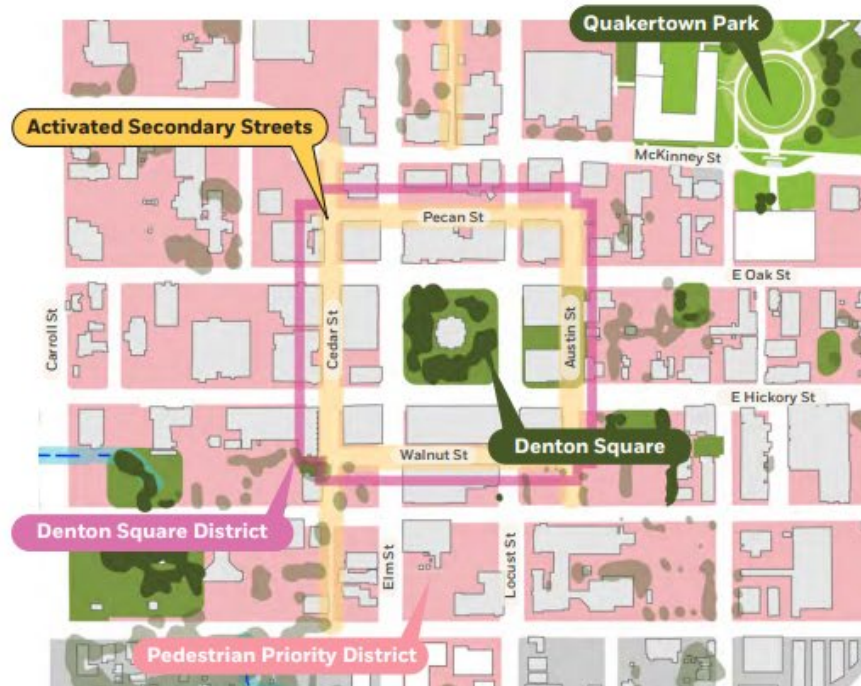


Quakertown Park

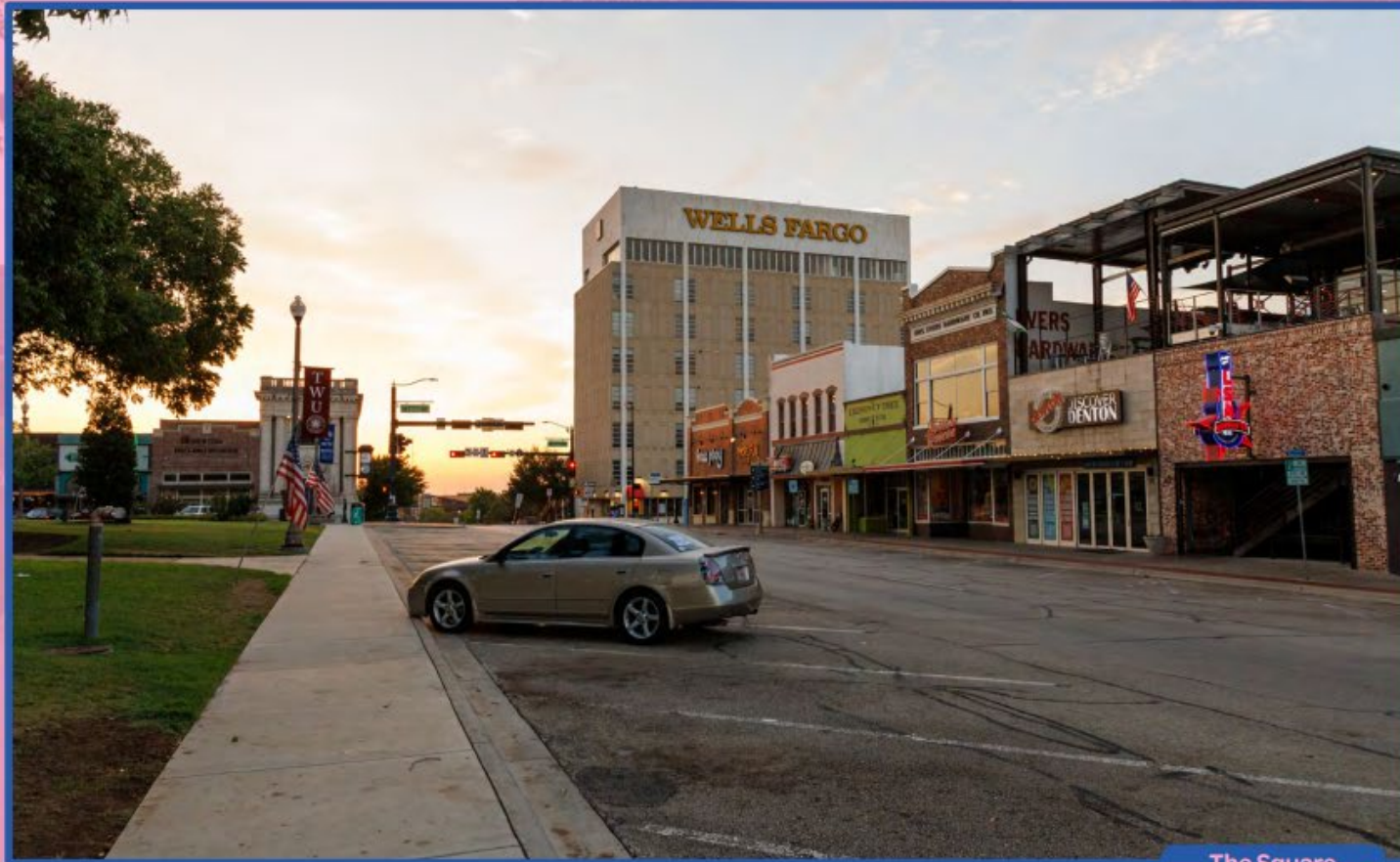


Activation of Underutilized Streets

Downtown has many small roadways that are not always needed for traffic circulation. Rethink them to allow more frequent closures, festivals and outdoor seating while still allowing for deliveries.



3 Target Development to Build on Downtown's Character and Assets

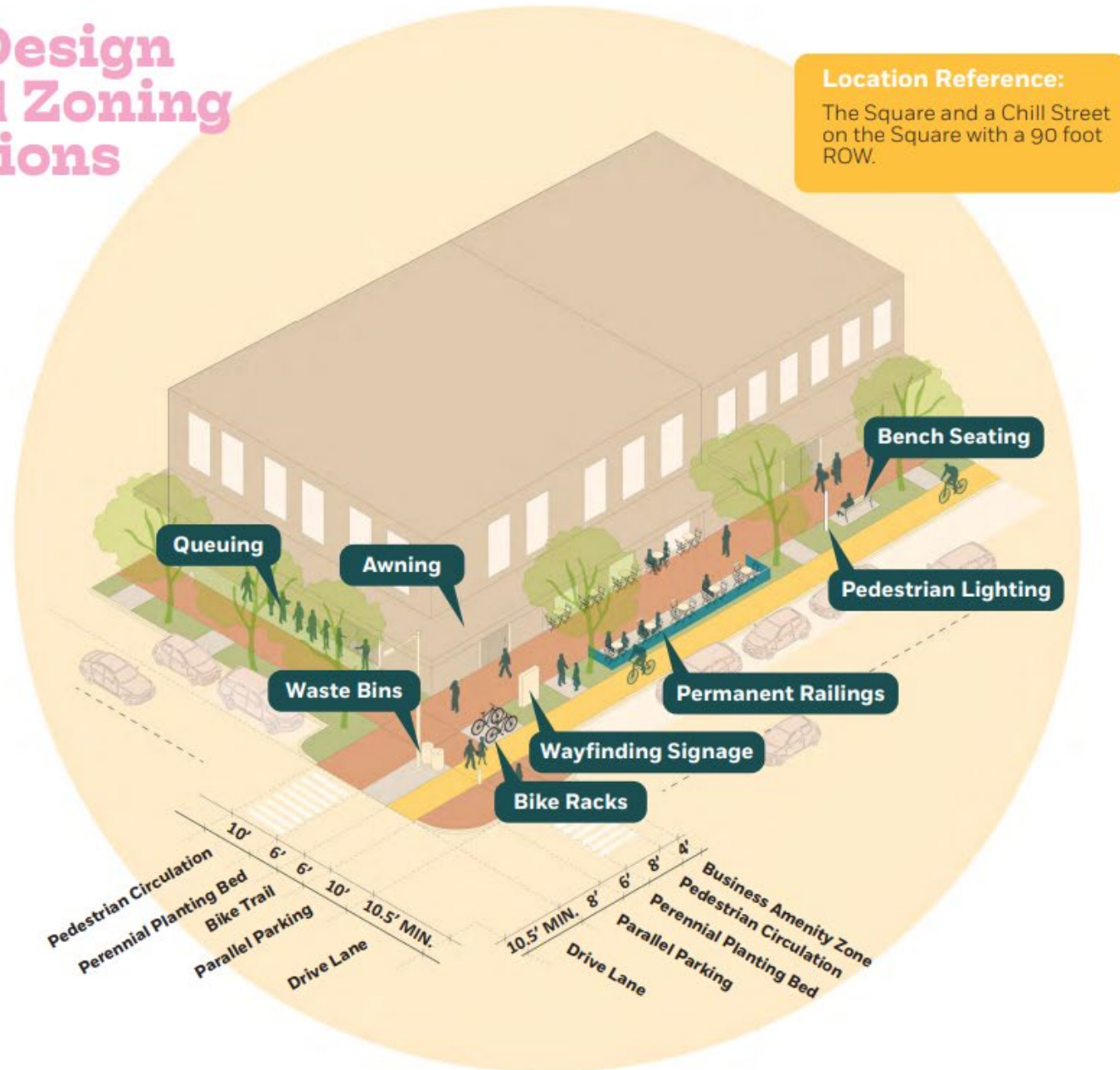


The Square

3D

Public Realm Design Guidelines and Zoning Recommendations

- Strengthen and expand Downtown Denton's Public Realm Design Guidelines
- Create new standards to streetscapes on the Square, in greater Downtown, and on "Chill Streets".
- Update Downtown's zoning south of the Square to support the proposed Public Improvement District and reduce parking requirements.



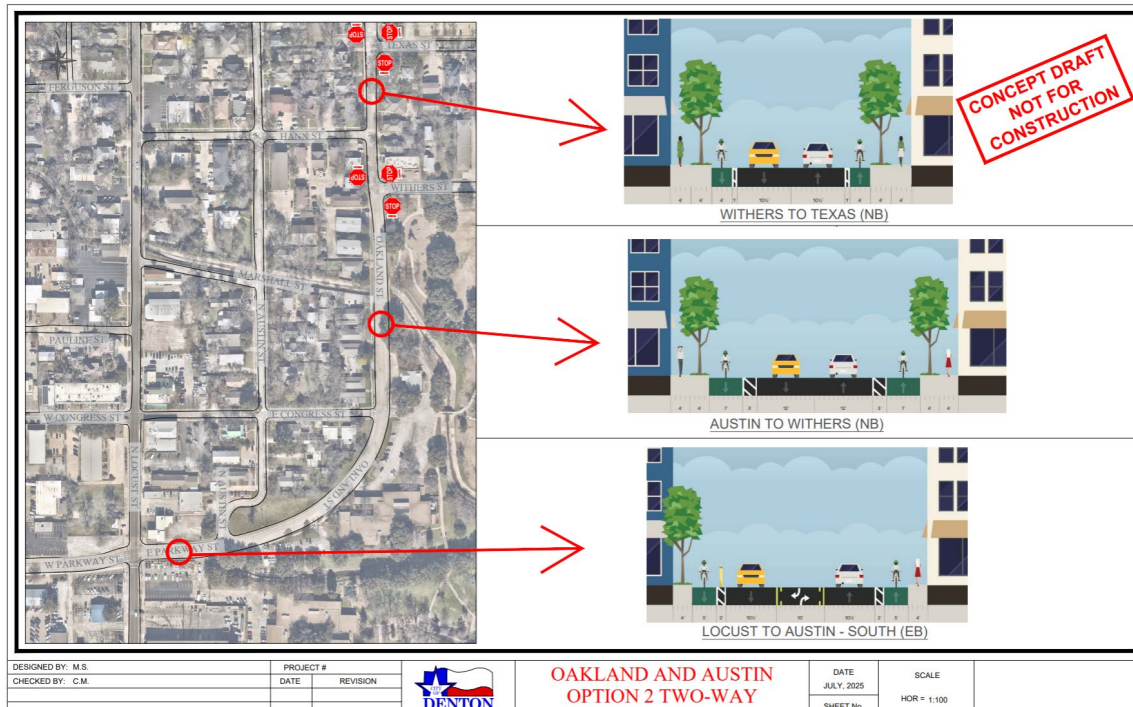
3D Public Realm Design Guidelines and Zoning Recommendations

Design Guidelines Table			
Site Element	Outside Denton Square District	In Denton Square District	Chill Street
Building Entrances	Where possible building primary entrance must face the street or other public spaces	Building primary entrance must face the street or other public spaces*, prioritize on the Square	Where possible building primary entrance must face the street or other public spaces
Pedestrian Sidewalk	5' minimum**, shall comply with the most recently adopted ADA, PROWAG, and FHWA standards	8' minimum, shall comply with the most recently adopted ADA, PROWAG, and FHWA standards	8' minimum, shall comply with the most recently adopted ADA, PROWAG, and FHWA standards
Furniture Zone Depth	4' minimum	4' minimum	4' minimum
Tree Planting Bed (Configuration may vary)	6' minimum, use Silva Cells or structural soil systems if installed sub-grade below paving	8' minimum, use Silva Cells or structural soil systems if installed sub-grade below paving	8' minimum, use Silva Cells or structural soil systems if installed sub-grade below paving
Large Tree Spacing (Deep Shade/ Broadleaf) - Elms - Maples - Honey Locust - Ginkgo (male)	30' minimum - 40' maximum on center between trees	30' minimum - 40' maximum on center between trees	30' maximum on center between trees, prioritize broadleaf trees, if space allows prioritize double row, alternate planting

Design Guidelines Table			
Site Element	Outside Denton Square District	In Denton Square District	Chill Street
Bench/Table Seating	4/block face	4/block face, sited to match the character of the historic district	4/block face, sited in the deepest shade
Bike Racks	8 spots/block face or larger facilities (refer to the 2023 Denton Design Criteria Manual for location standards)	8 spots/block face or larger facilities (refer to the 2023 Denton Design Criteria Manual for location standards)	8 spots/block face or larger facilities, site in the shade where possible (refer to the 2023 Denton Design Criteria Manual for location standards)
Waste Bins	2/block face	3/block face, prioritize branded trash bins	2/block face
Hardscape	Utilize ADA surfaces	Utilize ADA surfaces, prioritize pavers that contribute to the historic character such as brick	Utilize ADA surfaces, prioritize light colored materials where possible
Wayfinding/ Signage/Map	Sited at busy intersections or important public institutions and civic spaces	1-2/block face, prioritize branded features	Sited at busy intersections or important public institutions and civic spaces, directs people to parks, cooling stations, water fountains, and water features

Implementation

- Design Downtown Denton “Pedestrian Priority Routes” now shaping Capital Projects (*not final*)
- Previously planned capital project to resurface Oakland Street adjusted to align with DDD plan for expanding bike lanes on key routes
- Referencing the DDD provided leverage to engage with TWU, eliminate parallel parking to provide more space => Potential Result: *two-way* protected bike lanes



Next Steps

- ★ **Continue to partner with Transportation Services to pursue grants for DDD bike/ped improvements**
- ★ **Continue to partner with Capital Projects to prioritize pedestrian space and protected bike lanes in city projects**
- ★ **Pass new standards for private development along Pedestrian Priority Routes and Priority Bicycle Routes**



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Discussion Item



2. Subcommittee FY27 Meeting Dates

- Proposed cadence of the SPROW meetings is second Wednesdays of the last month of the quarter.
- Tentative FY2027 Dates:
 - December 9, 2026, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Virtual
 - March 24, 2027, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in-person at Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) in Fort Worth for a meeting, Rainscapes tour, and lunch
 - June 23, 2027, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Virtual
 - September 8, 2027, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Virtual

Information Items



3. Meeting Summary

- The [June 23, meeting summary](#) is available online for your review.

Please contact Madisson Dunn at mdunn@nctcog.org or 817-704-5611 for more information.

FY2026 Public Works Work Program Update



4. FY26 Public Works Program Update

- Overall Regional Public Works Program Budget Goal: \$360,000
 - 107% of budget received
- FY27 Public Works Program invoices to be distributed electronically
- FY27 Work Program approved during August PWC meeting

Please contact Madisson Dunn at mdunn@nctcog.org or 817-704-5611 for more information.

FY2026 Cost Share Participants

Addison	Duncanville	Lewisville	Sunnyvale
Allen	Fate	Little Elm	University Park
Arlington	Flower Mound	Mansfield	Venus
Aubrey	Fort Worth	McKinney	Watauga
Azle	Garland	Mesquite	Weatherford
Bedford	Grand Prairie	Northlake	White Settlement
Benbrook	Grapevine	North Richland Hills	Wilmer
Burleson	Haltom City	Pantego	Wylie
Carrollton	Highland Park	Plano	Collin County
Cedar Hill	Highland Village	Ponder	Dallas County
Cleburne	Hurst	Rhome	Denton County
Colleyville	Hutchins	Richardson	Ellis County
Coppell	Irving	River Oaks	Johnson County
Crandall	Joshua	Rockwall	Tarrant County
Dallas	Keller	Royse City	
Decatur	Kennedale	Southlake	
Denton	Lakeside		

4. FY26 Public Works Program Update

27th Annual Public Works Roundup

- Included dedicated SPROW afternoon track including presentations on:
 - Asset spatialization
 - Tree planting
 - AI-assisted pavement management
 - Street and utility maintenance program
 - Capital planning
- Topic requested: ADA pedestrian path and structure
- Any feedback on the event or SPROW track?



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Other Program Activities



Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Subcommittee

Last Meeting: July 15, 2026

- Review of FY26 Work Plan Progress
- Discussion and Approval of FY27 Work Plan Tasks
- Discussion on potential transition of iSWM oversight from PWC to RSWMCC; member feedback will be collected via survey.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2026 @ 1:30 PM In Person @ NCTCOG Offices

- Topics: Manual Workshop and Working Group, Guest Speaker TBD

Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Subcommittee

- Approved FY27 Work Plan Task Items
 - Manual Updates
 - Update Community Criteria Inventory
 - iSWM Promotional Presentation for Partnering Organizations (continued from FY26)
 - Stormwater Quality Monitoring Programs Development for Existing iSWM BMPs (continued from FY26)

Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Subcommittee

- FY27 Work Plan Task Items (continued...)
 - Continue Identifying short- and Long-Term iSWM Website Changes; Implement Updates to iSWM Website (continued from FY26)
 - Continue Identifying Short- and Long-Term Areas of Modernization for the iSWM program; Implement Updates to the iSWM Program (continued from FY26)
- Project Management

Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

- The RISE Coalition brings together local governments, universities, and non-profits in peer-exchange opportunities to support sustainability and environmental initiatives
- Next Meeting: [October 21, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.](#) at NCTCOG Offices



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Upcoming Events, Conferences, and Opportunities



Texas Tree Conference

September 23-25, 2026

Waco Hilton and Convention Center,
Waco, TX

Texas Chapter International Society of
Arboriculture



Electrical Hazard Awareness Training

October 29, 2026

Agri Life Center, Dallas, TX

Trinity Blacklands Urban Forestry Council

Additional Resources

- Utility Arborist Association Resources
 - [Video Library](#): Several short videos on careers, safety, and integrated vegetation management programs
 - [Webinars](#): Upcoming webinars, such as preventing environmental risks in utility work and solar site vegetation management

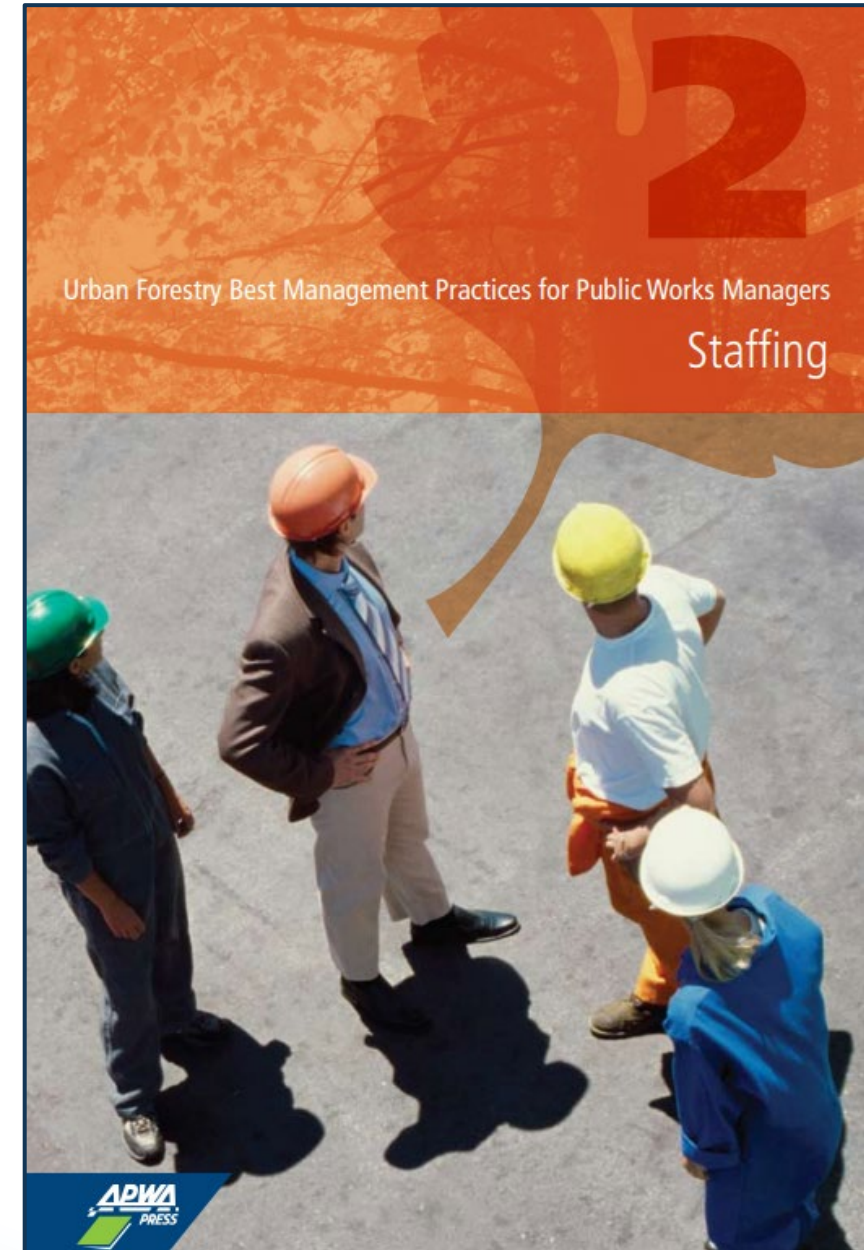
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Keep the Power Flowing (00:02:41)

Additional Resources

- Urban Forestry Best Management Practices for Public Works Managers
 - [Staffing](#)
 - [Budgeting and Financing](#)
- Contact dsnyder@nctcog.org for information on future Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) trainings



Roundtable Discussion



“Now, it is your turn.”



Upcoming SPROW Meeting

- The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for [December 9, 2026, at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.](#)
- More information on the subcommittee is available on the [SPROW webpage](#).

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