

1ST STREET

PARKING & ADA IMPROVEMENTS

AUGUST 2025



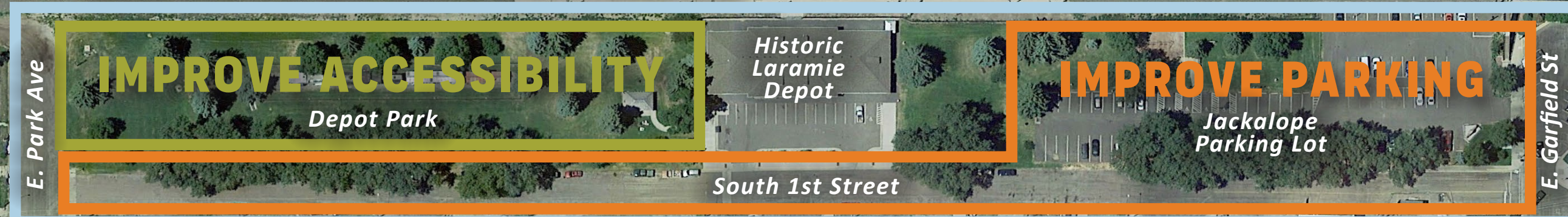
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1.

INTRODUCTION

IMPROVE STORM DRAINAGE



PROJECT OBJECTIVES



PARKING

- Evaluate best options to increase parking on 1st Street by exploring road widening, traffic changes and adding curb and gutter
- Evaluate the best way to improve and increase parking by realignment or expansion of Jackalope Parking Lot



ACCESSIBILITY & ACCESS

- Improve access and accessibility within Jackalope Parking Lot and along 1st Street
- Improve access and accessibility within Depot Park to ensure access to the playground, train display, shelter and other amenity areas



STORM DRAINAGE

- Improve storm water issues within Jackalope Parking Lot; ponding water and drainage are currently issues during storm events
- Improve storm water along 1st Street; flooding and drainage issues occur during storm events

PARK CONTEXT



PROJECT PROCESS

The project will be completed in several key steps:

- Collecting input and relevant information
- Developing conceptual design options
- Providing a preferred concept design
- Developing Construction Documents



PROJECT SCHEDULE

PRE-DESIGN

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

March 2025

April 2025

May 2025

June 2025

July 2025

August 2025

Fall 2025+

★
Online Survey
#1
(Mar 28th)

★
Neighborhood
Meeting #1
(Apr 3rd)

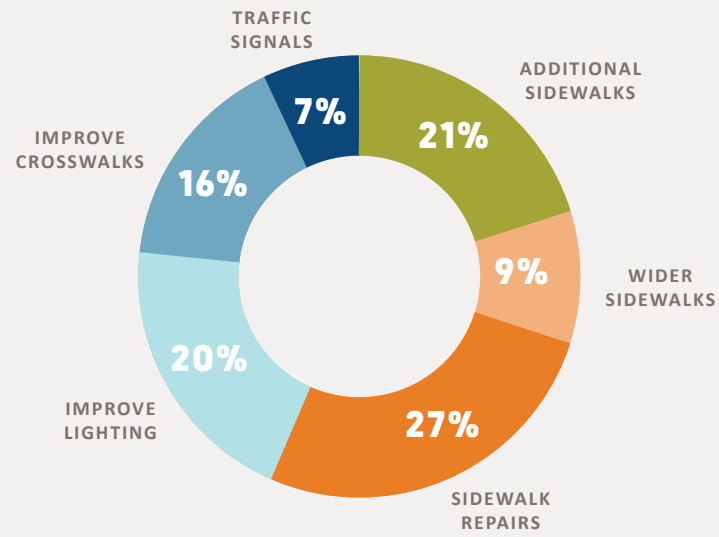
★
Neighborhood
Meeting & Survey #2
(May 15th)

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Council Presentation
(August 12th)

2.

OUTREACH #1

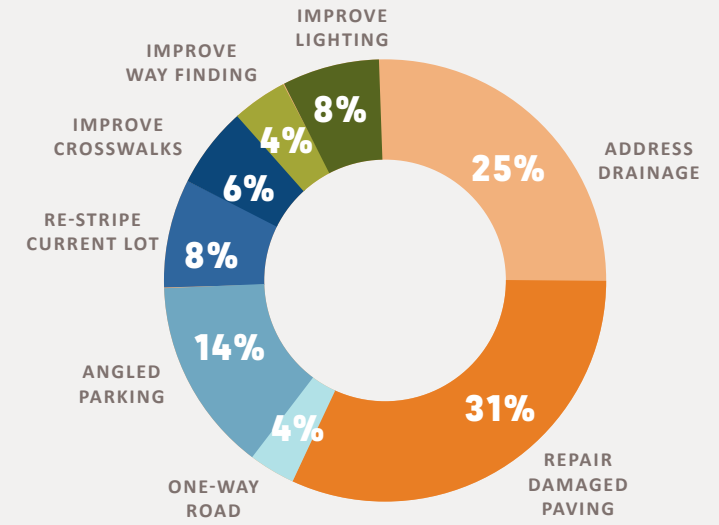
DESIRED PEDESTRIAN & SAFETY UPDATES



TOP 5 PARK USES



DESIRED PARKING LOT UPDATES



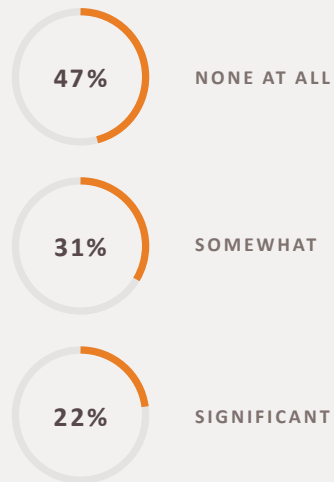
DEPOT PARK PLAYGROUND
81% FAVOR
KEEPING/RELOCATING ON SITE

MAJORITY PARK VISITATION
72%
FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

DESIRED 1ST STREET IMPROVEMENTS



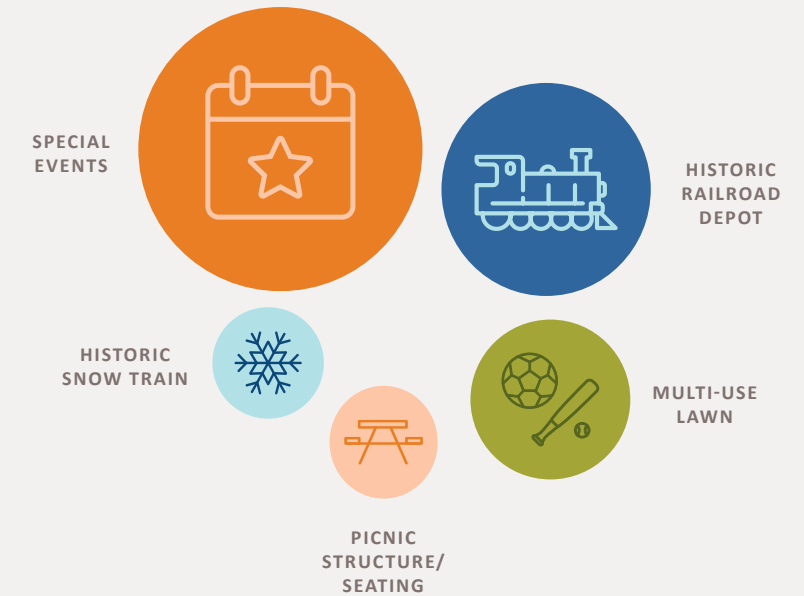
ONE-WAY ROAD IMPACT



PRIORITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- #1** IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
- #2** UPDATED PLAYGROUND (EQUIPMENT/SIZE)
- #3** ADDITIONAL GATHERING SPACE
- #4** HISTORICAL PROGRAMMING
- #5** PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS

TOP 5 PARK FEATURES



CATEGORY	MENTIONS	KEYWORDS
 PARKING & TRAFFIC	35	More/less parking, diagonal parking, one-way streets, business/auto-shop parking spillover, RV parking
 ACCESSIBILITY	24	Wheelchair ramps, ADA circulation, missing sidewalks, better connections (ped bridge, depot, around train)
 FACILITIES & AMENITIES	13	Permanent restrooms, stage/gazebo/pavilion, picnic shelter upkeep
 SAFETY	13	Dangerous crossings, sharp sidewalk drop-offs, speeding cars, low visibility spots
 PLAY & RECREATION	12	Train-themed playground, moving/refreshing playground, swings for all ages, musical swings
 INFRASTRUCTURE	10	Flooding/ponding, grading, storm sewer, street sinking
 EXPERIENCE & BEAUTIFICATION	10	Tree canopy replacement, landscaping if trees removed, green space trade-offs
 SUSTAINABILITY	9	EV chargers, solar-covered parking, added lighting
 EVENTS & PROGRAMMING	8	Farmers market overflow/shade, vendor stalls, carnival/Laradise Lane
 ART & HERITAGE	6	Memorial plaques, interpretive signage, public art/painted numbers, interactive train displays
 MAINTENANCE	5	Trash overflow, pigeons, vandalized train signal/display, general upkeep
 DEVELOPMENT	5	Infill opportunity
 TRAIL & TRANSIT	3	Bus stop shelter/bench, Spring Creek Trail connection

I would be very happy to see the Depot Park area improved, as I feel it has been neglected by the city for some time.

I'm a home owner on first st across from the train and my number one concern is the storm drainage.

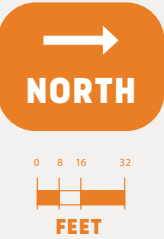
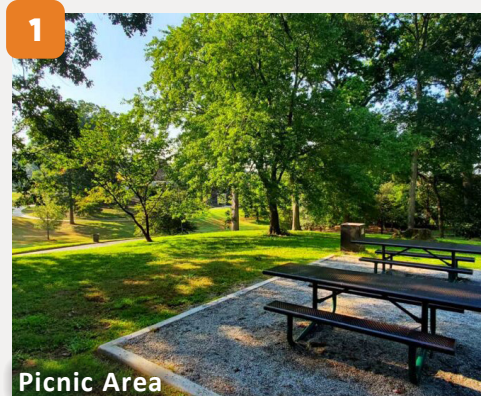
An event space in the park would be amazing to hold concerts and people to the downtown area.

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OUTREACH #2

1ST STREET

PARKING & ADA IMPROVEMENTS



DEPOT PARK SOUTH CONCEPTS



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Enhanced Pavement & Tree Grates



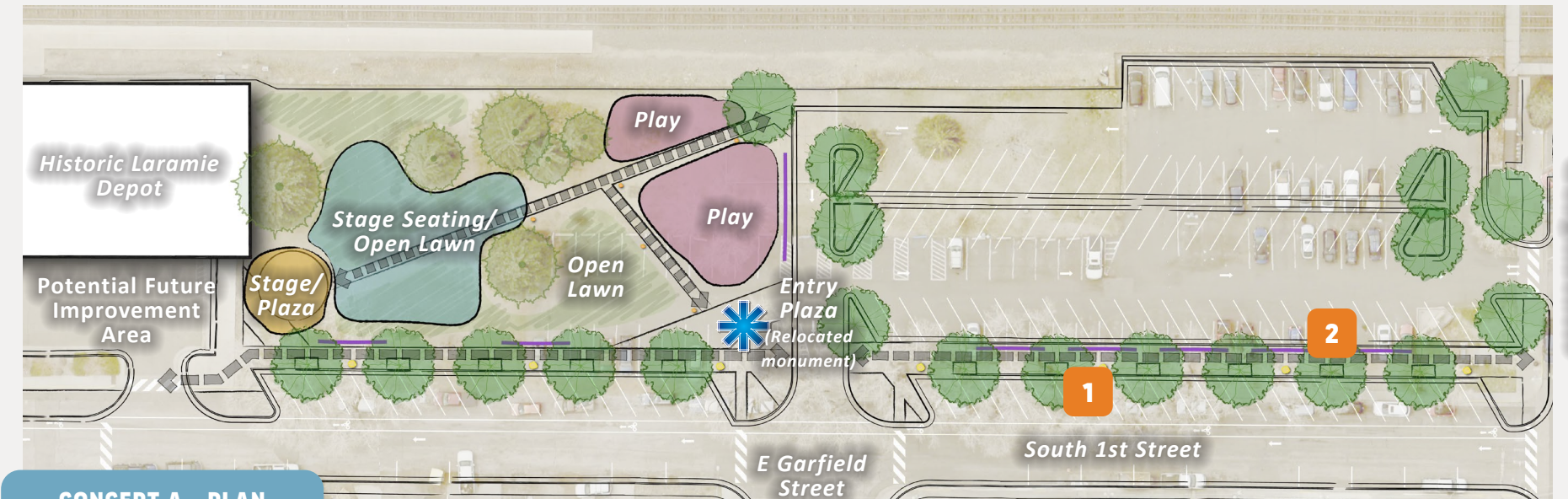
Decorative Rail



Crusher Fines & Seating



Rail Inspired Trellis



◀---▶ PRIMARY PEDESTRIAN PATH
 ◀---▶ SECONDARY PEDESTRIAN PATH
 ● STREET AND PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING
 ——— DECORATIVE RAIL



E Garfield Street

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DEPOT PARK NORTH CONCEPTS



DESIRED CHARACTER

#1

PARK-LIKE

#2

HISTORIC

#3

TRADITIONAL

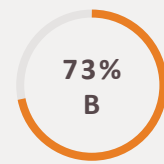
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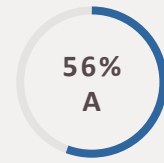
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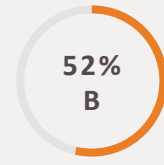
CONCEPT COMPARISONS



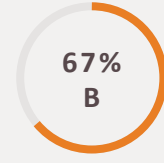
PREFERRED LAYOUT:
SOUTH



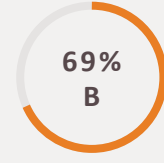
PREFERRED LAYOUT:
NORTH



PREFERRED LAYOUT:
EVENTS



PREFERRED LAYOUT:
PLAYGROUND



PREFERRED LAYOUT:
DEPOT/TRAIN



IS ADA ACCESS IMPROVED

83%

SAID YES ACROSS BOTH CONCEPTS

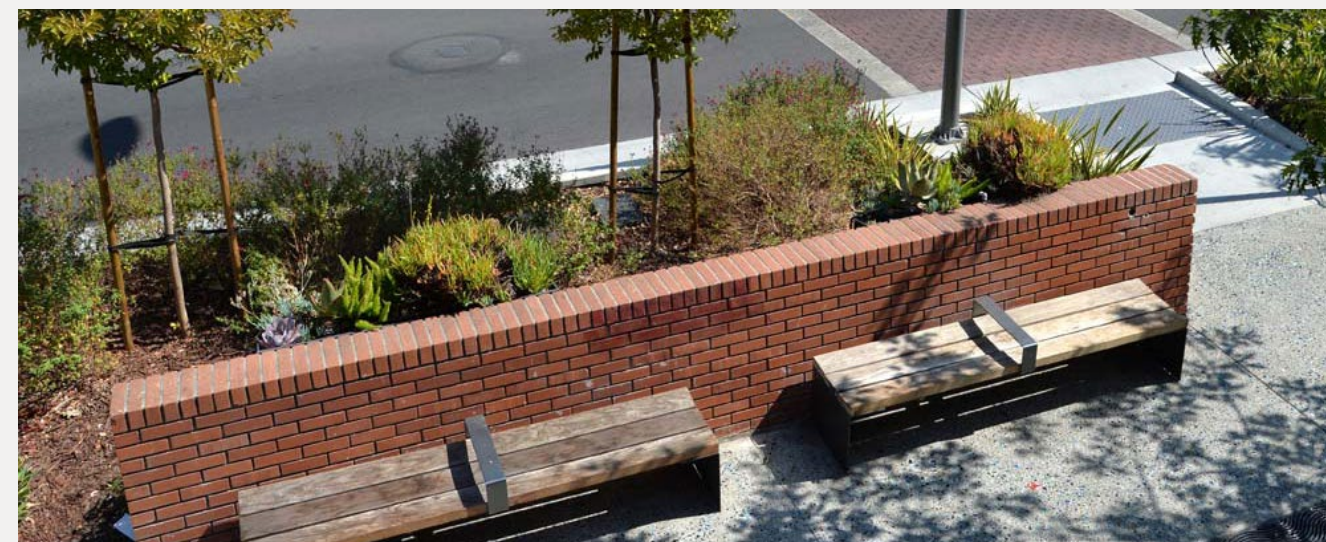
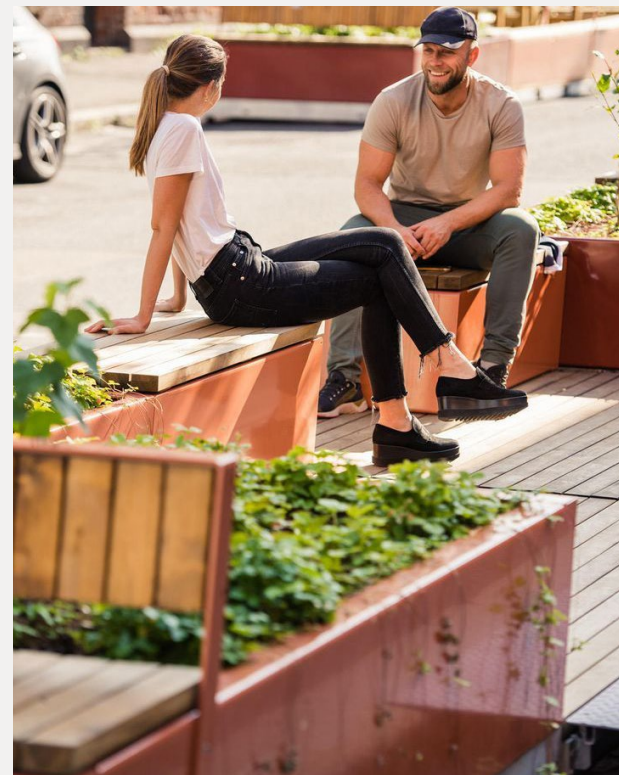
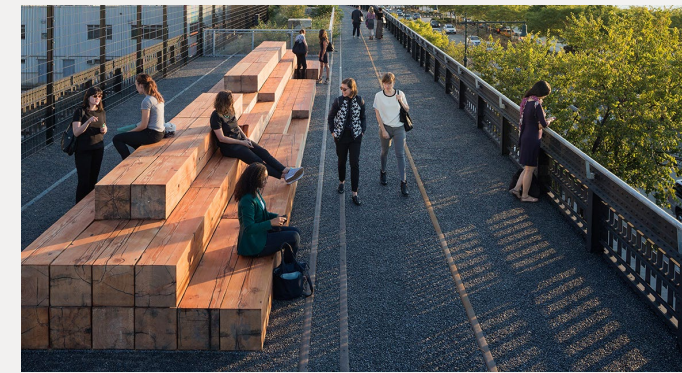
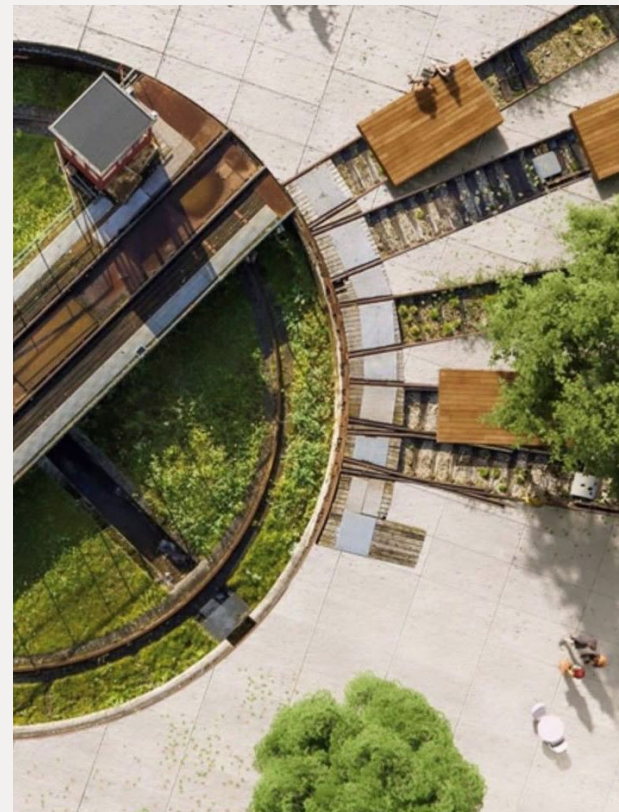













CHARACTER CONSISTENCY

68%

NORTH/SOUTH STYLES CAN VARY

PREFERRED CHARACTER IMAGES













CATEGORY	MENTIONS	KEYWORDS
 EXPERIENCE & BEAUTIFICATION	35	Keep Cottonwoods, preserve shade, replant/replace over time, minimize green space loss
 PARKING & TRAFFIC	24	Too much parking already, diagonal/back-in details, why expand for only ~21 busy days
 INFRASTRUCTURE	8	Storm water improvement, valley pan, bio-swale, flooding spots, pipe storage
 EVENTS & PROGRAMMING	6	Farmers market space, event vs. nature balance, shade for Brewfest
 FACILITIES & AMENITIES	6	Move existing shelter; seating/benches request
 PLAY & RECREATION	5	Keep swings, more playground space, putt-putt idea
 ACCESSIBILITY	5	Sidewalk around train, ADA crossing, better bike routing/over RR
 ART & HERITAGE	5	“Keep it historic”, historic snow train, character of old trees
 SAFETY	5	Shared bike/car lane safety, safer bike routes
 TRAIL & TRANSIT	4	Better bike option to cross RR (connection)
 SUSTAINABILITY	3	“Bio swale?” (Sustainable drainage)

If cottonwoods must go, the city needs to plant a new row of trees in the park

huge fan of it being a one-way road











Permits for regular (+48 hr) parking on S. 1st St would help with parking capacity

CATEGORY	MENTIONS	KEYWORDS
 PLAY & RECREATION	8	Add/move playgrounds, more swings, stage/play space
 EXPERIENCE & BEAUTIFICATION	7	Trees in turf (no grates), bushes as buffers, cottonwood concern, Move play away from diesel/train noise
 ART & HERITAGE	4	Entry feature w/ history, art installation, “activate with art”
 EVENTS & PROGRAMMING	3	“Community gathering” notes, more gathering space, activate stage
 FACILITIES & AMENITIES	3	Restroom–shelter conflict, stage space, shelter moves
 ACCESSIBILITY	3	Continuous sidewalk (Concept A), accessible path
 SAFETY	3	Separate cars/people, safe rails/barriers, “On camera” signs
 INFRASTRUCTURE	2	Rail/bollard-like separation ideas (via bushes/rails), Push drainage to storm extension
 MAINTENANCE	1	“Druggie hangout”
 PARKING & TRAFFIC	1	Bike/motorcycle parking pads

This design encourages community gathering

Would be nice to have low bushes between playground and train yard.

Put trees in turf area, not tree grates

CATEGORY	MENTIONS	KEYWORDS
 FACILITIES & AMENITIES	8	“Restroom here” (x2), box-car stage, splash pad, trellis shade structures
 PLAY & RECREATION	7	Keep/playground on north side (x3), add small play space, splash pad, handicapped play pieces
 ACCESSIBILITY	7	Lighted/accessible paths, “too many sidewalks,” sidewalk through park, ADA play pieces
 EXPERIENCE & BEAUTIFICATION	7	Shade vs. trellis debate, triangular trees, green sound break, open lawn preferences, noise mitigation
 ART & HERITAGE	5	Rail-inspired trellis (pro & con), box-car stage, kids + train association
 EVENTS & PROGRAMMING	4	Food-truck plaza & scheduling, play vs. hardscape near farmers market, staging space
 PARKING & TRAFFIC	3	“Is MORE flex parking necessary?” (x2), food-truck use of parking/plaza
 SUSTAINABILITY	2	Extra power for food trucks, permeable/drainage bricks
 INFRASTRUCTURE	1	“Prefer drainage bricks”
 SAFETY	1	Lighted path (safety)

Add a complimentary box-car or flatbed rail car as a band stage. Cut the side off the box car for a sheltered stage

Prefer play space - NOT hardscape close to farmer’s market

My husband & I prefer Concept B vs. A, overall B seems more inviting & interesting!

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CONCEPT

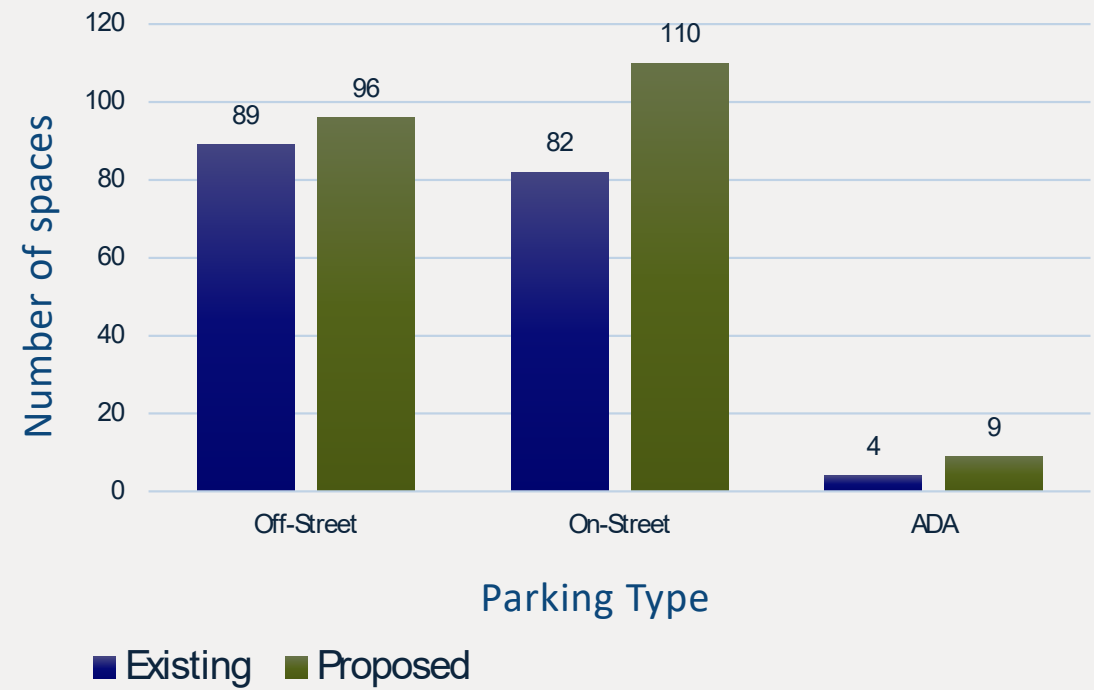


ADA PARKING SPOT

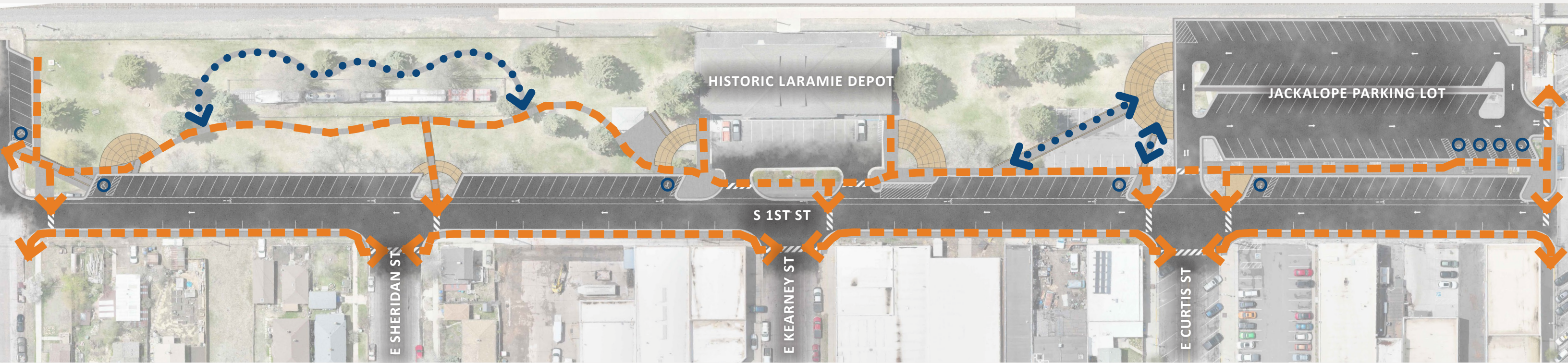
TYPE	EXISTING	PROPOSED	ADA EXISTING	ADA PROPOSED	INCREASE	PERCENTAGE INCREASE
OFF-STREET*	89	96	4	4	7	8%
ON-STREET	82	110	0	5	28	34%
TOTAL	171	206	4	9	35	20%

* Including Jackalope parking lot, excluding Historic Laramie Depot parking lot

- This plan adds parking capacity to support downtown businesses and address concerns about limited availability.
- It improves access to events like farmers markets, carnivals, and beer fests by enhancing vehicle and pedestrian circulation.
- The plan encourages employees to park near the depot, helping to free up central downtown spaces for customers.
- It also increases the number of ADA-compliant stalls to better serve all members of the community.



PARKING (BY THE NUMBERS)



SIDEWALK / PRIMARY PATHWAYS

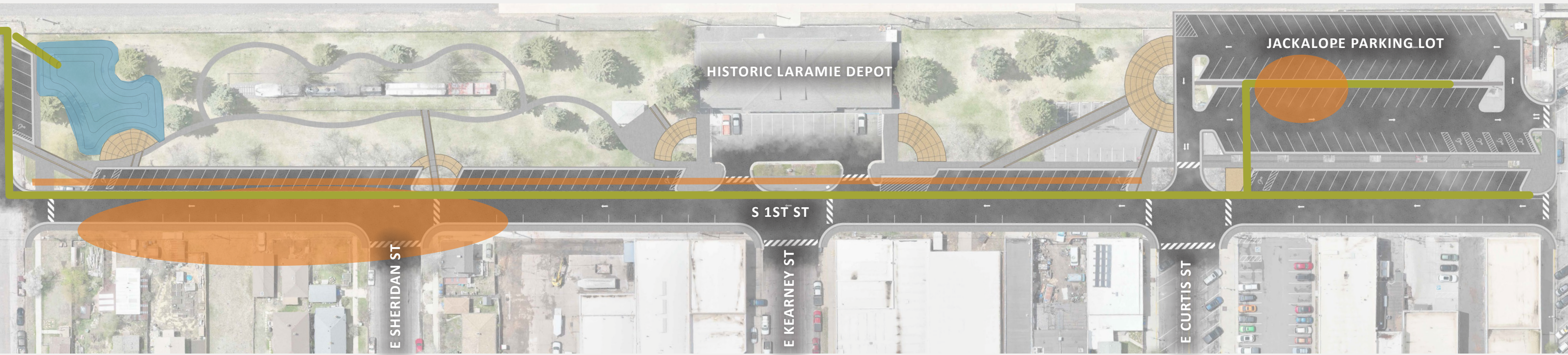


SECONDARY PATHWAYS



ADA PARKING SPOT ○

- ADA accessible pathways are provided throughout the park area, connecting to the street and park amenities
- The primary pathway is the 'sidewalk' routing North/South adjacent to 1st street
- Secondary pathways area connecting users to amenities and providing a walkway around the snow train
- ADA parking stalls are provided in the off-street and on-street parking



PROBLEM AREAS



STORM WATER ALIGNMENT



DETENTION POND



- Water ponding in the existing lot is a recurring nuisance during events like the farmers market, making parking inconvenient and less appealing for visitors. It also accelerates pavement deterioration and contributes to a perception of under-maintained infrastructure.
- Street flooding affects nearby homes, with one property consistently experiencing basement flooding due to its low elevation relative to the street
- Lack of sidewalk and ADA access along the south side of the park limits safe pedestrian movement
- Proposed solutions:
 - New storm inlets and a storm sewer main for improved drainage and water storage
 - A small detention pond at the south end of the park to manage runoff
 - New sidewalk and ADA-compliant access along the redesigned street frontage.



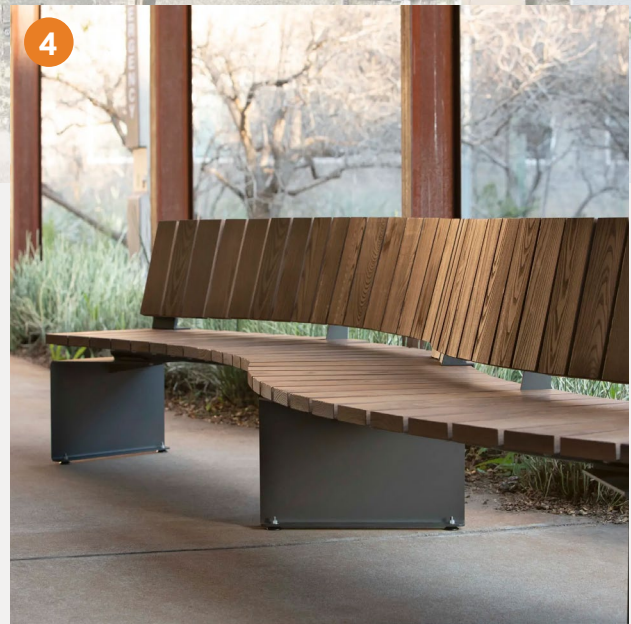
HISTORIC LARAMIE DEPOT

HISTORIC SNOW TRAIN

S 1ST ST

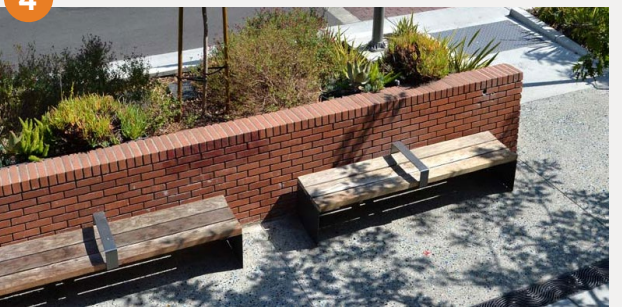
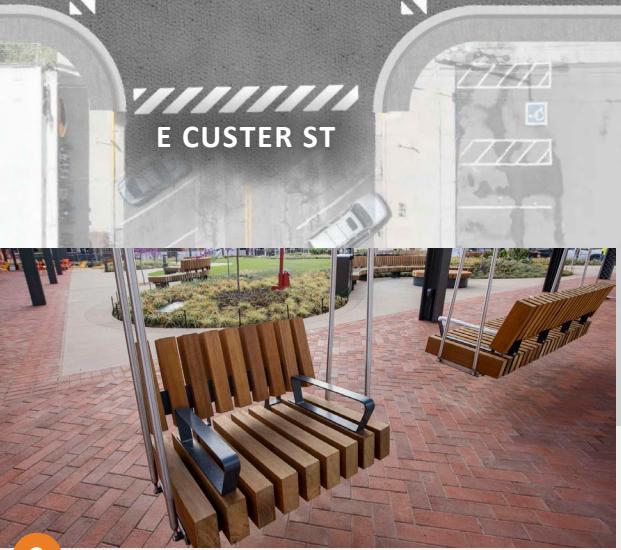
E SHERIDAN ST

- 1 RELOCATED HISTORIC SHELTER
- 2 LARGE RAIL INSPIRED PICNIC SHELTER
- 3 BIKE PARKING
- 4 BENCH SEATING
- 5 PRIMARY PEDESTRIAN PATH
- 6 SECONDARY PEDESTRIAN PATH
- 7 LANDSCAPE PLANTING
- 8 OPEN LAWN
- 9 PROPOSED TREES
- 10 TRAIN THEMED PLAY AREA
- 11 RAIL CROSSING BARS
- 12 STREET LIGHTS
- 13 PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS





- 1 RAIL INSPIRED SHELTER / STAGE
- 2 RAIL INSPIRED SWING PROMENADE
- 3 BIKE PARKING
- 4 BENCH SEATING
- 5 PRIMARY PEDESTRIAN PATH
- 6 FOOD TRUCK LOOP / PLAZA
- 7 LANDSCAPE PLANTING
- 8 OPEN LAWN
- 9 PROPOSED TREES
- 10 PLAY AREA
- 11 PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS
- 12 STREET LIGHTS
- 13 RELOCATED POST OFFICE STRUCTURE





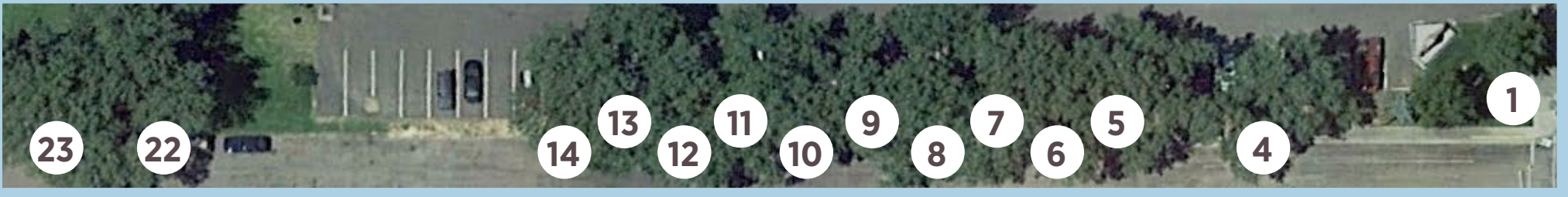
Historic Laramie Depot

NORTH TREES

Jackalope Parking Lot

E. Garfield St

South 1st Street



TREE CONSIDERATIONS

NORTH COTTONWOOD TREES

R: REMOVE Cottonwood life expectancy: 100-120 yrs

	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	22	23
TREE CONDITION	Fair	Fair	Poor	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
ACTION NEEDED	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
APPROXIMATE AGE	20	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+

- All North Trees have been extensively pruned and are a safety hazard for pedestrians and cars below. Tree assessment labeled them as to be removed.
- Further disturbance of root zone is expected with improved 1st street and Jackalope parking.

TREE CONSIDERATIONS - NORTHERN TREES

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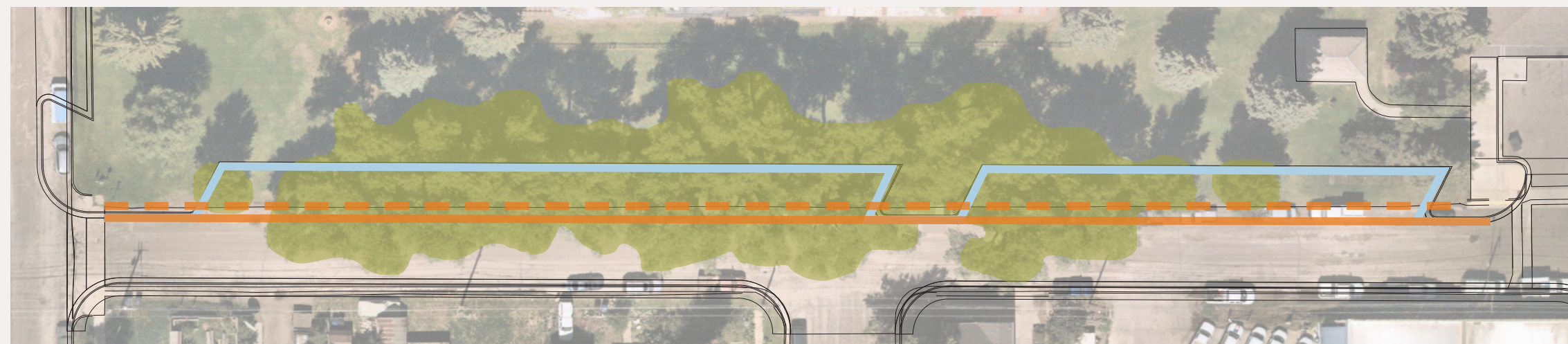
TREE CONSIDERATIONS

SOUTH COTTONWOOD TREES

P: PRUNE Cottonwood life expectancy: 100-120 yrs

	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
TREE CONDITION	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good
ACTION NEEDED	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
APPROXIMATE AGE	20-25	20-25	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	80+	20-25

- Since the South Trees currently have a better surrounding landscape condition than the North Trees, Tree assessment labeled them as to be pruned.
- Improving Parking, curbing and reconstruction of 1st street will disturb the root zone of the South Trees.



- EXISTING STREET FLOW LINE
- PROPOSED STREET FLOW LINE
- PROPOSED PARKING FLOW LINE
- TREE CANOPY / ROOT ZONE

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

TREE CONSIDERATIONS - SOUTHERN TREES

PARKING
 ACCESSIBILITY & ACCESS
 STORM DRAINAGE

5.

NEXT STEPS

NEXT STEPS

1. REVISE CONCEPT BASED ON DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL
2. MOVE INTO CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS
3. FUNDING ACQUISITION FOR IMPLEMENTATION

THANK YOU!