

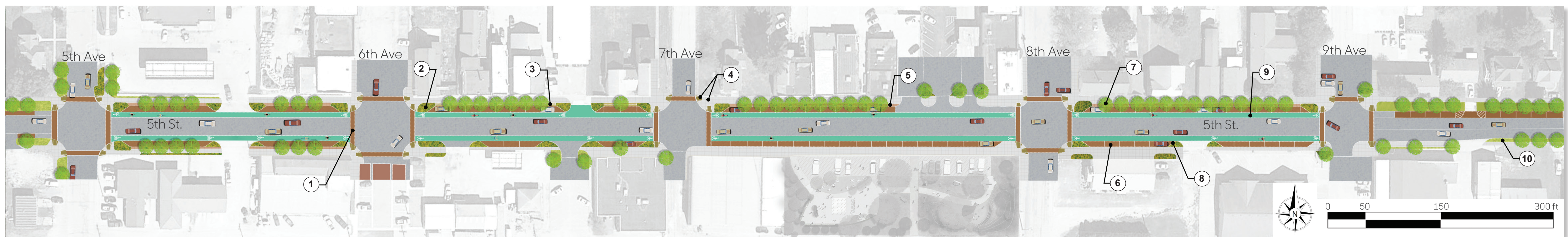
"Semis will sometimes park in front of Jeff's or the Creamery... and even if you are running or walking, you cannot see if there is a car coming..."

"It's just a little curb, it's not very big, but when you don't have balance and you don't have a railing, it's a big deal."

"...even on Main Street, the sidewalks are just uneven; it's hard to push a stroller or have your kids ride a bike on it..."



Existing aerial (plan view) of the Downtown District.



Proposed Concept: Downtown District Concept Plan utilizing a Complete Streets design approach

**Downtown District Enhancements:**

The Downtown District is one of two districts located along the business corridor and begins at the intersection of 5th Street and 5th Avenue and ends at the intersection of 5th Street and 9th Avenue. The second district along the business corridor is the Business District (see board 13). While both the Downtown and Business Districts are equally important to the economic vitality of Durant, the Downtown District has a higher concentration of pedestrian traffic and businesses.

Establishing a streetscape that is both functional and aesthetic is critical to having a thriving downtown. The streetscape must be able to effectively accommodate both vehicular and pedestrian traffic while being inviting to both the businesses and visitors. The way to successfully achieve this is by implementing a Complete Streets design approach.

The Complete Streets design approach takes into account all users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation. Complete Streets enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel. The proposed concept plan shown above, including the associated concepts on board 15, illustrates this approach.

Some of the benefits of the proposed concept include: improved accessibility, connectivity, safety, and enhanced way-finding, circulation, aesthetics, and function of the downtown area. Incorporation of greenspace/vegetation, street trees, and storm-water management amenities are also accomplished.

Implementing the proposed enhancements should be part of the city's overall revitalization plan and efforts for attracting businesses, tourists, and potential residents to Durant. Future plans by the city to reconstruct the 5th Street corridor provide the perfect opportunity to incorporate the concepts proposed on the boards for both the Downtown and Business Districts.

- DRAWING NOTES FOR PROPOSED DOWNTOWN DISTRICT CONCEPT PLAN**
- ① CROSSWALK: DECORATIVE PAVEMENT (BRICK OR COLORED STAMPED CONCRETE) WITH CONTRASTING COLOR BANDING; ADA COMPLIANT
  - ② MULCHED PLANTING AREA IN "BUMP-OUT" WITH SHORT PLANTINGS TO ALLOW VISIBILITY. PLANTED "BUMP-OUTS" ALLOW FOR PLANTINGS TO HIGHLIGHT DOWNTOWN AREA AND AID IN TRAFFIC CALMING.
  - ③ STEPS WITH APPROPRIATE RISE AND TREAD TO TRANSITION FROM BUILDINGS TO STREET; HANDRAILS FOR SAFETY
  - ④ ADA-COMPLIANT SIDEWALKS AND RAMPS AT STREET CROSSINGS
  - ⑤ DECORATIVE PAVEMENT BETWEEN PLANTERS TO PROVIDE A "TRANSITION ZONE" BETWEEN PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR PAVEMENT.
  - ⑥ PERMEABLE PAVING FOR PARKING STALLS; PROVIDE REQUIRED NUMBER OF HANDICAPPED STALLS AND APPROPRIATELY IDENTIFY
  - ⑦ DECIDUOUS STREET TREES PLANTED IN STORM-WATER PLANTERS TO HIGHLIGHT STREETScape, PROVIDE SHADE AND IMPROVE AESTHETICS. TREES PLANTED OUTSIDE OF THE SIGHT TRIANGLE TO ALLOW FOR VISIBILITY. SELECT TREES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR STREETScapeS AND STORM-WATER PLANTERS AS APPLICABLE.
  - ⑧ STORM-WATER PLANTER WITH CURB CUTS TO CATCH, TREAT AND MANAGE STORM-WATER RUNOFF
  - ⑨ SEPARATE DELINEATED BIKE LANE WITH BIKE MARKINGS TO INCREASE CYCLING SAFETY
  - ⑩ EXISTING PAVEMENT/GRAVEL REPLACED WITH MAINTAINED GRASS OR GRASS AREA WIDENED TO ENHANCE SAFETY, CIRCULATION AND AESTHETICS IN BUSINESS DISTRICT.



# Downtown District - Part 1

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