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Los Altos Downtown Vision

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018

Tonight's Agenda

1. Community Engagement
2. Council Direction
3. Plan Refinements
4. 3D Model Review

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Community Engagement

Summary of Community Engagement

- Approximately **40** engagement activities were conducted throughout the duration of the project including:
 - **26 Neighborhood, Commission, Committee Meetings**
 - ✓ *PTA, Chamber, School District, Property Owners, Arts and Complete Streets Commissions, Coalition Meetings, etc.*
 - **8 Community Workshops / Pop-up Events**
 - ✓ *Community-wide, Jr. Olympics, Los Altos High School, Farmer's Market, Grant Park, etc.*
 - **2 Online and Mailed Questionnaires**
 - ✓ *Mailed to Every Mailbox throughout the City*





MINIMAL ACTIVITY	BALANCE OF ACTIVITY	VERY ACTIVE
<p>Some night life, restaurants stay open later, some opportunities for additional residential or office uses.</p> <p>Outdoor Gym!</p> <p>More live music in public squares</p> <p>More live music in public squares</p> <p>More live music in public squares</p>	<p>Some night life, restaurants stay open later, some opportunities for additional residential, retail, or office uses.</p> <p>ice above by using advantages or draw</p> <p>COMMUNITY IDEA ACTIVITY</p> <p>LIVE THEATER</p> <p>POWELL SQUARE</p>	<p>More night life, restaurants stay open later, more opportunities for residential, retail, or office uses, regular public events.</p> <p>More live music in public squares</p> <p>More live music in public squares</p> <p>More live music in public squares</p>



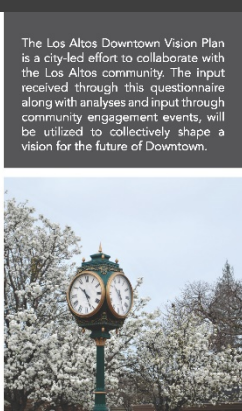
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COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE
PROVIDE INPUT ON THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN!

SUBMIT BY JULY 7TH

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ONLINE COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:
www.losaltosca.gov/OpenCityHall

If you would prefer to fill out a hard copy of the questionnaire, please call (650) 947-2750 and ask to receive a copy through the mail or pick one up in person at the Community Development Department front counter located at Los Altos City Hall - 1 N. San

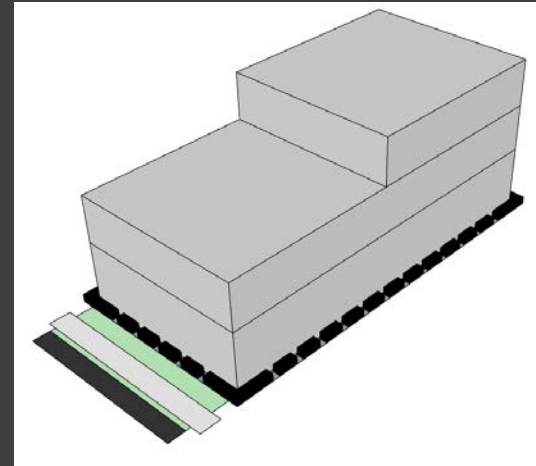


The Los Altos Downtown Vision Plan is a city-led effort to collaborate with the Los Altos community. The input received through this questionnaire along with analyses and input through community engagement events, will be utilized to collectively shape a vision for the future of Downtown.

Council Direction

Key Direction Topics

- Expand on Changing Nature of Downtowns and Economics
- Further address ways to embrace existing eclectic massing and form
- Investigate FAR incentive/requirements outside of Main/State Streets
- Clarify First Street ground level setback



Key Direction Topics Cont.

- Include discussion on shuttles/trolleys
- Update pedestrian bridge graphic and move to earlier implementation phase
- Include language and adjust phasing of First Street streetscape plan
- Update 3D model with more articulation
- Additional graphic and text edits also addressed



Plan Refinements

Changing Nature of Downtowns

- Added discussion in Changing Nature of Downtowns and Economics, Chapter 2
- Topics included:
 - Creating sense of place
 - Alternative land uses and opportunity sites
 - Flexibility for built environment
 - Contemporary land use and parking policies



Eclectic Massing and Form

- Added discussion in Built Environment, Chapter 5
- Provided methods for new development to address
- Included graphic example of existing conditions

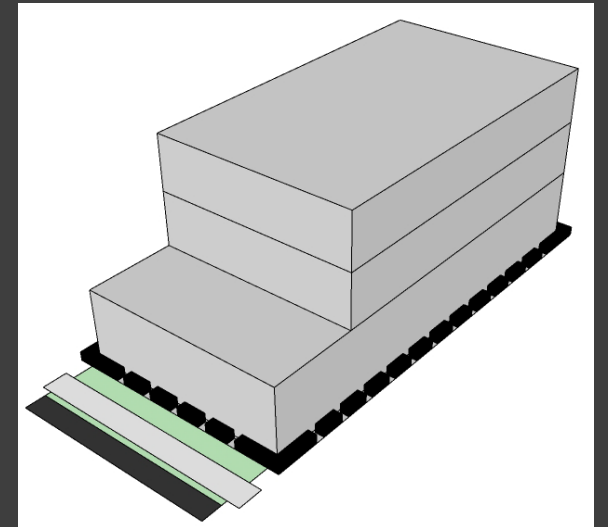
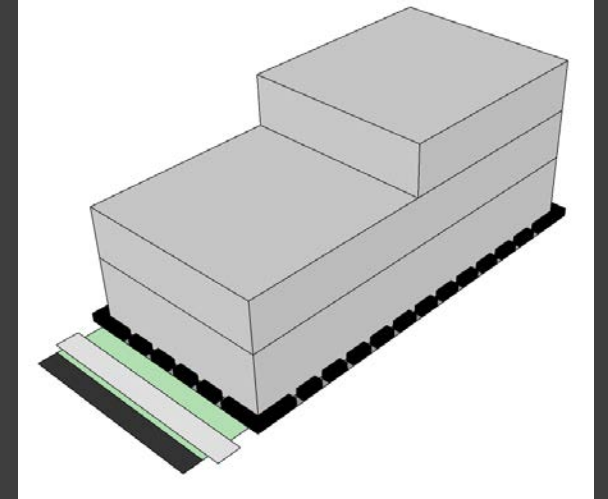


Existing Downtown Conditions.



Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

- Added discussion in Built Environment, Chapter 5
- Discussed using FAR as a tool or incentive to guide new development in First Street and San Antonio Road Districts
- Included FAR incentive examples

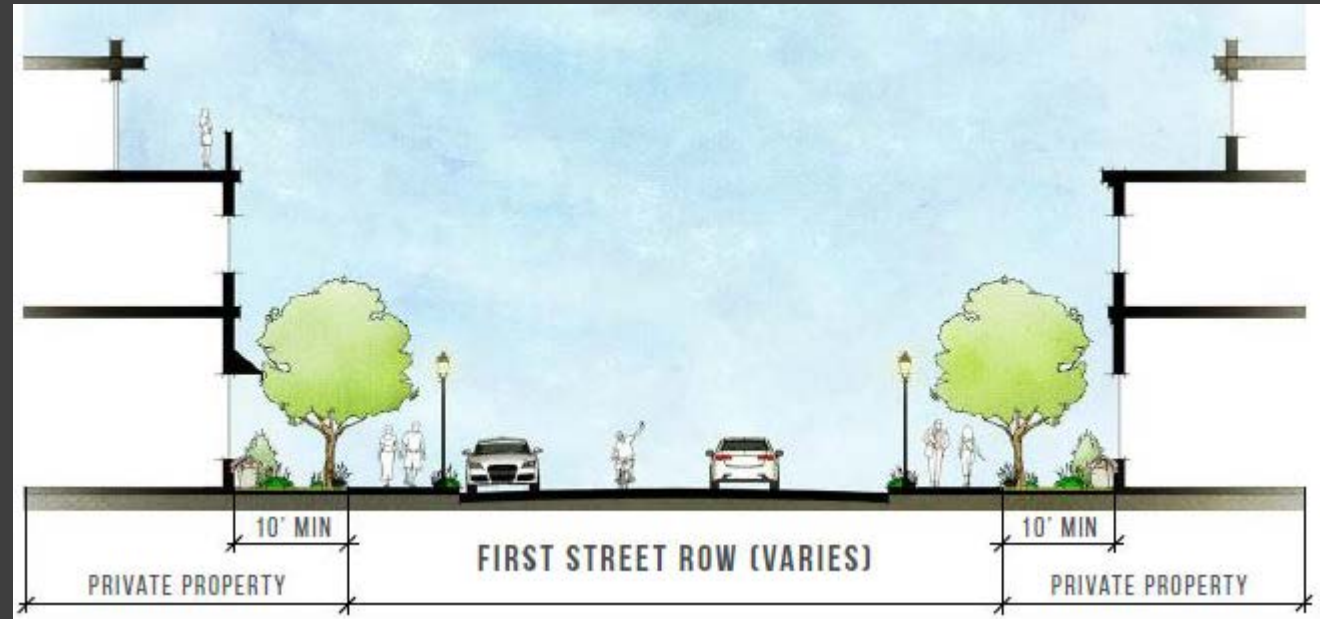


Conceptual 2.5 FAR Examples.



First Street Setbacks

- Added discussion in Built Environment, Chapter 5
- Discussed community concerns of ‘canyon effect’
- Provide recommendations on uniform 10-foot setback to enhance pedestrian environment and create feeling of openness



First Street Section.



Shuttles/Trolleys

- Added discussion in Circulation and Parking, Chapter 7
- Included discussion and recommendations
- Graphically represented conceptual routes



— Conceptual Trolley Route



Pedestrian Bridge

- Added discussion in Circulation and Parking, Chapter 7
- Provided updated graphic
- Revised phasing plan in Implementation Chapter



Pedestrian Bridge Concept on San Antonio Road.



3D Model Review

3D Model of Downtown

- Updated to show additional articulation of existing conditions in Downtown



3D Model Image Capture on Main Street.



City Council Options Tonight

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Los Altos Downtown Vision Plan

- *A Community Driven Vision for Downtown Los Altos*
- *Completes process and allows for implementation of the plan.*





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Questions?

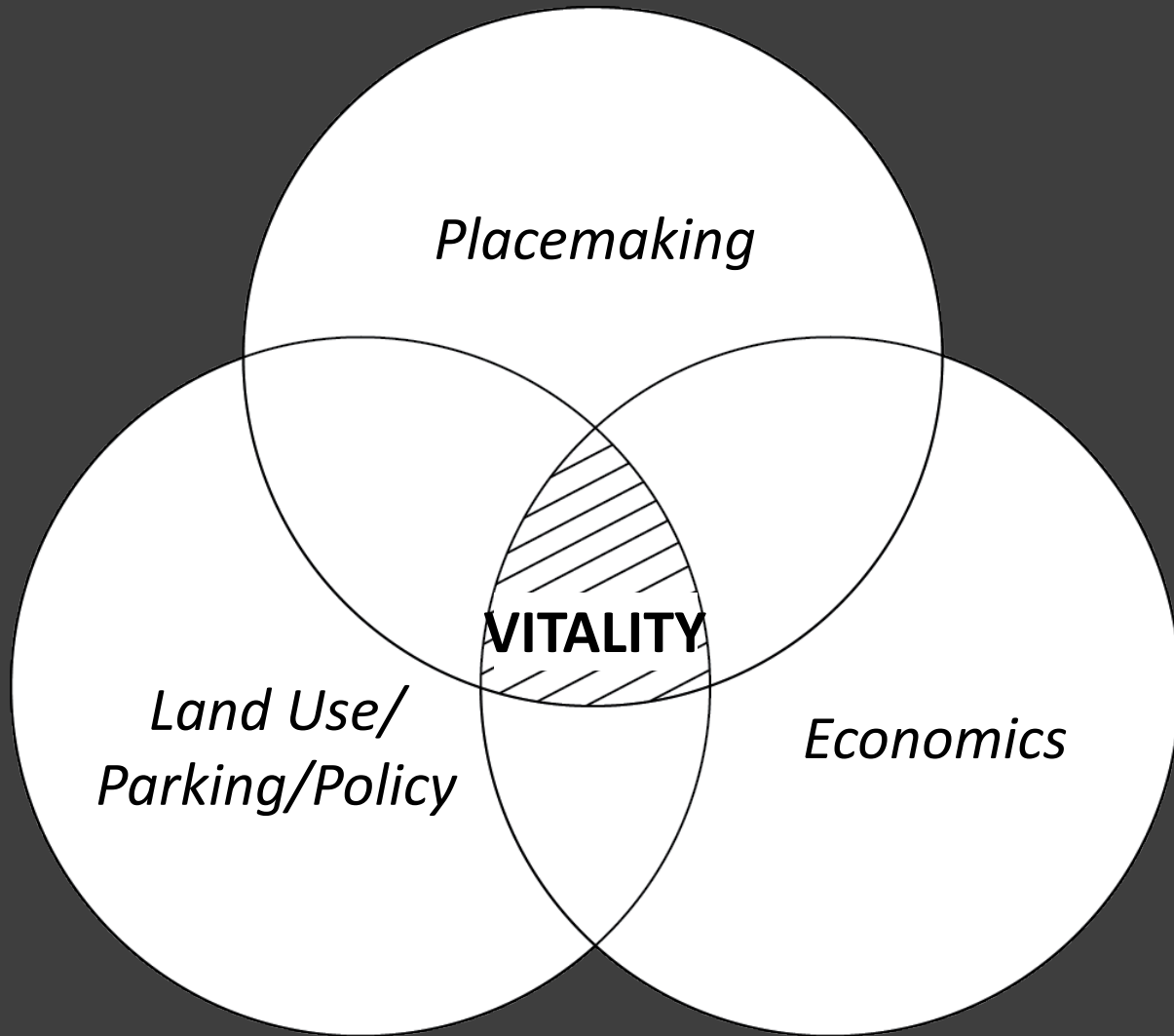


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Thank you!

Resource Slides

Downtown Vitality



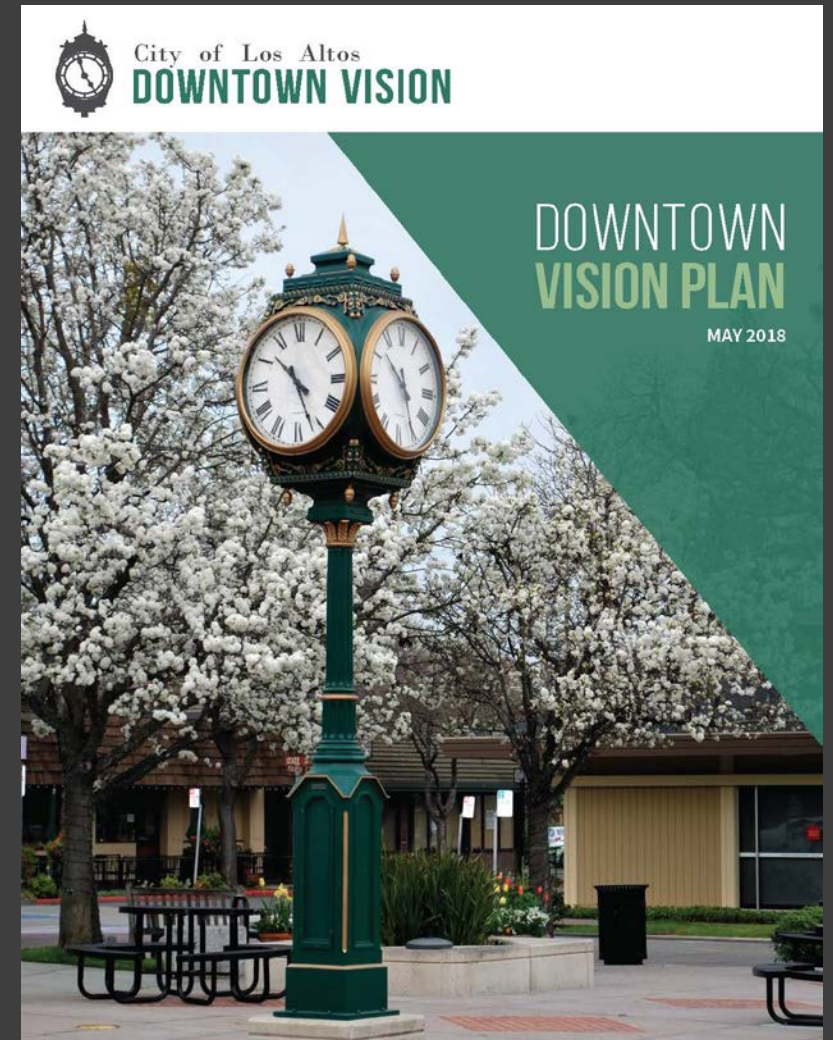
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- *Maintaining Village Character*
- *Enhancing Economic Vitality*
- *Developing Adequate Parking Facilities*
- *Utilizing Existing Parking Plazas*
- *Enhancing Safety and Connectivity*
- *Enlivening the Streetscape Character*
- *Creating a New, Centrally-Located Public Plaza(s)*
- *Expanding the Variety of Residential Housing Types*



Vision Plan Outline

1. Introduction
2. Changing Nature of Downtown and Economics
3. The Community's Vision
4. Land Use
5. Built Environment
6. Public Spaces
7. Circulation and Parking
8. Sustainability
9. Implementation
10. Vision Poster
11. Appendix – *Economics and Community Outreach*





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Today at Main/2nd



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Future at Main/2nd

Downtown Central Plaza Birdseye





Downtown Central Plaza

Before: Parking Plaza 5 looking east



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Downtown Central Plaza

After: Downtown
Central Plaza Concept



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