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DOWNTOWN CROZET STREETScape PROJECT, Phase 2

Project Introduction

The Crozet Master Plan envisions a thriving and accessible downtown Crozet environment supported by a main thoroughfare that encourages economic vitality and healthy activity. The Downtown Crozet Streetscape Project Phase 2 focuses on creating that thoroughfare through pedestrian-friendly improvements like sidewalks, landscaping, crosswalks and lighting along Crozet Avenue from just south of the CSX railroad underpass to Tabor Street. The project also begins the construction of the new Main Street that will provide access to the Crozet library.

The Streetscape Project Phase 2 is an essential step in achieving the goals of the master plan by improving pedestrian connectivity within downtown Crozet, providing economic benefits and increased vitality for business owners, balancing the needs of all users including vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and aesthetically enhancing the entry way and main thoroughfare of downtown.

The project team is focused on working with the Crozet community to identify and develop design possibilities that balance protection of existing features with the goal of an attractive, viable downtown thoroughfare.

Project Goals

- Aesthetically enhance the entry way and main thoroughfare of Downtown (Crozet Avenue).
- Initiate the construction of New Main Street.
- Provide economic benefits and increased vitality to downtown business owners
- Improve pedestrian connectivity with-in downtown Crozet by providing pedestrian friendly improvements like continuous and wider sidewalks, street lighting, roadway landscape buffers, and street furniture like bike racks, benches and trash cans.
- Adequately balance the needs of all of the Crozet Avenue/Main Street users including vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles.
- Develop a visible pattern for redevelopment and re-use of areas of the downtown.
- Enhance and incorporate existing Crozet features.
- Effectively phase construction to help maintain both pedestrian and vehicular access to Downtown Crozet during construction.
- Provide environmentally sensitive solutions to stormwater management
- Sets parameters for design and construction of the new library

How to Stay Informed

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Project Update

Over the last few months the project consultant team has been meeting with many business and property owners along Crozet Avenue to develop design possibilities that balance protection of existing features with the goal of an attractive, viable downtown thoroughfare. At the December 3 Community Meeting, residents will view and discuss the preferred conceptual design.

Following this community review and feedback opportunity, the conceptual design will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their review and discussion.