

(Potential) Implementation Steps to Improve Downtown

Definite Steps (already in work plans):

Timeframe: 2016-2017

- As part of the Downtown Strategy, the City will update downtown development & design standards (including, scenic view protection; design standards for buildings, sites and streets; consider SEPA exemptions)
- The City will leverage pavement management dollars to transform 5 street segments over the next 6 years: Jefferson, Franklin, Legion, Washington, and Capitol Way
 - include next steps for Greening Capitol Way
 - MAKERS to produce 30% designs for the 5 streets
- The City will kick off formation of a Downtown Parking Strategy later in 2016, which will be coordinated to implement the Downtown Strategy and be completed at about the same time.
- Explore options for a downtown public restroom (*discussed by Council's General Government Committee on January 29*)

Possible Implementation Steps:

Timeframe: 2016 - 2022

- City to raise standard for buildings' finished floor elevation downtown in response to sea level rise (*very likely to occur in 2016 – next step is City Council study session on Feb 9*)
- City to form a sea level rise strategy (*may kick off in 2017 – next step is City Council study session on Feb 9*)
- Strategies to address existing infrastructure (structural assessment & reinforcement, façade treatment, historic incentives)
- Next steps to address homelessness and regional social service distribution
- Next steps for clean & safe focus
- Next steps to address site and groundwater contamination
- Master Plan for the Isthmus
- Wayfinding (wayfinding maps, more wrapped traffic boxes)
- Redo Plum Street Gateway (*The Arts Commission is forming a plan for gateways (entry/exit points into downtown/City – was discussed at Gen Gov. on Jan 29)*)
- Coordinated marketing strategy for downtown
- Partnership to create artist housing/studio space (*involving TESC?*)
- Formation of a Creative District downtown (*exploring further is on Arts Commission work plan*)

Other Actions Impacting Downtown

- The City Council Community & Economic Revitalization Committee will pursue a contract with a chosen development partner for the Water Street Redevelopment project, between 4th & 5th Ave along Water Street. MAKERS and the development partner will consult to ensure the DTS and the project are coordinated
- The State Department of Enterprise Services is apparently convening a stakeholder committee to make a recommendation for Capitol Lake
- Olympia Federal Savings at the corner of 5th and Capitol has plans to redevelop their half block. The bank board is still discussing options regarding the scale of redevelopment.
- Developer Walker John has an option with the Port of Olympia regarding potential future development of the East Bay Parcels along State Street between Jefferson & Chestnut. The conceptual plan is for a compact, activity-oriented mixed use development, possibly with residential, retail, office, and potential for hospitality. The option stands until December 2016.
- Under Construction:
 - 321 Lofts at the corner of Legion & Jefferson, 4 story apartment building
 - The State's 1063 Building at the corner of Capitol & 11th
 - 510/512 12th Ave apartments, adaptive reuse of office at corner of 12th and Jefferson
 - [123 4th](#) apartments at corner of 4th and Columbia - should be open by summer
- The Low Income Housing Institute will likely start construction this spring on veterans housing (Olympia Commons) located at the corner of State and Franklin. Land use permit has been issued, and appeal deadline is Feb 1.
- See "Relationship with other Plans & Efforts" document for more