

Downtown Projects List 2022

A vibrant urban destination

☐ Implement partnership with Downtown Alliance for COVID Response and Reopening
(re-opening campaign, Creative District development, business recruitment,
crime prevention though design, placemaking/events)
□ Add public art component to the Franklin Street improvement project
□ Develop Peace Park at Fertile Grounds
□ Initiate activation of 108 State Ave (Old Fire Hall)
□ Re-envision Percival Landing
☐ Open seasonal ice rink
□ Launch PBIA/Arts Commission Self-Guided Mural Tours
□ Launch PBIA Downtown Recovery Project
☐ Develop City communications strategy for downtown
☐ Continue marketing partnership with Downtown Alliance
□ Initiate Art & Wayfinding plan
□ Initiate planning for structured parking/mixed use building

Safe, clean and welcoming for all

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□ Implement Downtown Clean and Safe Program	
0	Expansion of Ambassadors, Clean Team, Crisis Response and Familiar Faces
0	Walking Patrol visibility and connection to businesses
0	Crime prevention through environmental design (ODA contract)
0	Lighting enhancements by PBIA and ODA
0	Alley activation and lighting
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- Vegetation management
- o Enhance coordination of downtown teams
- □ Remove blighted Griswold building (to be replaced by new "Old 99 Flats" Mixed Use Bldg.)
- \square Pursue additional EPA brownfield grants



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A mix of housing for all income levels

- ☐ Implement the Housing Action Plan
 - o Expand use of multifamily tax exemption and maximize its use for affordable housing
 - o Adopt tenant protections (includes consideration of relocation assistance)
 - Review fees/regulations to identify housing cost reductions
 - o Explore parking reductions, including potential expansion of downtown parking exemption
 - o Consider including housing when developing real estate
- □ Develop the former Griswold's property with affordable housing ("Old 99 Flats")
- ☐ Acquire Quince Street property for future permanent supportive housing
- ☐ Move the mitigation site out of the downtown core (relates to One Community: Healthy Housed and Safe Plan)
- □ 439 new downtown housing units are in the permit pipeline, with 281 of these expected to be under construction or leasing in 2022

Engaging arts and entertainment

- ☐ Creative District Development (contract with the Olympia Downtown Alliance to actively engage stakeholders, form a leadership team and grow district identity and placemaking)
- ☐ Public outreach and planning for the Armory/Creative Campus concept
- ☐ Changes to zoning and regulations to allow for a greater variety of building uses within the Creative District
- ☐ Use LTAC funds to support local arts and entertainment partners
- ☐ Install Creative District Highway signage
- ☐ Explore a Cultural Access Program
- ☐ Install a Squaxin Land Acknowledgment with an art feature on Percival Landing