

Community Meeting #1 Summary

Project Downtown held its first community meeting on Wednesday, August 30 where we shared the project background and scope and asked attendees what were the biggest strengths, threats, and opportunities for the downtown core. The following is a summary of community feedback gathered during the community meeting.

You can also watch a recording of the meeting in English and Spanish [here](#). To access the recording, please do the following:

- You will be asked for a passcode. Please enter uh+eA.3s
- Press “Watch Recording”
- Press the “globe icon” on the bottom-right corner of the video to select English or Spanish
- Press the “play” button to begin the recording

Top Takeaways

Attendees answered open-ended questions and shared general thoughts on a variety of topics. The following is a list of the most common feedback expressed during the meeting.

- **Prioritize walkability:** Desire for walkable, pedestrian-friendly areas for people to walk, shop, and dine while maintaining Littleton’s small-town character. Desire to make Main Street pedestrian-only. - **26 attendees**
- **Better bike connections:** Desire for safe and connected bike facilities. Explore dedicated bike lanes and better bike parking downtown. - **19 attendees**
- **Reduce parking options and slow traffic on Main Street:** Interest in eliminating parking, considering diagonal parking or reducing to one travel lane on Main Street to minimize traffic, speeds, and noise. Concern about rush hour traffic not being attractive or enjoyable to dine next to. - **18 attendees**
- **Support small business charm:** Significant feedback indicating that the biggest strength is local support for small businesses that are unique, destination-worthy and add to Littleton’s small-town charm. - **9 attendees**
- **Expand sidewalks:** Explore expanding sidewalks as most are too narrow. - **9 attendees**
- **Consider a holistic parking approach in downtown:** Investigate parking options. Feedback indicated concern around too much free or unrestricted parking. Consider metered parking to reduce the number of people parking for long periods of time. Explore oversized parking lots and use the space to create retail space. - **9 attendees**

- **Improve safety** – Evaluate safety concerns and explore ways to make Downtown Littleton welcoming and active at all times. - **8 attendees**
- **Invest in public parks** – Explore activation and programming of Bega Park and ways to make Downtown Littleton more enjoyable for families and youth. - **6 attendees**

Additional Feedback- Polls

- Favorite downtown area besides Littleton?
 - Golden - **36%**
 - Historic buildings, a mix of restaurants, shops, museums, and access to outdoor activities with cycling.
 - Fort Collins - **30%**
 - Esthetically pleasing and contains a wide variety of restaurants and businesses.
 - Arvada - **14%**
 - Lots of choices and variety.
 - Other cities include:
 - Boulder
 - Grand Junction
 - Steamboat Springs
- What describes you best?
 - I like to visit Downtown Littleton - **36%**
 - I live in the study area - **26%**
 - I work in the study area - **26%**
 - Other - **13%**
- How do you typically get to Downtown Littleton?
 - I drive to the study area - **49%**
 - I walk to the study area - **26%**
 - I bike to the study area - **26%**
- Why do you visit Downtown Littleton today?
 - To dine - **47%**
 - To work - **28%**
 - To attend festivals, events, and theater (*like Western Welcome Week*) - **11%**
 - Other- **15%**
- What would make you visit downtown more often?
 - More events and activities - **57%**
 - Trees and seasonal plantings - **48%**
 - More comfortable ways to walk and bike to and from downtown - **45%**
 - Parking options that are easier to access - **43%**
 - More gathering spaces - **43%**
 - Parks and public spaces to enjoy - **40%**

- All of the above - **17%**
- More wayfinding - **5%**
- Other - **7%**

- What are your ideal project outcomes? A downtown that...
 - Creates vibrant destinations and supports businesses - **57%**
 - Prioritizes Connections (pedestrian and cyclists) - **19%**
 - Celebrates Historic Character - **12%**
 - Implements more vegetation and resiliency measures - **5%**
 - Embraces Placemaking and Public Art - **2%**
 - Enhances Safety - **2%**
 - Other - **2%**