CITY OF PEORIA

Adams/Jefferson 2-way Conversion

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Historically 2-way Streets

100 block of Adams Street, early 1950s. Courtesy of Peoria Public Library Local History Collection



Conversion to one-way in 1951

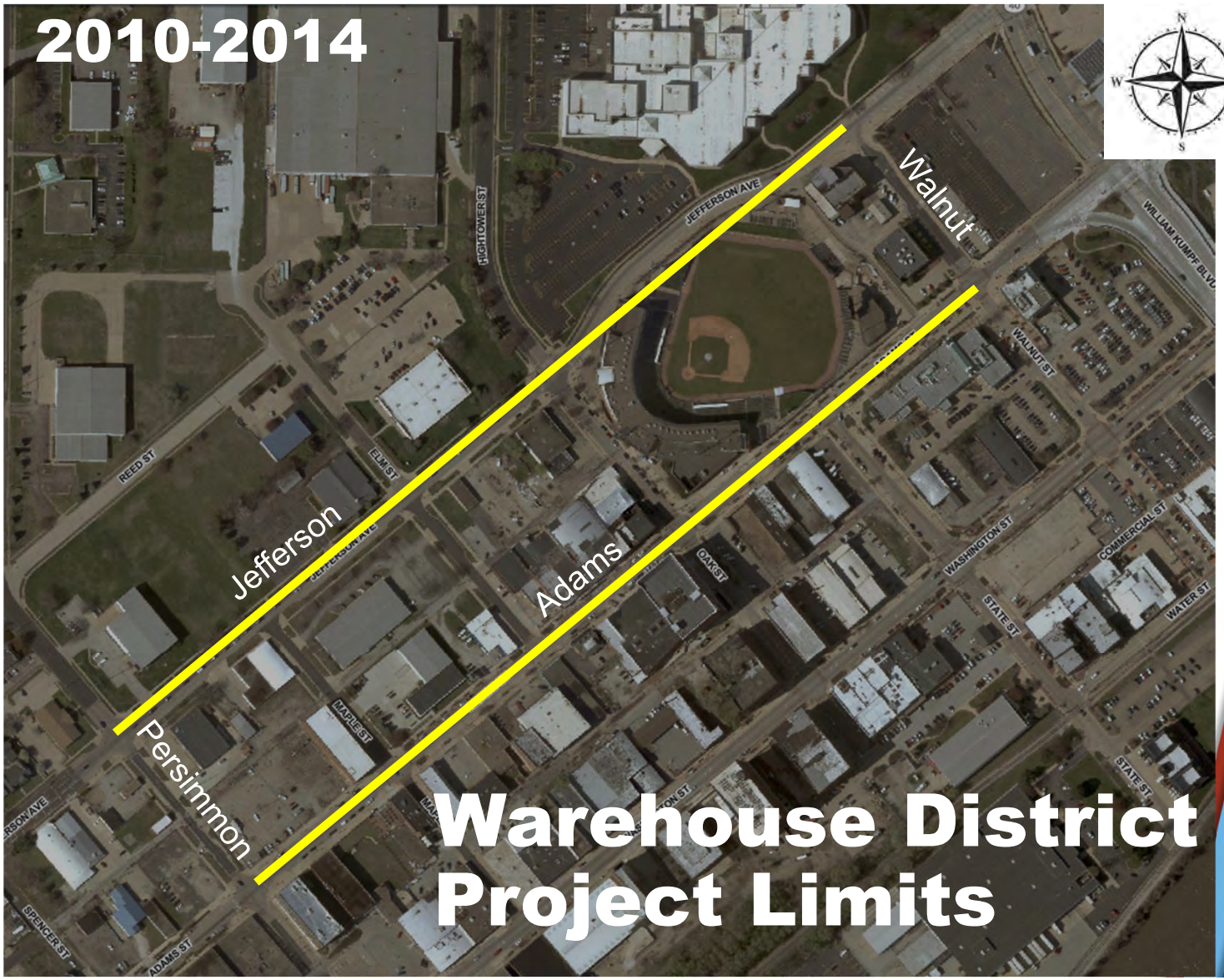
Adams Street - Circa 1960 - taken from Peoria Public Library



Why Change Back to Two-Way Configuration

- Spur economic development
- Revitalize the corridor
- Encourage motorists to stop and enjoy the area




2010-2014
Walnut
Jefferson
Adams
Persimmon
Warehouse District
Project Limits
JEFFERSON AVE
HIGHTOWER ST
WILLIAM KUMPFF BLVD
WALNUT ST
REED ST
ELM ST
OAK ST
WASHINGTON ST
COMMERCIAL ST
STATE ST
WATER ST
MAPLE ST
SPENCER ST
ADAMS ST



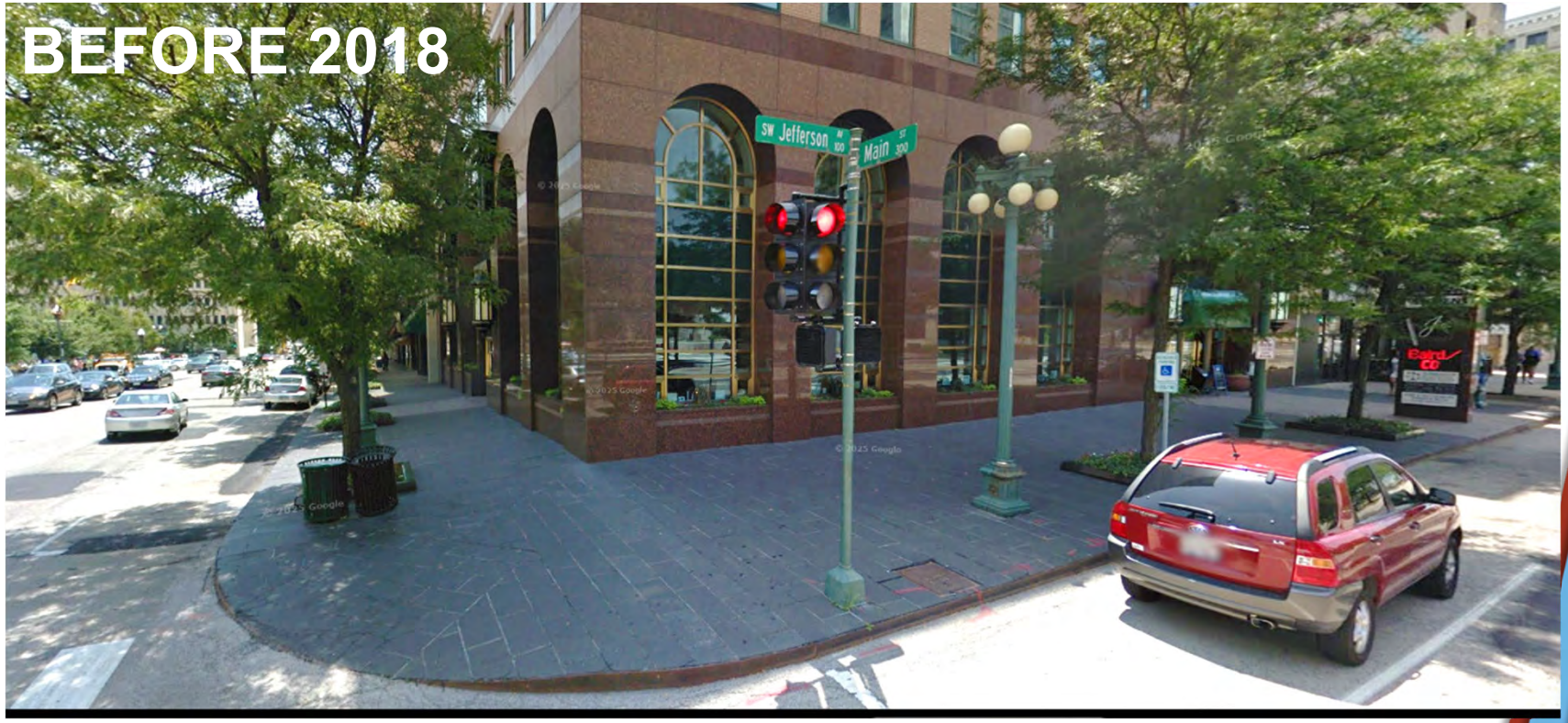
Central Business District Project Limits 2024-2026

Project Scope

- Improve Traffic Signals
- Improve Pedestrian Accommodations
- Add Bike Lanes
- Create three lane section
- Maintain Parking



Challenges- Design



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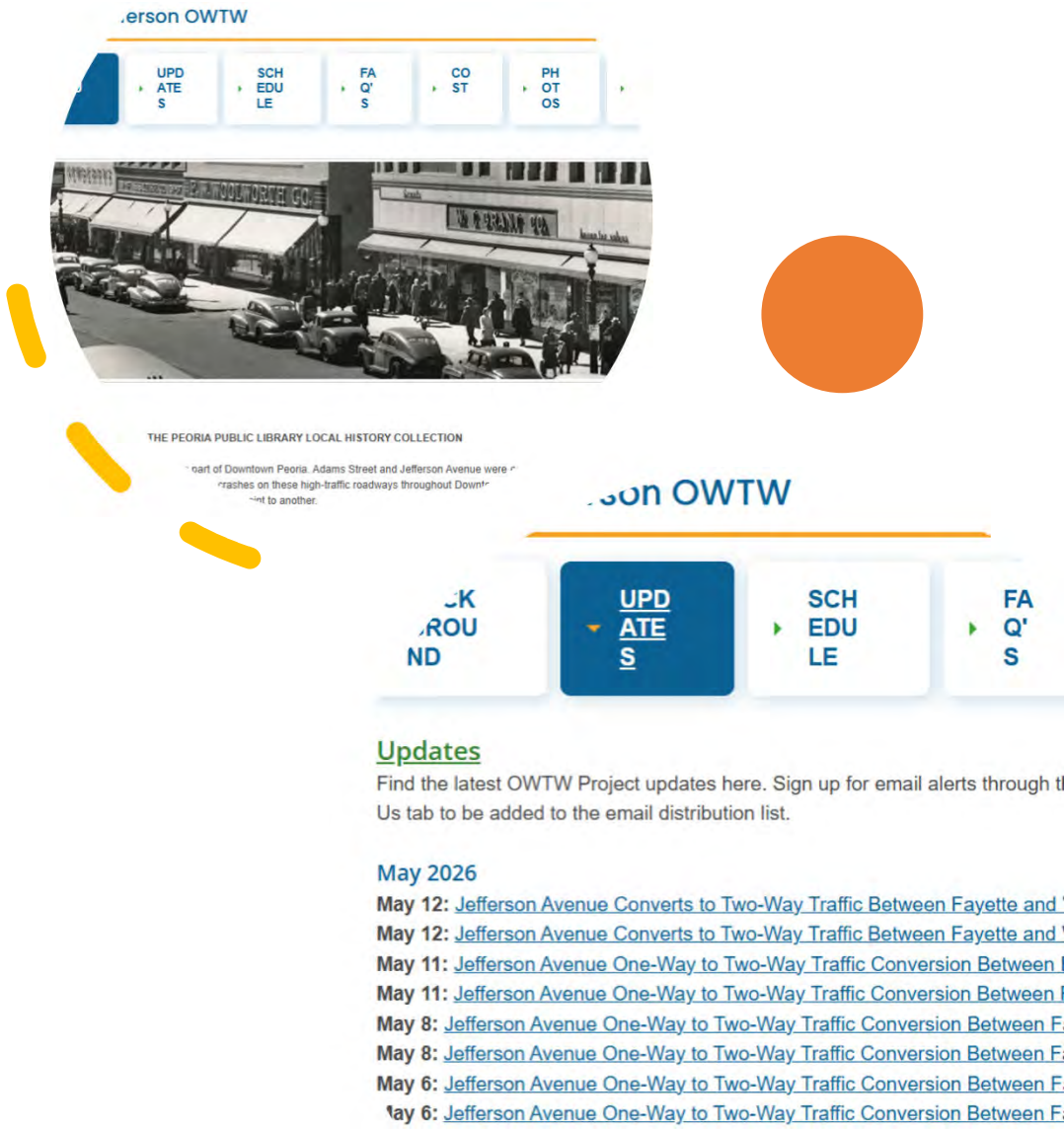
Challenges- Design



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Challenges- Communication

- Adjacent property owners
- Residents
- Employees
- Public
- Vehicles traveling through



Challenges- Vaults



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Challenges- Vaults & Utilities





Challenges- Utilities





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Challenges- Coordination

- Projects by Adjacent Properties:
  - County Courthouse
  - Civic Center
  - Distillery Labs
  - Caterpillar
  - Parking decks
  - Twin Towers





Challenges- Utilities

- Projects by Utilities Companies:
  - Ameren Electric
  - Ameren Gas
  - Illinois American Water (IAW)
  - IAW water main break
  - Greater Peoria Sanitary District

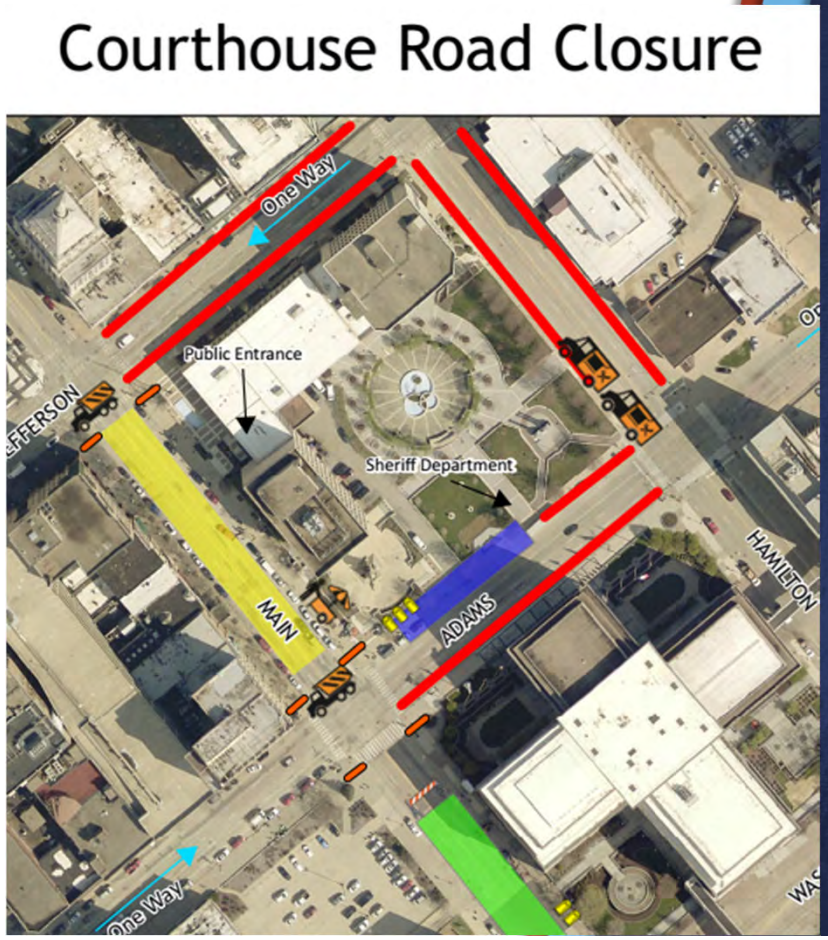


Challenges- Coordination

- Major trial at County Courthouse
- Parade route- 5 parades
- Road races- 4 races
- CityLink Transfer Station
- Big Picture two murals







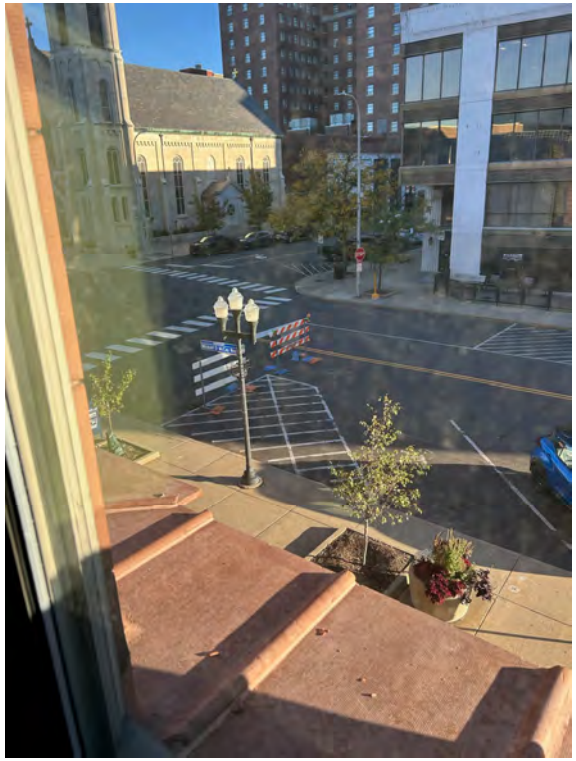
Challenges- Big Brother

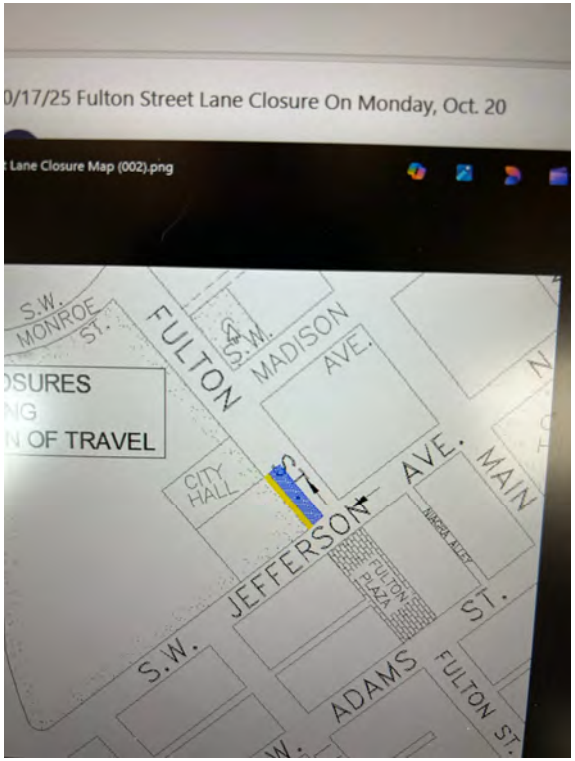
Project adjacent to

- City Hall – City Manager
- County Courthouse- County Administrator
- IDOT District 4 Headquarters
- Two Council people worked in the project area



Challenges- Traffic Control Inspection from Above





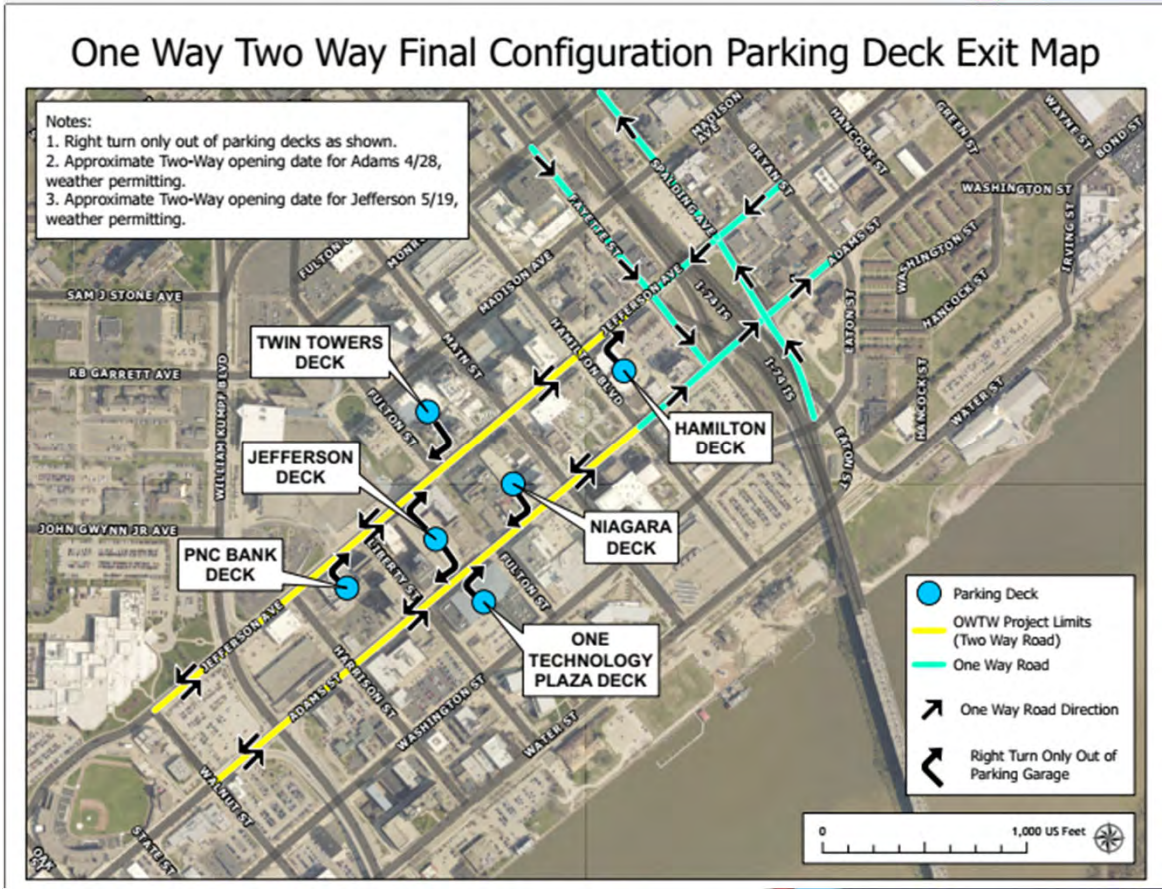


Challenges- On-street Parking

- How to maintain during construction
- Parking enforcement coordination
- Signage/Communication
- Parking meters

Challenges- Parking Decks

- Access maintained during construction
- Decks changed to right out only after construction
- Hamilton Deck right out puts vehicles into one-way streets





Traffic Signals



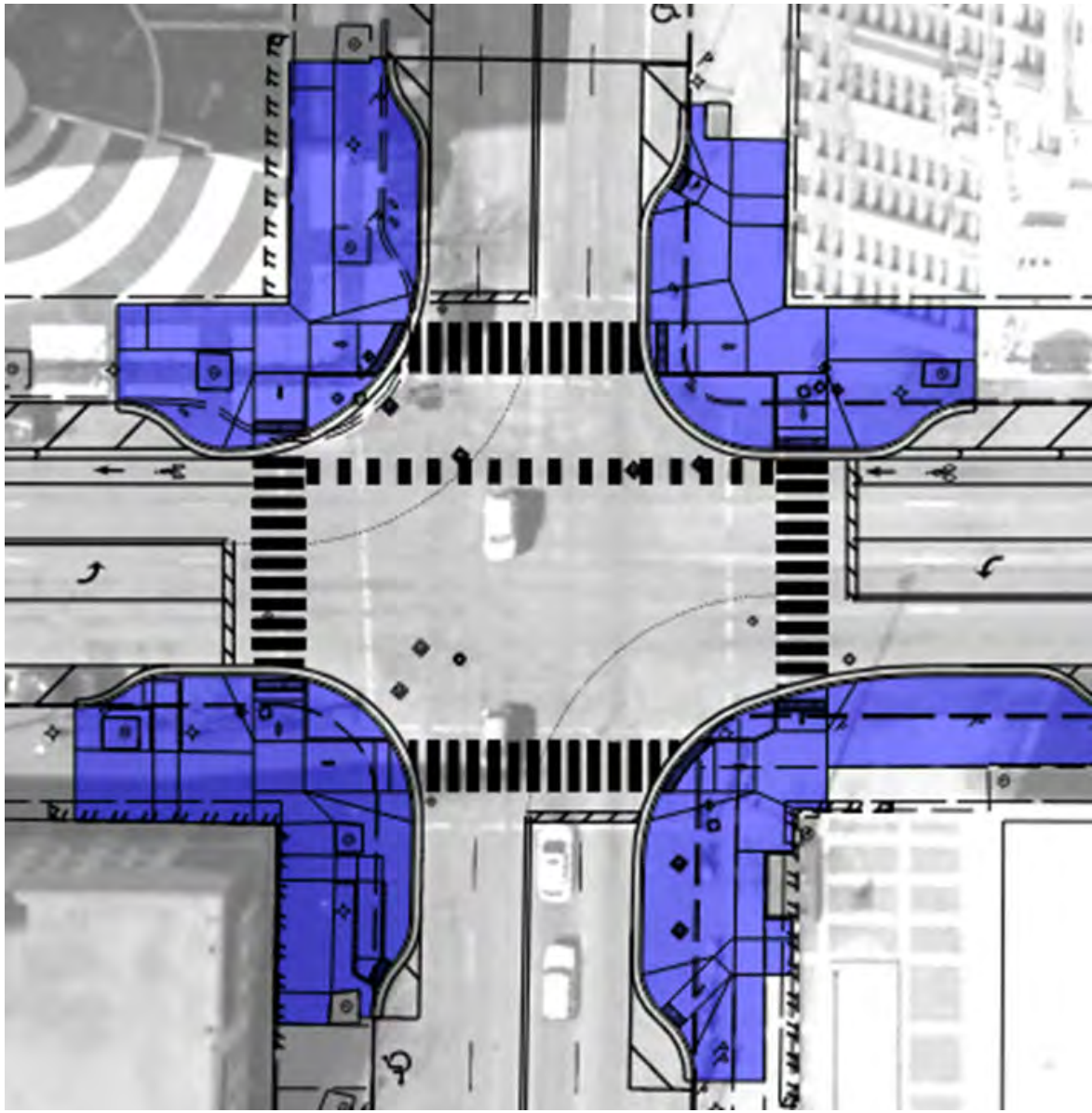
Bike Lanes





Provide bump-outs at corners

- Narrow roadway
- Reduce pedestrian crossing distance
- Shelter parking lanes



Public Concerns

- People won’t change.
- People don’t know how to drive.
- You will have major accidents and head on collisions.
- Will we have access to parking decks?
- Are we losing parking?
- Will there be enough parking?
- Will we have access during construction?



Reality

- People changed quickly.
- People still don’t know how to drive.
- No major accidents; no head on collisions.
- Access to parking decks was maintained.
- Lost a few on-street parking spaces.
- Added and improved handicapped on-street parking.
- Access during construction maintained.





Funding Sources

- Federal
  - TIGER II
  - HSIP
  - ARPA
- State Motor Fuel tax,
- Local motor fuel tax
- TIF
- Stormwater utility funds

2014-2020 Data

Residential Units	# of Units
Completed	164
Under Construction	290
Announced	8
Exploring	100
Residential Units Total	**562**

Business Start-up/Relocation	
Completed	37
Announced	1
Exploring	1
Business Start-up/Relocation Total	**39**

Project Type		# of Projects
Development		46
Completed	26	
Under Construction	10	
Permitted	0	
Hired Professionals	0	
Property Acquired	7	
Negotiations Under Way	2	
Gathering Information	0	
Total Dev.	**45**	
Infrastructure		5
Property Acquisition		1
Public Art		1
Public Parks		1
Projects Active Total		**54**
Projects Abandoned Total		**84**
Projects Assisted Grand Total		**138**

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ARTE TEQUILA TACOS
OPEN
SW Adams St
BIKE LANE
BEGIN TWO WAY TRAFFIC

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FIRST CAR NEW WAY 2026





QUESTIONS?