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Initial Stakeholder Meeting Invitation Downtown Transportation Improvements Project

Dear Property Owners, Business Owners, and Other Interested Stakeholders:

You are receiving this letter as an invite to the upcoming Initial Stakeholder Meeting to discuss the Downtown Transportation Improvements Project.

The last downtown revitalization effort was implemented on Main Street between Monroe Street and Maplewood Avenue in 1983. Many of the elements of this plan are still visible today including street trees, paver inlays, a bell kiosk, brick columns and walls, entry signage, and horsehead bollards. Decorative street lights were extended from Maplewood Avenue to Erie Street in 1987.

With this two-block area of our downtown central core on Main Street close to 40 years old, the City would like to take the initial steps and begin to understand the vision and needs of our downtown stakeholders and community. There are many aspects of the project beyond the traditional roadway and utility work that will need to be considered such as access, transportation, event infrastructure, parking, aesthetics, seating, and branding. It is our goal that by listening to our stakeholders early on that we can incorporate as many common interests into the Preliminary Engineering Design Plan that will be used as the template for Final Design Engineering.

The Initial Stakeholder Meeting will be held in City Council Chambers (6635 Maplewood Avenue) on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm. City Administration including our design team of DGL Consulting Engineers, EDGE, and JDRM Engineering will be on hand to facilitate the discussion, share exhibits, and accept public comments.

The City is excited to take this initial step at defining our vibrant downtown community for the next 40 years. We look forward to seeing you on August 24th.

Sincerely,

Kevin G. Aller, P.E.

Director of Public Service