Coffee and Conversation
Norwalk's Wall Street Project
Project Goals

- Driven by traffic improvements
- Economic Development
- Bringing People Downtown
- More functional streetscape/sidewalks
- Highlight Historic & Art involvement
Project Team
What has been the process?

• Workshop 1 - June 14, 2022
• Went through all input and created concept design
• Shared design presentation – November 14, 2022
• Finalizing design
• Presenting final design to community in Fall 2023
Charrette 1 - June 14, 2022

• Over 350 participants!
• Over 3,000 inputs!
What did we learn?

• 472 Completed Surveys
• Input on major design elements like:
  • Crosswalks
  • Lighting
  • Sidewalks
  • Street trees
  • Seating
Gathered information through a Visual Preference Survey
What We Heard: Intersections and Roadways

• Create roads that are scaled for a safe downtown
• Create intersections that are safe and work for all users
What We Heard: Parking

• Provide adequate on-street parking for customers and visitors

• Many people don’t like the angled parking spaces

• Create direct, safe connections from parking facilities to business areas and attractions
What We Heard: Walking and Biking Routes

• Connect existing pathways (Harbor Loop, River Walks, NRVT)
• Improve sidewalks as great places to walk
• Accommodate outdoor/sidewalk dining
• Connect existing bike routes/trails
• Provide safe spaces for bikes to move
What We Heard: Transit Facilities

• Improve intermodal connections
• Improve transit facilities
What We Heard: Gathering and Event Spaces

• Create major public gathering space that can be closed for events and celebrations
• Enhance Freese Park and connections to it
• Intersections as small gathering spaces
Traffic Research and Analysis

- Wall Street is major east-west thoroughfare through city, first connector north of 95
- Data gathering
- Analysis
- Results

- Safe thru-put of vehicles
- It is possible to balance high-vehicular traffic with thru-put with complete streets
- Convert Burnell Blvd to two-way
Wall Street Improvement Design Goals

• Create roads that are scaled for a safe downtown
• Create intersections that are safe for all users
• Provide adequate on-street parking for customers and visitors
• Provide safe spaces for bikes to move
• Improve sidewalks as great places to walk
• Create spaces for people to gather
• Accommodate outdoor/sidewalk dining
• Respect historic context
• Integrate the vibrant arts culture
Intersections, Roads, and Parking
Belden, West, and Wall Intersection
Wall Street Corridor
Burnell Boulevard and Main Street
Burnell Boulevard
Sidewalks and Public Space
Belden, West, and Wall Intersection
Gateways
Wall Street Corridor
Lighting and Street Trees
Historic Context

- Former trolley tracks
- Historically inspired streetlights
- Cannon at the intersection
- Trolley circulator
- Wall Street Historical figures
- Historic Wall Street Bridge
Arts Integration
Gathering Spaces and Trail Connections
River Street Festival Street

RIVER STREET CROSS SECTION
Freese Park
Yankee Doodle Garage Connection
Drum roll........
Where we are we now?

Project is now estimated at $27MM

Secured approximately $21MM

Phase 1 – East Wall Street, from Brooks St to Main St will be out to bid in less than 30 days.

Yankee Doodle Garage repairs begin in the Fall with façade improvements immediately following.

3rd Community meeting being planned for Fall 2023.
Thanks!!

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