

Attachment 2

Draft Downtown Apex Master Plan and Parking Study: Summary of Comments and Recommended Changes

Comment Summary	Recommendation
Incorporate stormwater mitigation into redesign for Salem Street	Section 8.2 (Page 129) – Add new bullet: Incorporate green infrastructure elements such as permeable pavement, bioswales, planter boxes, and trees to mitigate stormwater impacts.
Concern over adding housing downtown	No change – Additional housing in downtown will happen incrementally with upper story loft space conversions, new mixed-use buildings, and accessory dwelling units among others. Finding a way to provide housing within an easy walk or bicycle ride will reduce congestion downtown and add vibrancy.
Need for pedestrian and roadway improvements downtown, particularly sidewalks	No change - Multi-modal transportation projects were identified as part of the updated transportation plan adopted in February 2019. That plan does prioritize installation of sidewalks within the downtown area.
Add charging stations to parking lots	Section 6.7 (page 106) – Add new bullet: Charging stations for electric vehicles in public parking areas.
Need for additional/more schools	No change - School planning and siting was not within the scope of this specific study; however, the Town does work with the school system on plans for future schools.
Close Salem Street between Center Street and Chatham Street to vehicles – make it a pedestrian-only street	No change - This idea was considered during the charrette and was not recommended for inclusion in the plan document. Salem Street is an important route of travel and the businesses along Salem Street rely on the exposure from vehicular traffic. Pedestrian volumes are not high enough to warrant a pedestrian-only street. The recommended changes to the streetscape, including widened sidewalks, will enhance the pedestrian experience and feeling of safety for non-motorized travelers.
Incorporate the ability to screen outdoor movies in the design for the Depot plaza	No change – This idea is already recommended for testing as part of a tactical urbanism project at the depot on page 152. It can be further considered during the detailed design and construction drawing process for the proposed Depot Plaza on page 176.