

Strong Local Economy

Economic Revitalization	 Pursue acquisition or work with owners to lease storefronts of vacant or underutilized properties for development or temporary activity space. Allow food trucks downtown. Encourage pop-up businesses on vacant lots. Allow public art exhibits within public property. Expand parks and recreation offerings as means to attract and retain residents. 	City Council, DDA, Planning Commission	Long-Term Short-Term Short-Term Short-Term Short-Term
Building Use and Design	 Allow building heights up to three stories (third story set back at least 20') Update the Zoning Ordinance and implement a form-based code and storefront design requirements Eliminate parking requirements for new commercial buildings located downtown Design recessed doorways for future commercial buildings to improve pedestrian flow Add focal points at end of streets and alleyways 	Planning Commission, City Council	Mid-Term Short-Term Mid-Term Long-Term Mid/Long-Term

Short-Term: 0-6 Months

Mid-Term: 1 year+

Long-Term: Ongoing

Action	Key Implementation Tasks	Responsible Agency	Timeframe
Waterfront			
Waterfront Enhancement	 Create focal point at Douglas Harbor Remove City repository Enhance pedestrian connections to waterfront (Washington Street, Water Street and Center Street) Construct continuous multi-use trail from Douglas Harbor to Blue Star Highway underpass Add tactical placement of signage, wayfinding and visual cues to waterfront 	DPW, City Council, DDA, Planning Commission	Mid/Long-Term Mid/Long-Term Mid/Long-Term Mid/Long-Term Mid/Long-Term
Blue Star Highway Underpass Activation	 Enhance lighting and signage Add permanent benches Add public art murals 	City Council	Mid-Term Mid-Term Mid-Term

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Mid-Term: 1 year+

Long-Term: Ongoing

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Transportation and Mobility						
Blue Star / Center Intersection	 Construct "bump-outs" at the intersection as a means for traffic-calming and shortening pedestrian crosswalks Resurface crosswalks with raised pavement markings Construct landscaped medians / pedestrian islands along Blue Star Highway and Center Street 	City Council, DPW, Planning Commission, City Engineer	Long-Term Long-Term Long-Term			
Pedestrian Accessibility	 Add crossings along Blue Star Highway to St. Peter's Drive, Union Street and Main Street Add pedestrian walkway along Washington Street Complete the Beach to Bayou Trail 	City Council, DPW, Planning Commission, City Engineer	Long-Term Long-Term Mid/Long-Term			
Alternative Transit	 Add bike racks, bike sharing facilities and/or repair stations Downtown Implement a shuttle system to transport residents/visitors between Downtown and Douglas Beach 	DDA, Planning Commission, City Council	Short-Term Long-Term			

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