

Lake Street

Reconstruction and Streetscaping

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PROJECT GOALS

As approved at April 15, 2003 by the Project Advisory Committee
(Not in order of preference)

A. Public Safety

1. Improve safety conditions for all corridor users.
2. Expand sidewalk capacity, improving pedestrian safety.
3. Integrate with existing and proposed amenities and public infrastructure in the Midtown Greenway.

B. Transportation Capacity Improvements

1. Improve transit service, infrastructure and amenities.
2. Improve street capacity where needed and when possible.
3. Evaluate need for parking on and near Lake Street during and after construction.
4. Accommodate non-motorized transportation.

C. Neighborhood Livability and Business Vitality

1. Provide measures that residents and businesses agree will sustain business growth, economic vitality and neighborhood livability.
2. Provide streetscape features creating a pleasant environment for residents, shoppers and visitors, including the identification of green space and public art opportunities.
3. Build on the positive and unique identity of Lake Street as a diverse corridor of businesses and residential neighborhoods offering a pleasant destination for repeat visits.
4. Use of “context sensitive” design principles.
5. Maximize capacity improvements without adversely affecting private properties.

D. Sustainability

1. Minimize negative impacts to local businesses and residential neighborhoods during and after project implementation.
2. Improve the sustainability of Lake Street through roadway and streetscape design and the use of new technology. Sustainability guidelines available nationally should be utilized to determine appropriate implementation measures.
3. Integrate gray (pavement), blue (storm water) and green (plantings/open space) systems within the Lake Street corridor.
4. Integrate roadway and streetscape planning with land-use and development planning in effort to avoid conflicts (e.g. loading/unloading at businesses) while recognizing Lake Street as a designated “truck route”.