



# CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

448 E. 1st Street, Room 190 Salida, Colorado 81201

January 16, 2024 - 5:00 PM

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## AGENDA

Please register for the City Council Work Session

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8054749917914710285>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- [1.](#) Tree Board Interviews
- [2.](#) Wayfinding Discussion
- [3.](#) 2024 F Street Discussion



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMO

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Administration	Sara Law - Sustainability Coordinator/PIO	January 16, 2024

### **ITEM**

Tree Board Interviews

### **BACKGROUND**

There are two more applicants for the Tree Board and Salida Municipal Code Section 2-12-10 says that the Board shall consist of a minimum of three members. Staff published advertisements in the Mountain Mail for Boards and Commissions and we received applications from the following candidates interested in being on the Tree Board.

Wendy Weiner  
Kris Chestasky



## APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SALIDA COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

DATE 1-4-2024  
 NAME Wendy Weiner  
 ADDRESS 1432 I St  
 CITY Salida STATE CO ZIP 81201  
 TELEPHONE # (home) 719-429-7390 (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 FAX # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ibikerideski@gmail.com

### APPLYING FOR:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment              | <input type="checkbox"/> Salida/Chaffee County Airport Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Appeals                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art Commission               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree Board               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Committee            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROST                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

**Please fill out the following information about yourself and why you are applying for this position. (Attach resume or extra sheets if necessary)**

### BACKGROUND AND/OR EXPERIENCE (Business and/or Personal):

I have spent a year on the tree board. I have surveyed the town trees, made recommendations, done tree planting, and made group decisions about trees for the city.

PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:

I had a gardening service for 20 years maintaining, planting, pruning all manner of plants.  
I have had numerous classes in tree maintenance.  
I currently maintain a big garden at my home that has at least 12 fruit trees.

REASONS FOR APPLYING:

I feel my interest in plants and trees from the perspective of a backyard gardener offers the board another point of view for our towns trees, aesthetic, practical and otherwise.

Thank you for applying, Salida City Council

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Salida, CO 81201  
or email to:  
[Clerk@cityofsalida.com](mailto:Clerk@cityofsalida.com)





## APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SALIDA COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

DATE December 10, 2023  
 NAME Kristen (Kris) Cheskaty  
 ADDRESS 14749 Quartz Circle  
 CITY Salida STATE CO ZIP 81201  
 TELEPHONE # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (cell) 772-486-1239  
 FAX # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL krisc@bellsouth.net

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### BACKGROUND AND/OR EXPERIENCE (Business and/or Personal):

Current Tree Board Member appointed April 2022. Serving in the capacity of Treasurer and Secretary.

Certified Colorado Gardner, having completed the Colorado Master Gardener coursework Spring semester 2023.

Retired and living full time in Salida (Chaffee County).

My experience pertinent to participation with the Tree Board includes having worked both with and for small municipalities, worked directly with the public, extensive project management and environmental stewardship through my educational background and professional experience.

My attached resume provides some detail of my previous professional business experience.

**PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:**

My husband, Rex, and I moved to Salida from south Florida in April 2021 with our Chinese Shar-pei, Choca. We leased property just outside the city limits while building our home in Weldon Creek, which we have recently completed and moved in to.

We have been involved with CSFS and Colorado Fire Camp in developing a Forest Management Plan for our property. This has been a very educational partnership.

Environmental stewardship and conservation are focal points in my life.

We were drawn to Salida by the small community atmosphere, natural beauty of the area, abundant wildlife, year-round outdoor recreation and the many services available.

Our interests include gardening, golfing, cooking, hiking, fly fishing and skiing.

**REASONS FOR APPLYING:**

As a full-time Chaffee County resident, I am interested in actively serving the community in which I live. I wish to continue my participation with the Tree Board to help to further educate our residents on all things regarding our urban forest, continue to grow the Adopt-A-Tree program, and work with City staff to continue to provide guidance and stewardship for the trees of Salida.

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**Kristen C. Cheskaty**  
14749 Quartz Circle  
Salida, CO 81201  
(772) 486-1239

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## **BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

Currently retired following thirty-two years professional experience in sales, technical and managerial positions in both governmental and private sectors. Proven administrative and managerial success in the coordination of on-site Real Estate Brokerage for private member-owned Country Clubs, an international business venture, as well as my own business ventures in Real Estate sales. Accomplished in project development, implementation and completion, team work and working with the public.

## **PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE**

**Sailfish Point Property Owners' Association**  
Stuart, Florida

**July 2010 to January 2021**

On-site Real Estate Brokerage Office for Sailfish Point Golf and Country Club

**Managing Partner / Broker**

Provided direction and leadership for member-owned on-site Real Estate Brokerage, supported by three staff members and four commissioned Realtors®.

Worked directly with Club Finance, Membership and Marketing, Golf, Marina and Real Estate Committees.

**Mariner Sands Realty, Inc.**  
Stuart, Florida

**October 2007 to June 2009**

On-site Real Estate Brokerage Office for Mariner Sands Country Club

**President / Broker**

Provided direction and leadership for member-owned on-site Real Estate Brokerage, supported by three staff members and two commissioned Realtors®.

**Callahan Realty Services Group, Inc.**  
Stuart, Florida until March 2021 and presently Salida, Colorado

**October 2006 to Present**

Real Estate Brokerage Office

**Broker Owner and Realtor®**

Own and operate Real Estate Brokerage Corporation.

**Kristen C. Cheskaty**

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**Treasure Coast Realty GMAC**  
Stuart, Florida

**September 2002 to 2006**

Real Estate Brokerage Office

**Realtor®**

Recognized as a Top Producer for the office in 2004 and 2005. Obtained GRI Designation October 2004. Obtained Florida Real Estate Broker license May 2006.

**PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE**

**Armstrong International, Inc.**  
Stuart, Florida

**1993 – April 2002**

Privately held corporation, with manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe, Australia and Asia, producing industrial steam specialty equipment.

**Corporate Liaison and Technical Advisor to CEO**

1995 – April 2002

**Engineering Coordinator for Petrochemical Division**

1994 - 1995

**Staff Engineer**

1993 - 1994

Provided direction and leadership for Product Engineering, Information Technology, Production Control, Purchasing and Sales.

**Major Accomplishments:**

- Developed, coordinated and implemented administrative and operational policies at a start up manufacturing facility in Beijing, PRC.
- Assisted in establishing a new product development and offering in the petrochemical marketplace resulting in an increase of \$6 million annual sales.

## **Kristen C. Cheskaty**

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**Town of Jupiter**  
Jupiter, Florida

**1990 - 1991**

Municipal Government, Department of Community Development

**Planning and Zoning Technician**

Reviewed site plans and permit applications for compliance with Town codes. Performed site inspections. Authored staff reports to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town Council. Departmental liaison for public inquiries and concerns.

**Development Engineering, Inc.**  
Stuart, Florida

**1989 - 1990**

Civil Engineering Firm

**Environmental Engineer**

Developed site plans, drainage reports and cost estimates for local development projects. Prepared permit applications. Completed site inspections. Submitted final development plans to the city and the county.

**Kristen C. Cheskaty**

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**PERSONAL SUMMARY**

Real Estate Broker, Realtor® and Graduate Realtor® Institute

BS Hydrogeology, 1992, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Environmental Engineering, 1983 - 1988, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Certified Laubach Literacy and ESL tutor

References available upon request.



## WORKSESSION MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Parks and Recreation	Diesel Post - Parks and Recreation Director	January 15, 2024

### **ITEM**

City directional and pedestrian wayfinding

### **BACKGROUND**

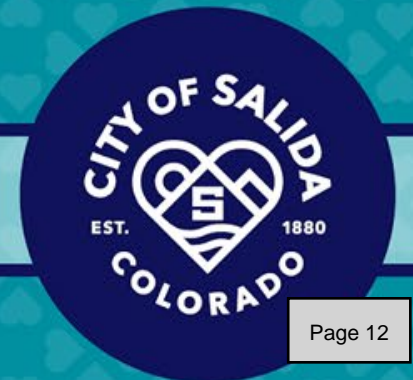
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The following presentation is an update on the status of this project, along with an opportunity for Council to discuss the downtown pedestrian wayfinding options.



# Salida Wayfinding 2024

Updating the existing wayfinding and directional sign throughout the City

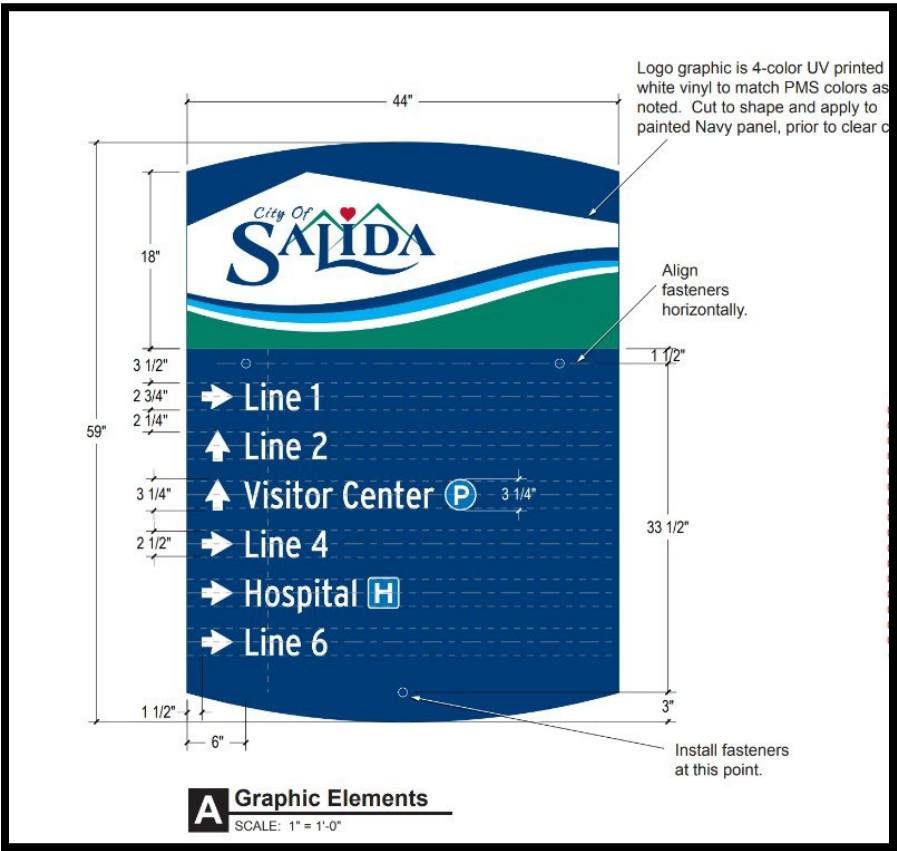






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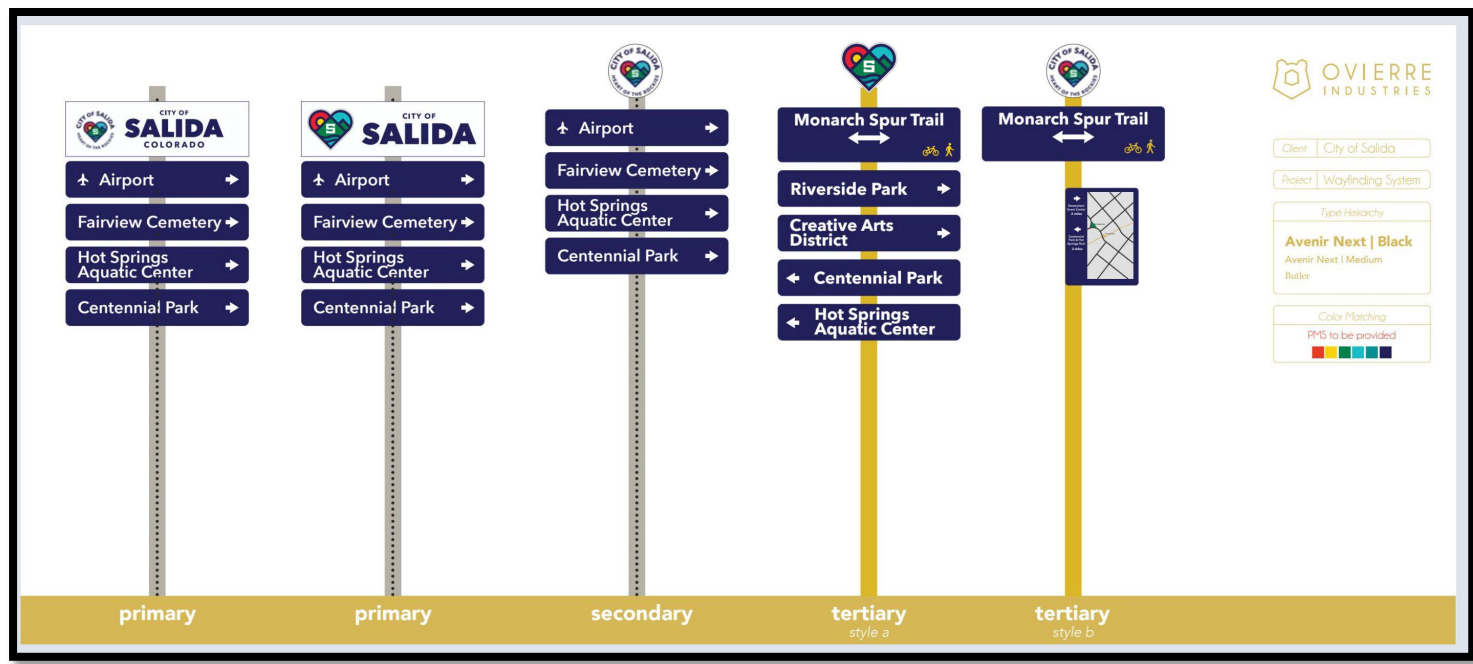
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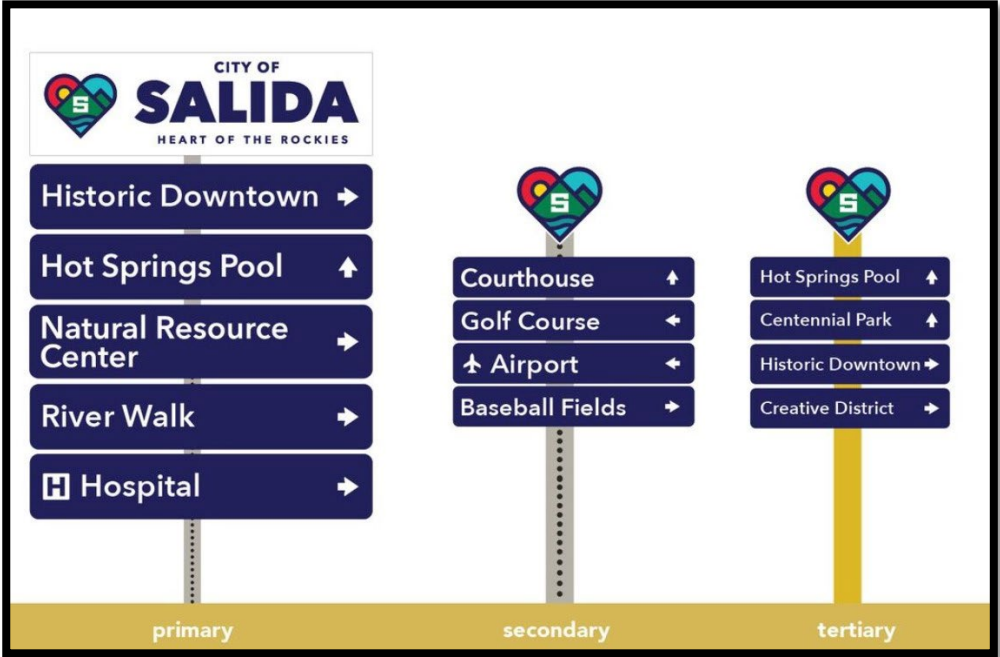
# Primary, Secondary, Tertiary directional sign process

Staff reached out to the previous producer (Star Designs,) and Ovierre Industries for an updated design and estimate. Ultimately, staff believed that the Ovierre design met the needs of the community better and is pursuing a finalized design with them.

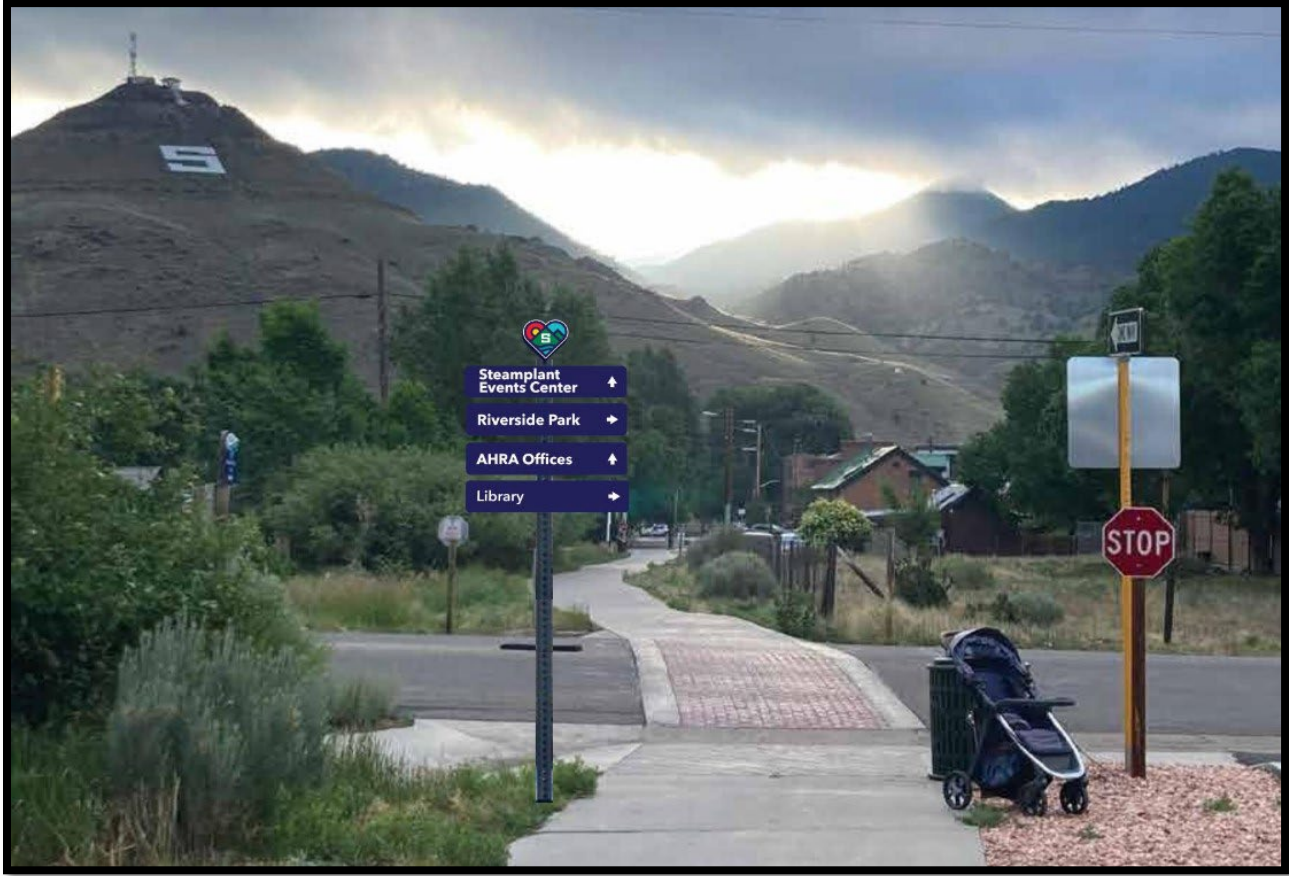




# Primary, Secondary, Tertiary directional sign status







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# Downtown Pedestrian sign process

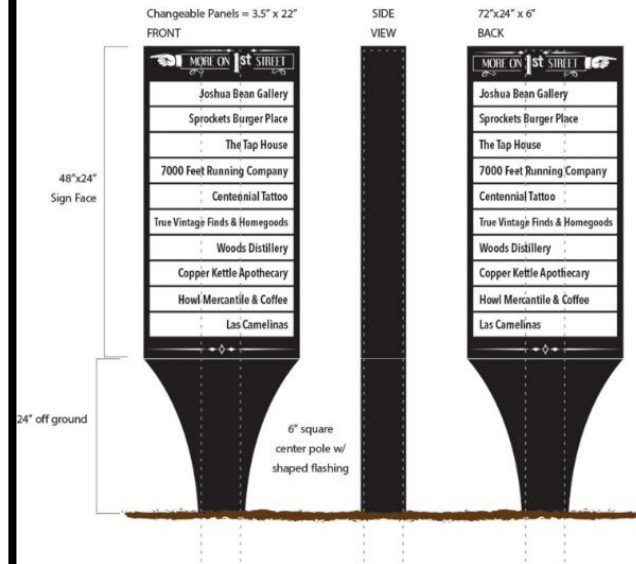
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Upon direction from Council, Staff reached out a local designer to explore an “additional shops on 1<sup>st</sup>” signage option based on requests from businesses in 1<sup>st</sup> street. Staff received a design that called out the businesses, but was off brand. Staff requested the design be branded with our existing standards (F st. Parking lot kiosk, PFD loaner station, Portalet screens, etc.) and that an option for promoting businesses and other areas in town in a more dynamic way be explored.





## Ridgline Proposal



## Ridgline Shape w/ City Logo & Fonts



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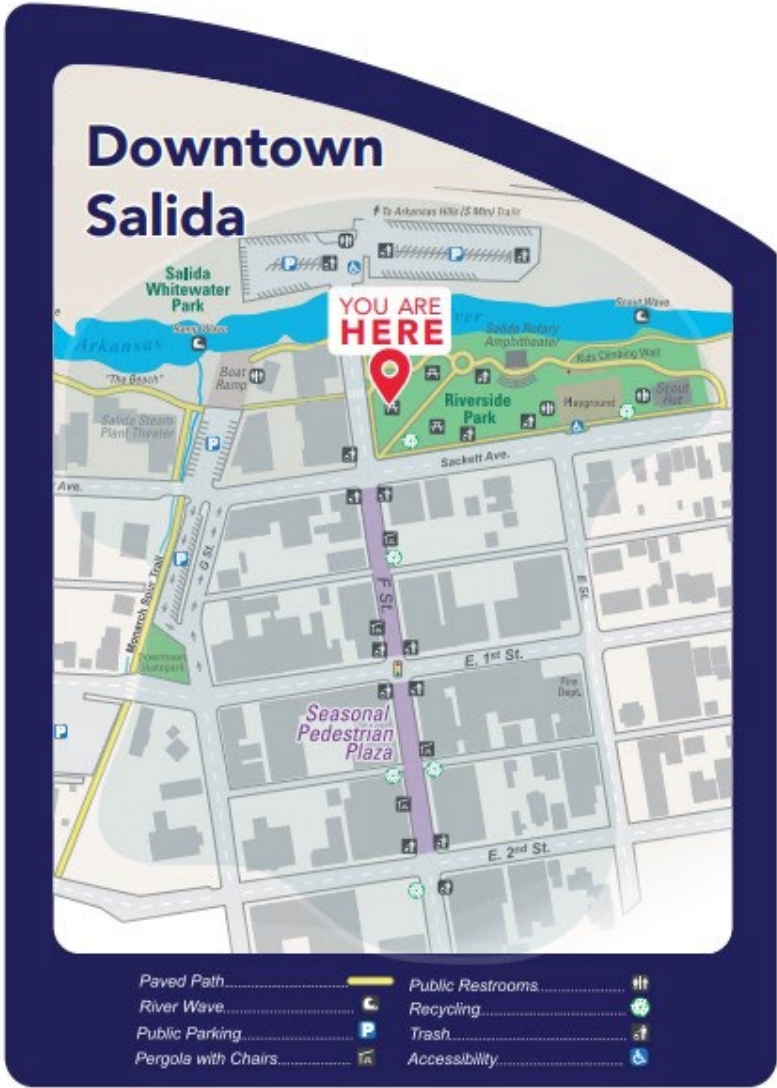
Summertime Sidewalk Decals for walking guide launch





# Ovierre Proposal

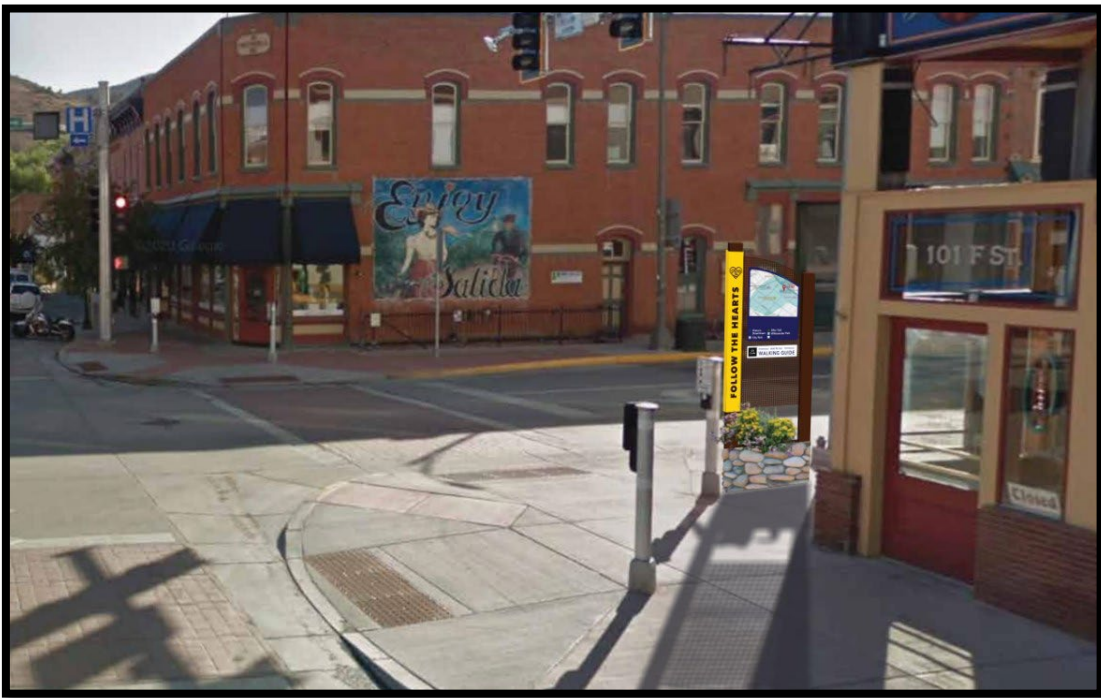
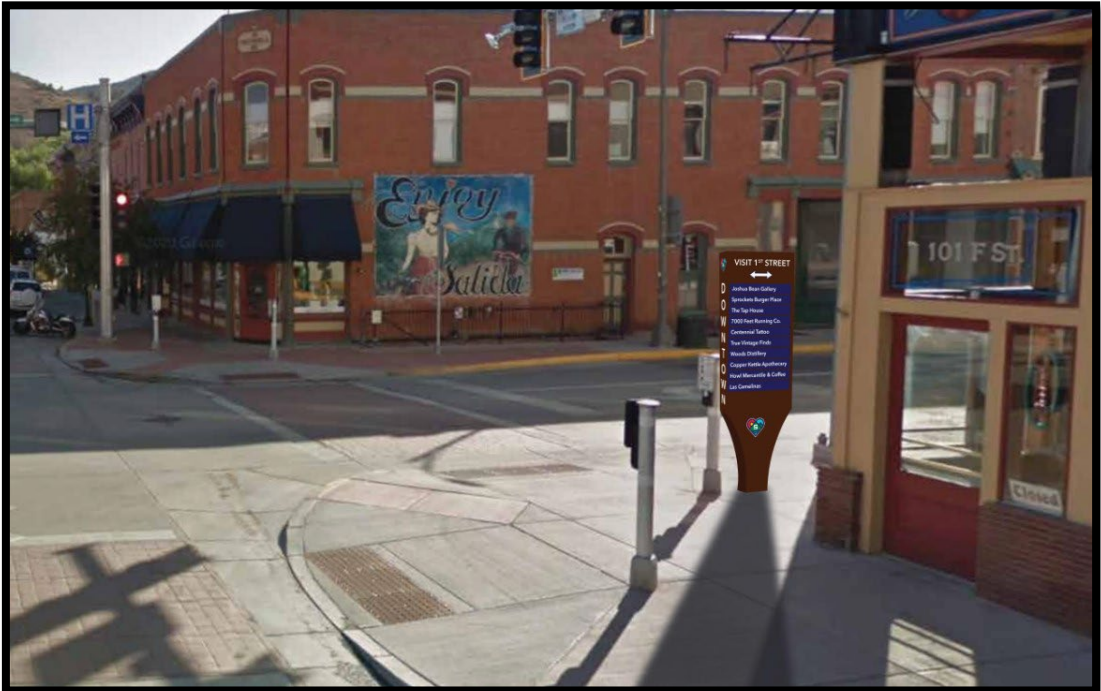
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## WALKING GUIDE



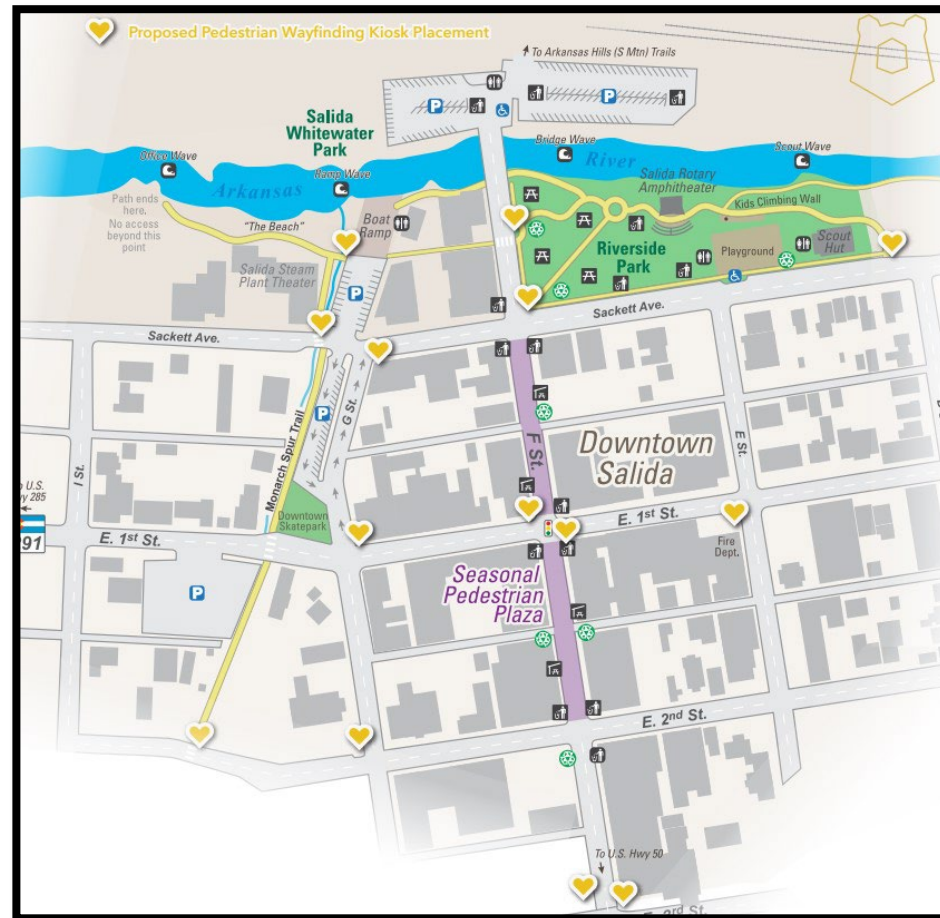






# Downtown Pedestrian sign scope and considerations

- The City does not promote any specific business in the City
- Business names and locations change
- The [Chaffee Visitors Bureau](#) and [Chamber of Commerce](#) engages at this level
- There are private businesses and produce maps with paying businesses on them





## WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Administration	Christy Doon - City Administrator	January 16, 2024

### ITEM

Regarding F Street Plaza and Future F Street Uses

### BACKGROUND

In 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Salida closed F Street, from Sackett to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to allow for restaurants and other retail establishments to move some operations outdoors. F Street was closed from approximately Memorial to Labor Day Weekends. In 2021 the street closure was then extended to a half block of F Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. During the closure, minor improvements to the area were made, including more substantial barricades at the end of each block (painted and some with flowers), additional covered seating in various parking areas, the placement of a community stage in front of Natural Grocers, to name a few.

In early November, a survey was released, which asked a number of questions regarding the amenities available during the closure, the effectiveness of the closure and how often residents and visitors traveled downtown. The responses show a wide cross-section of opinions about the closure. The survey results are attached.

Points for the Council to consider during discussion –

- During the closure, access to downtown buildings by fire or other public safety officers is severely limited. The downtown is the highest risk area for the fire department.
- A full implementation of a permanent pedestrian plaza would cost in the multi-millions of dollars. Currently, the improvement is not reflected in the City's Long Term Financial Management Plan.
- ADA improvements at the corners of F Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and F Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street are currently in the design phase, with completion planned for 2025. Those improvements include expansion of the sidewalks on those corners, which could include additional pedestrian space or other amenities meant to slow traffic and create a greater sense of safety.
- The community stage can be relocated to Alpine or Marvin Park and be programmed by event organizers in other locations.
- The option for businesses to expand into parking spots in front of their buildings still exists. These permits are available through the Clerk's Office.
- The City is currently working to improve the wayfinding signage throughout the community, including in the downtown core. This includes additional information about available parking, location to other businesses and access to trails and parks.
- Interstate Parking has indicated that prime parking spaces (those along F Street) can generate up to \$2000 each annually. The parking management program proposed by staff and approved by Council, allows the City to generate most of the funding from tourists in the summer months. The paid parking spots along F Street (25 per block), are integral to the success of that program.
- In order for the street to be closed the majority of the time and opened for parades, staff would be required to move barricades, remove extended patios or other in-street amenities and provide additional public safety staff to ensure no cars are parked on the street after the event. The Fire and Police Departments have indicated safety concerns given the encroachment of some businesses into the street, with less than the minimum 20' of traffic lane.



## WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

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Administration	Christy Doon - City Administrator	January 16, 2024

City Council asked staff to presented financial information regarding F Street improvements that could be completed with or without the street being closed to vehicles.

Action	Explanation	Additional cost estimate
Close only 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> blocks	Simplify the plaza and traffic flow.	\$0
Move the stage to Alpine or Marvin	The community and City may be able to program more opportunities if it was in a different location.	\$0
Flower Baskets	13 baskets on F St. between Sackett and 2 <sup>nd</sup> . No baskets on 1 <sup>st</sup> street. Mostly staff time to water 2x/day 7 days a week. Other options may be possible.	\$37,462 annually
Pedestrian Wayfinding	Additional wayfinding signs to encourage off F St. exploration.	Varies
Add tree lighting	Solar lights for street trees and light poles for evening ambiance in both the good weather months and through the holidays	\$2,000 - \$3,000
Overhead lighting/decorations	Work with F Street building owners to install guy wires between two-story buildings/light poles that evening mood lighting and decorations can be attached to, inc. during the holidays. Could work for certain festival times, as well. There is some concern from the FD that these lights would be torn out if the ladder truck was deployed.	~\$10,000 for installation and materials
Install speakers	Attach waterproof, Bluetooth speakers to light poles and/or F Street buildings for broadcasting holiday music and other ambient music	~\$5,000 depending upon # of locations
Bollards	Would replace the current concrete barricades. Would still require hours of installation and removal as needed (for parades, etc)	\$300,000 for purchase and initial installation
Intersection improvements at F and 2 <sup>nd</sup> , F and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Includes upgraded ADA parking/ramps, crosswalks, bumpouts for additional bike parking, stamped concrete and other decorative options. These improvements are planned for 2025. Planters, benches, and trash receptacles could also be included for additional pedestrian amenities as well as increasing the size of the area by moving it into one parking spot at the corner. These improvements will improve the walkability and additional amenities whether F St. is open to traffic or not.	\$600,000



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A full closure ped mall is a possibility but it is currently estimated at \$3M+ for pavers, drainage improvements, access, irrigation, landscaping other likely utility upgrades. This does not include the additional staffing demands likely necessary to support these improvements.

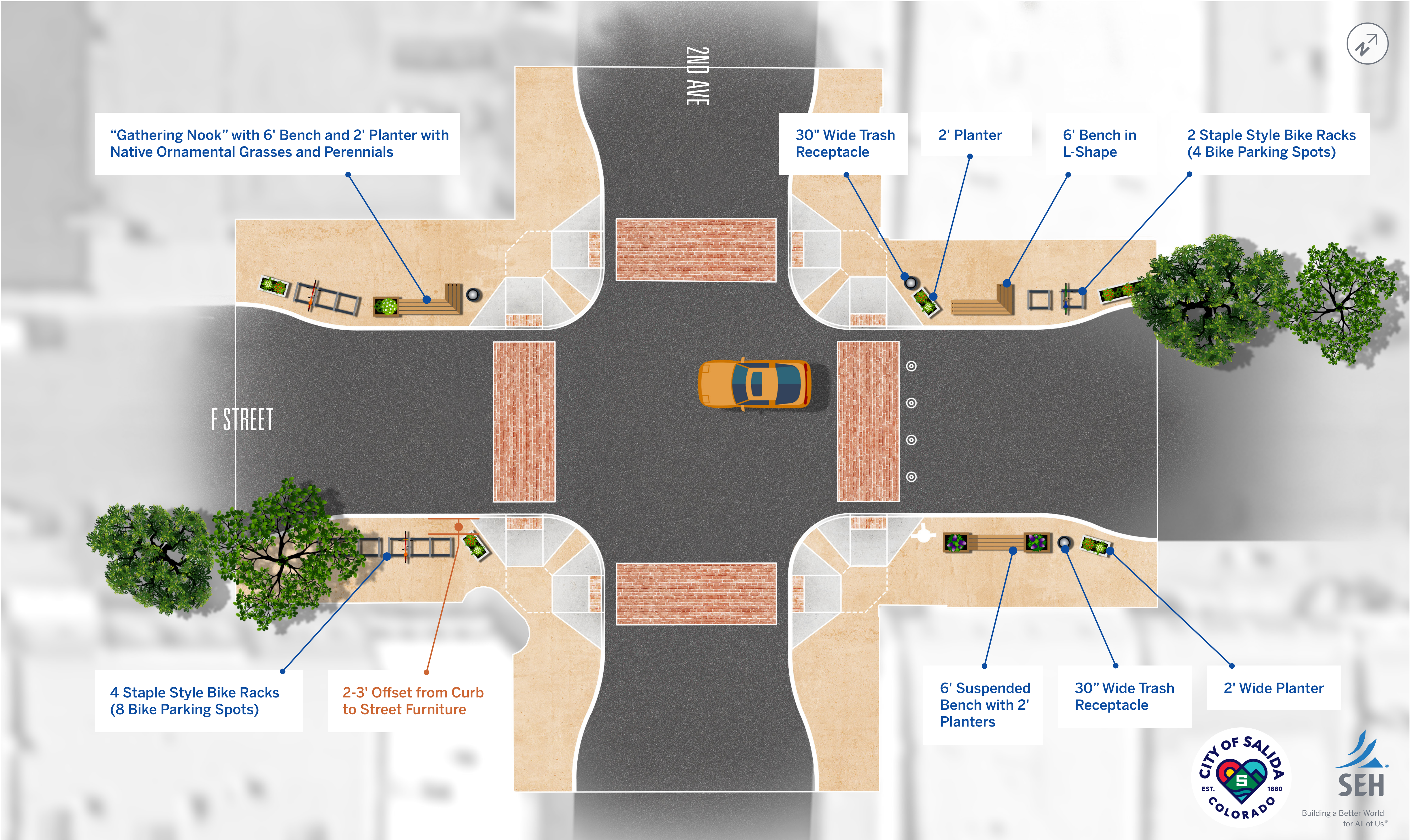


# F STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS | THREE INTERSECTIONS



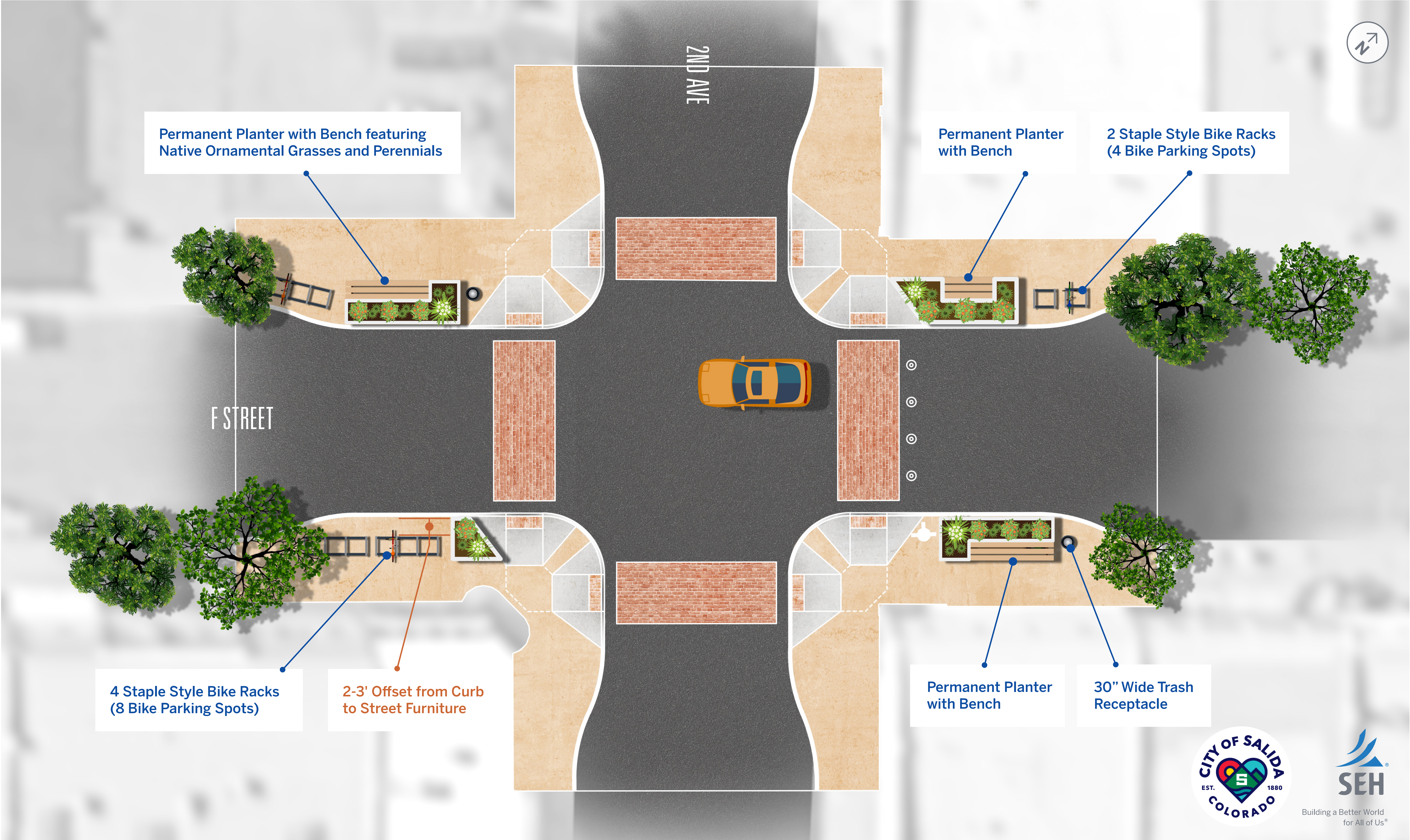


# F STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS | 2ND AVE & F STREET ZOOM, OPTION 1





# F STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS | 2ND AVE & F STREET ZOOM, OPTION 2





CONCEPT 1 DRAFT: “BIKE CONNECTION”



Bird's Eye Perspective



Plan View



Design Assumptions and Notes

- Perspective shows bike parking option with 8 bike parking spots and planter with native perennials.
- 6 ft wide sidewalk along property line of existing buildings.



CONCEPT 2 DRAFT: "GATHERING SPACE"



Design Assumptions and Notes

- Perspective shows a seating and gathering space option. It includes planters with native perennials.
- 6 ft wide sidewalk along property line of existing buildings.





*Juniperus horizontalis*  
creeping juniper



*Rhus aromatica* 'Gro Low'  
'Gro Low' fragrant sumac



*Fallugia paradoxa*  
Apache Plume



*Asclepias tuberosa*  
butterfly weed



*Gallardia*  
blanketflower



*Liatris spicata*  
spike gayfeather



*Penstemon strictus*  
Rocky Mountain Penstemon



*Schizachrium scoparium*  
little bluestem



*Bouteloua gracilis*  
Blue grama