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ARGYLE STREET STREETSCAPE - S-1-323
PUBLIC MEETING
EXISTING CONDITIONS

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PROJECT GOALS

1. Improve infrastructure by creating a cohesive and flexible streetscape plan within funding limitations
2. Support existing Argyle St. merchants and their customers and bolster Argyle St. as a regional business destination
3. Brand Argyle St. business district and develop community identification
4. Provide a complete and shared street that benefits the flow of pedestrian, vehicular and bike traffic equally
5. Implement streetscape and infrastructure elements that increase public safety and deter negative activity
WHAT IS A SHARED STREET

“Shared Space is more a way of thinking than it is a design concept. It is most readily recognized as a street space where all traffic control devices such as signals and stop signs, all markings such as crosswalks, and all signing have been removed. Curbing is removed to blur the lines between sidewalks and motorized travel way. The philosophy is that absence of all of those features forces all users of the space — from pedestrians to drivers — to negotiate passage through the space via eye contact and person to person negotiation.”

- Gary Toth, Aug. 17, 2009 http://www.pps.org/blog/shared-space

DESIGN ELEMENTS
Speeds less than 15 mph
Blurred lines between pedestrian and vehicular spaces
Removal of barrier curbs

BENEFITS
Kensington High Street in London showed a 43% decrease in casualties/injuries over a two year period after converted to a Shared Street
Increased safety through individual responsibility
Expansion of Public Urban Space
Increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic
Drivers are fourteen times more likely to give-way to pedestrians
Promotes economic development
Flexible for street fairs, markets, parades
Promotes safe and comfortable outdoor cafe space
SHARED STREET CASE STUDIES: Allen Street - Buffalo, New York

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SHARED STREET CASE STUDIES: King Street - Kitchener, Ontario
SHARED STREET CASE STUDIES: Insadong Street - Seoul, Korea

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EXISTING CROSS SECTION

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PROPOSED CROSS SECTION

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PROPOSED PLAN

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PERMEABLE PAVER SIDEWALK
GRADING TRANSITION
CONCRETE TRAVEL Lanes
PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK
INfiltration planter

BROADWAY / ARGYLE ENLARGEMENT PLAN
WINTHROP PARKING LOT ENLARGEMENT PLAN
pending funding availability

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INCLUDED ELEMENTS

- Infiltration planters
- Street furniture - benches
- Retractable bollards (optional)
- Davit light poles
- Tree in grate
- Street furniture - bike racks
- Street furniture - trash receptacles

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ADDITIONAL PAVER ELEMENTS
optional paver elements to be considered based on funding availability
COORDINATION WITH BROADWAY STREETScape

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

Questions...Comments...

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