



DOWNTOWN GATEWAY
Create gateway experience at entrance to the core of downtown to signal arrival and alert drivers they are entering pedestrian scale area.

PARKING AND ACCESS CONTROL
Seek opportunities to minimize driveway cuts through elimination and shared use. Encourage landscape screened buffers for parking lots and vehicular drives visible from the public right-of-way.

POCKET PARK
Create programmed public open space with year-round use and interest to serve as informal gathering space and as a pedestrian gateway from shared-use parking lots to the public right-of-way. Seek similar opportunities elsewhere downtown.

SHARED USE PARKING AND ALLEYS
Consolidate divided parking areas into shared use lots to improve function and appearance. Provide amenities such as pedestrian promenades in alleys, lighting, and landscaping. Encourage businesses to enhance back entrance and service areas. Create shared-use refuse/recycle facilities.

ROAD DIET AND ENHANCEMENT
Implement 4-to-3 lane conversion with bicycle and pedestrian streetscape improvements including median islands and intersection bumpouts.

INFILL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY (EXISTING DEVELOPMENT SHOWN)
Redevelop parcel to be sensitive to Seminary Street pedestrian linkage and residential neighbors to north and east. Maintain landscape screened buffer for any parking lots visible from the public right-of-way.

PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE
Create pedestrian open space linkage between buildings. Enhance space with lighting, public art, seating, etc. Seek similar opportunities elsewhere downtown.

COMPLETE STREETS
Continue 3-lane cross section from south into downtown. Provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities to encourage multi-modal transportation and reduce perceived scale of vehicular roadway.

DOWNTOWN FRAMEWORK PLAN

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