

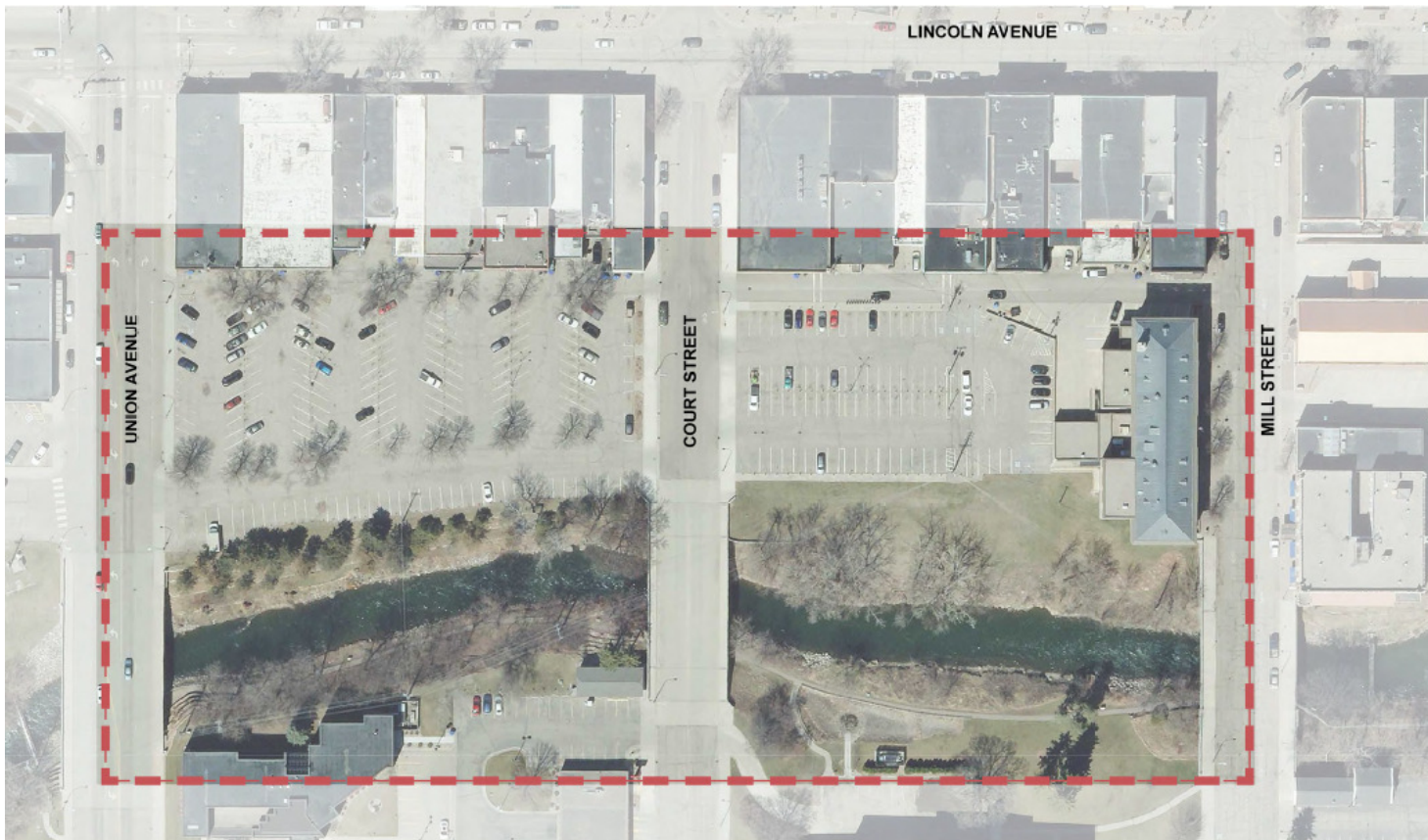


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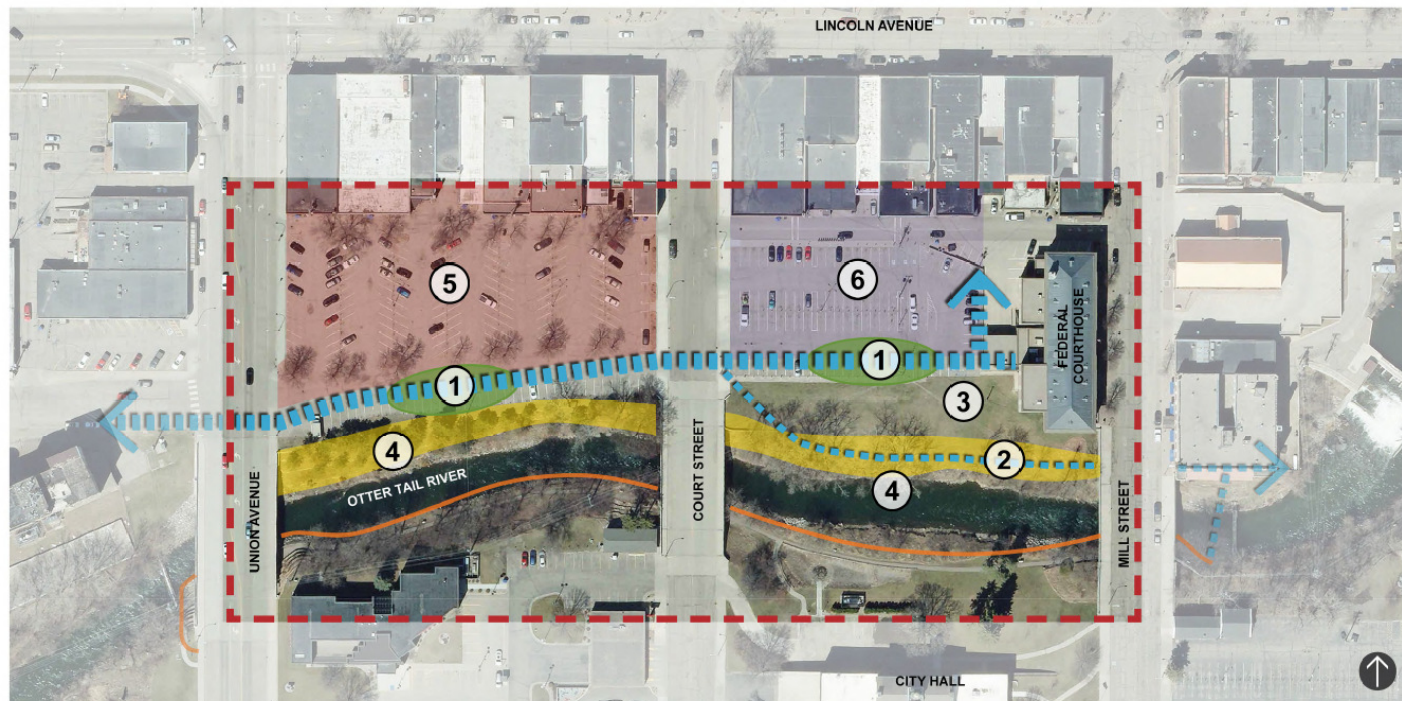
Project Area

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Key Project Elements

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--- PROJECT BOUNDARY

— EXISTING TRAIL

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RIVER BALCONY

- MULTI-USE GATHERING SPACE
- PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
- MARKET SPACE
- OVERLOOK LOCATION

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RIVER TRAIL

- ADA ACCESSIBLE
- MULTI-USE TRAIL
- CONNECT TO EXISTING TRAILS

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RIVERFRONT AMPHITHEATER

- ADA ACCESSIBLE
- ACCOMMODATE APPROX. 300 PEOPLE
- PERFORMANCE PAVILION

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OTTER TAIL RIVERBANK IMPROVEMENTS

- REVIEW EXISTING CONDITIONS AND PROVIDE RIVERBANK STABILITY ALTERNATIVES
- POTENTIAL FOR WATER EDGE ACCESS AT KEY LOCATIONS

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WEST PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

- MAINTAIN PARKING COUNTS BUT REVIEW LAYOUT
- IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION THROUGH LOT
- COMMERCIAL USE OF LOT - MAINTAINED

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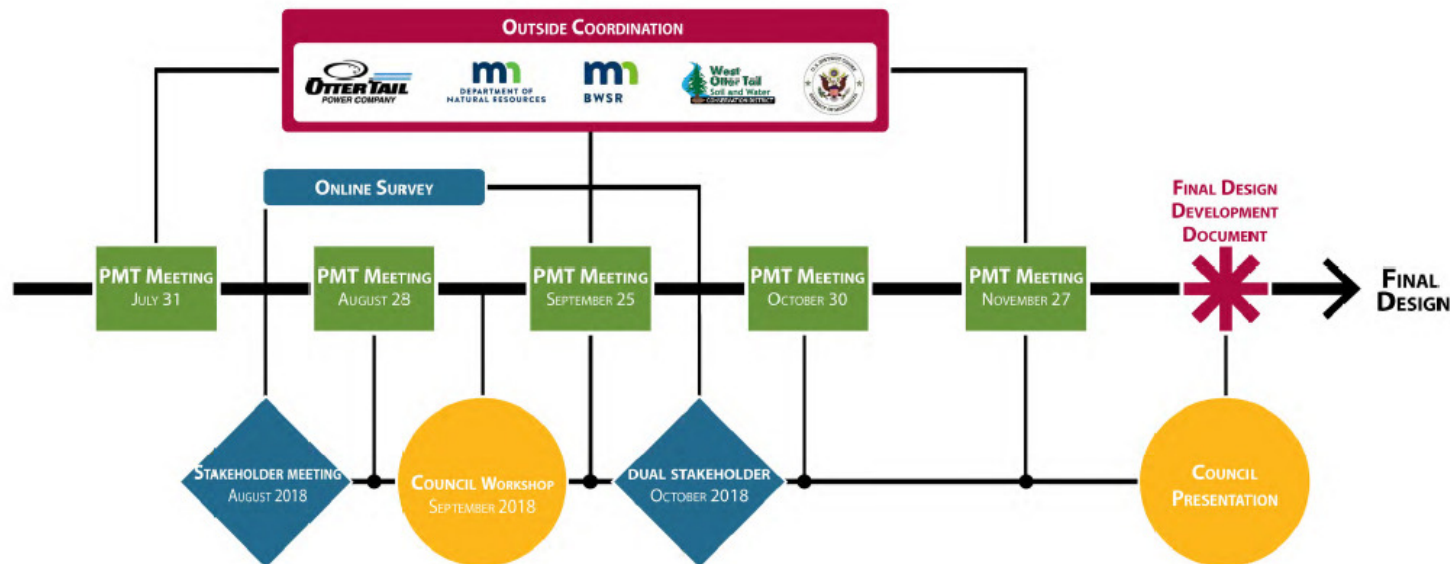
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Process Flowchart

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EXISTING
CONCEPT

2017

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

2018

CONSTRUCTION
DOCUMENTS

2018/19

CONSTRUCTION

2019/20

Process

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Major Issues Identified at 8/14 Stakeholder Meetings:

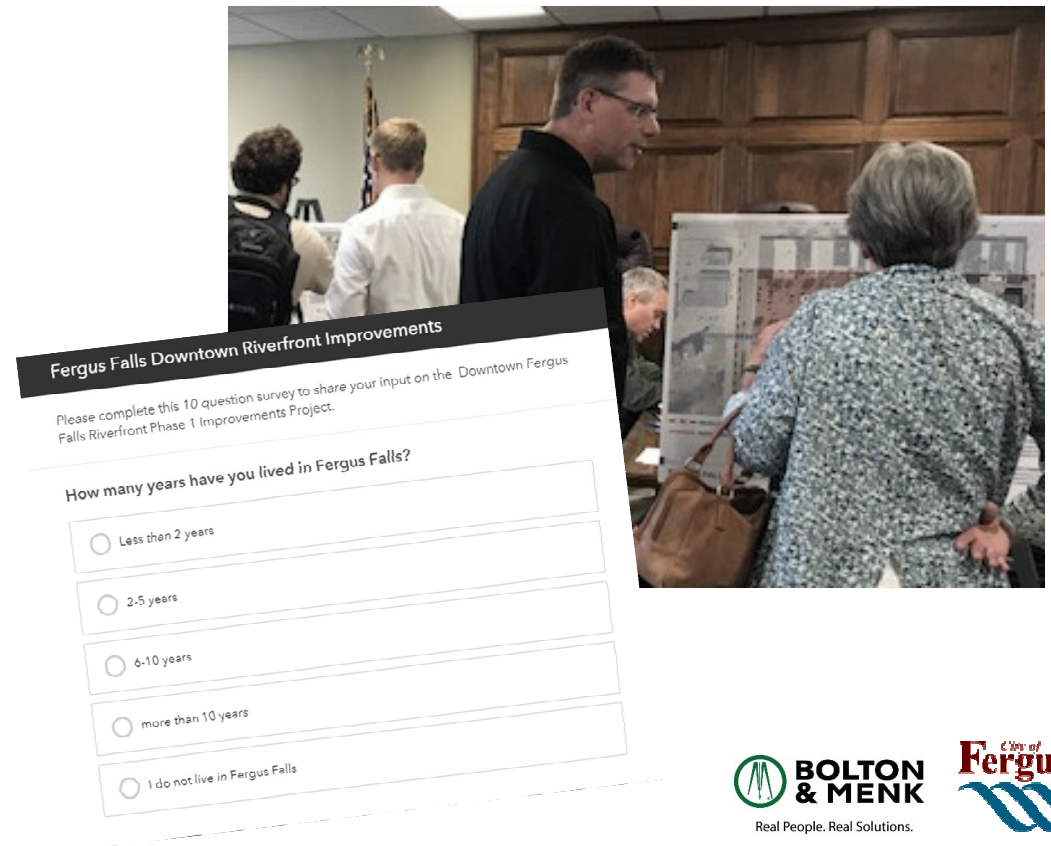
- Parking (number of spaces/layout/handicap spaces)
- Accessibility (parking and amenities)
- Safety
- Visible and accessible market space
- Need for multi-seasonal use
- Future regional trail

Process

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Public Input Methods Used:

- Verbal comments (from various meetings)
- Written comments (provided by stakeholders from meetings)
- Pop-up meeting (attended Art on Lincoln 8/23)
- Online survey (open from 8/14 thru October)
- Some project information is also on City webpage and Facebook



Online Survey Summary

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- 10 questions
- 500 responses as of 10/26/2018

Fergus Falls Downtown Riverfront Improvements

Please complete this 10 question survey to share your input on the Downtown Fergus Falls Riverfront Phase 1 Improvements Project.

How many years have you lived in Fergus Falls?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ more than 10 years
- ☐ I do not live in Fergus Falls

Which proposed element do you feel is most important to the Riverfront Improvements?

Choose one element.

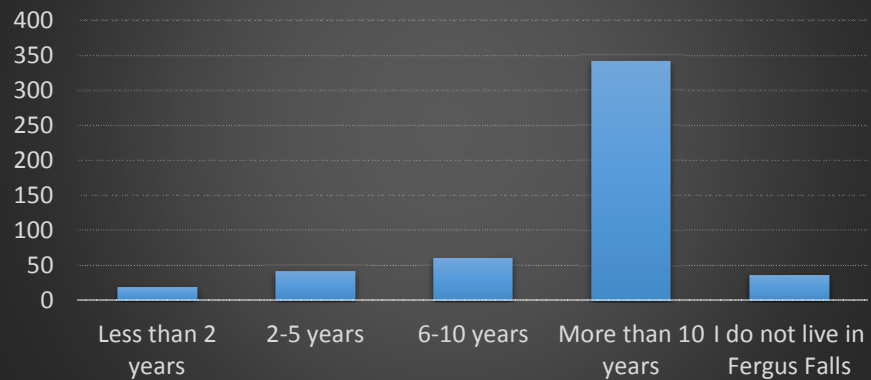
- ☐ Amphitheater
- ☐ Public Art
- ☐ Recreational Trail
- ☐ Riverfront Balcony/Overlook
- ☐ Restrooms
- ☐ Other



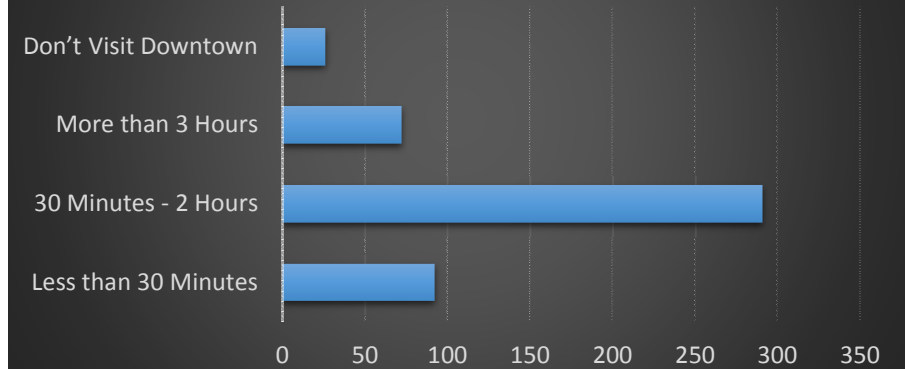
Public Survey

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How Many Years Have You Lived in Fergus Falls?



How Much Time Do You Spend Downtown?

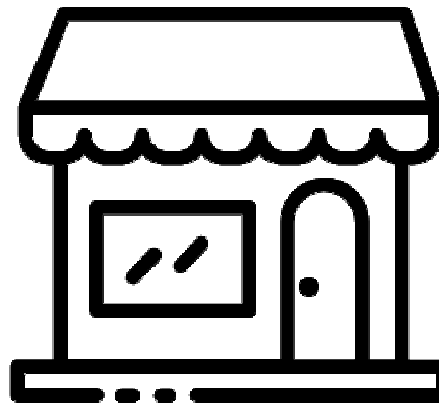


Public Survey

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Top Reason to visit Downtown:

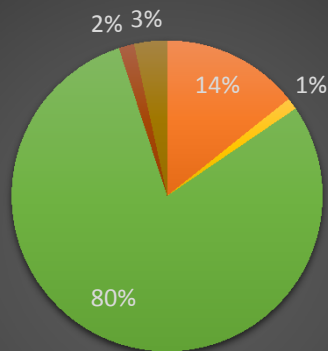
1. Shopping
2. Special Events
3. Recreation
4. Other (Eating at Restaurants)



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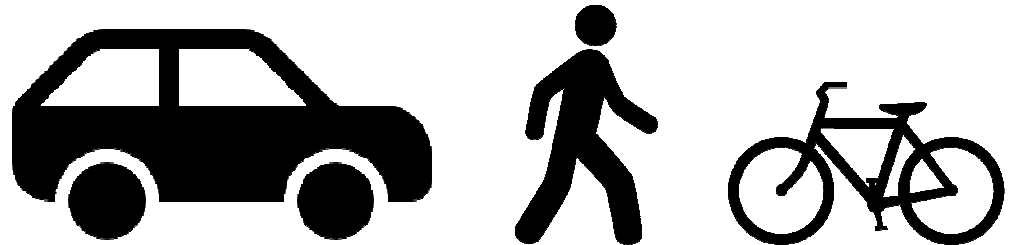
What Method of Transportation Do You Use Downtown?



- Walk
- Bike
- Personal Vehicle
- Public Transportation
- I Don't Visit the Downtown

How Do You Want To Travel?

- Almost half say drive sometimes
- 1/3 say walk sometimes
- 1/8 say bike sometimes

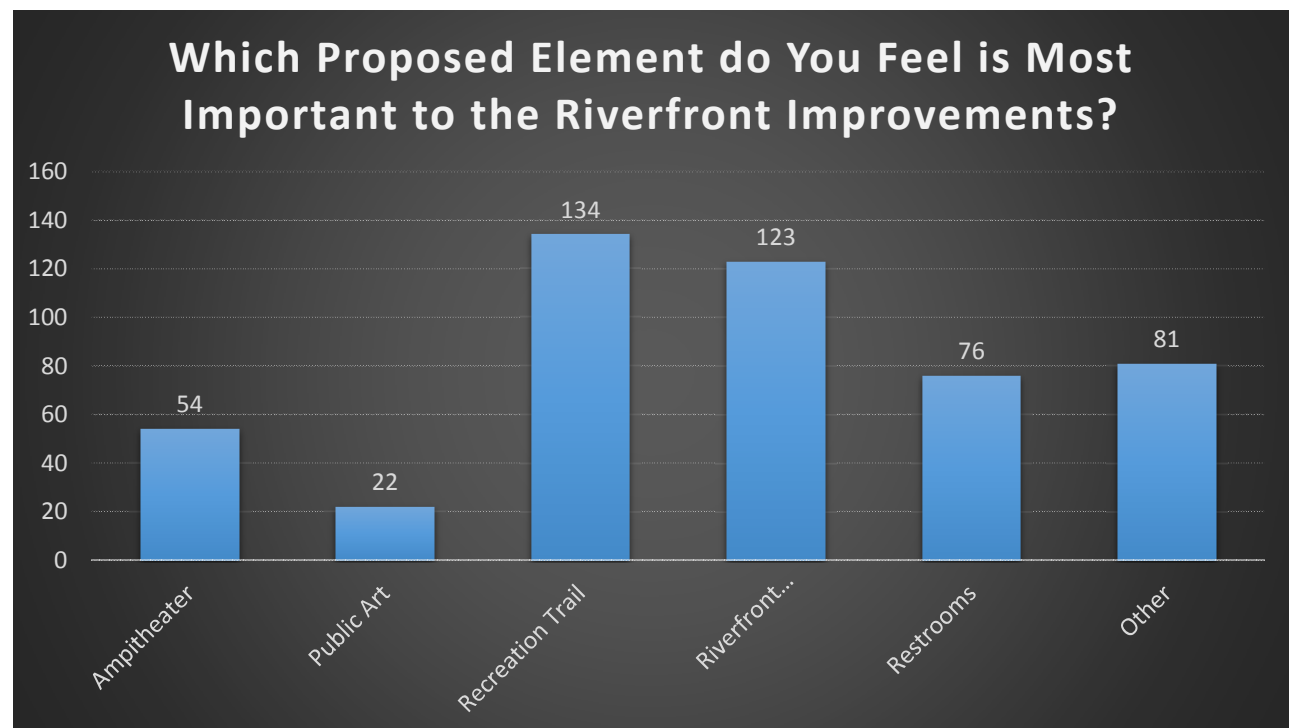


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1. Recreational Trail
2. Riverfront Balcony/Overlook /Market
3. Other

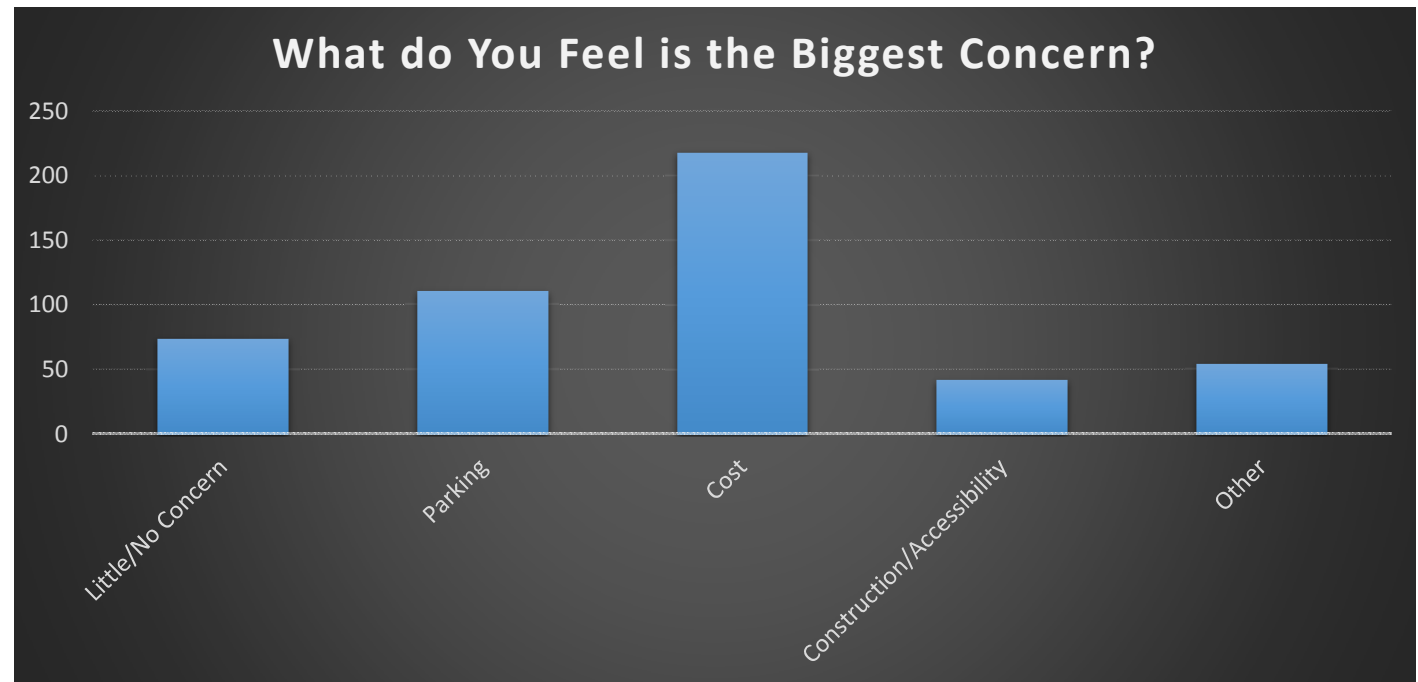
Many “other” comments were about family/kid friendly spaces or supporting local businesses



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Most concerns were about project costs.



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What's Missing/Needed?

1. More Shopping/Restaurants/Businesses
2. Youth/Family Activities
3. Beautification/Maintenance
4. Waterpark/Splash-pad
5. River Recreation/Focus
6. Art



East Block Concept Plan

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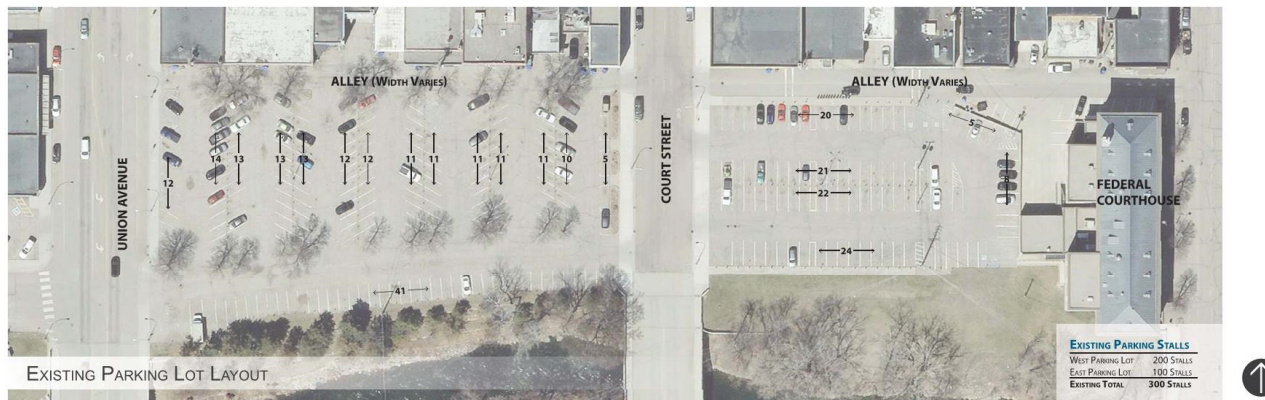
West Block Concept Plan

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Parking Concept I

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Parking Concept II

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Next Steps

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- PMT Meeting (Nov. 27th)
- Final Design Development Document (Dec.)

