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A CONNECTIVITY AND PLACEMAKING ELEMENT FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Executive Summary

Our objective is the development of a connectivity and placemaking element to be delivered to the City of Auburn for review and possible adoption in their Comprehensive Plan. The goal is to provide a framework for the city to address challenges and opportunities related to cultivating vibrant places and strengthening the networks that link people to them. This element also aims to assist Auburn in building community cohesion and applying city values in practice.



Connectivity:

How people navigate their physical environment and digital, economic, and social networks

Placemaking: Developing spaces that are attractive, engaging, and vital for the community

Methods

Transportation networks, community resources, and neighborhood identity were analyzed via:

Precedent studies

- Literature reviews
- Community engagement

• Encourage compact, sustainable

community service organizations

Reinforce social and commercial

• Engage new residents through

inclusive, informative outreach

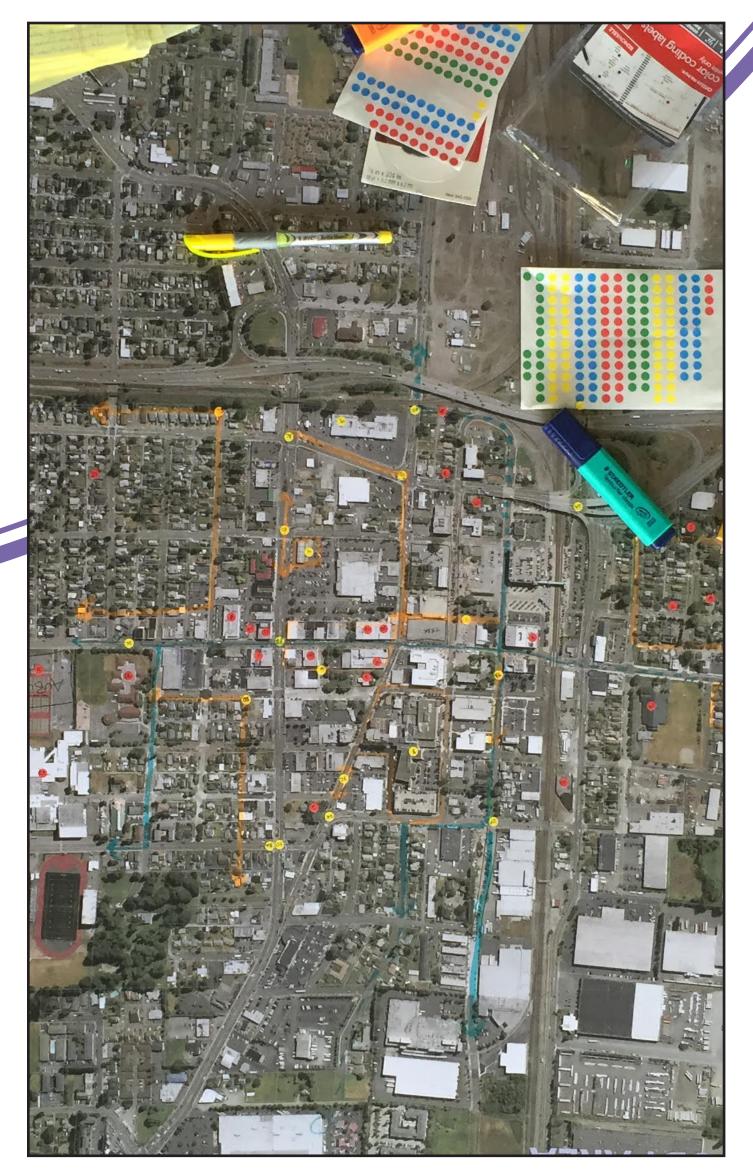
projects in placemaking

neighborhood character

Strengthen network of

- Stakeholder interviews
- Spatial analysis

Historic Auburn, looking east down E Main Street. Photo Credit: City of Auburn



Recommendations

Our policy suggestions will follow from preliminary objectives like these, which in turn support broader goals.

- Connect Downtown to adjacent neighborhoods
- Enhance access to amenities by all travel modes
- Make city values visible

Next Steps

places that define its character. Early policy In developing the Element, goals, objectives, and policies are linked to the City values suggestions range from enhancing bicycle and pedestrian circulation Downtown to they support. The Element envisions an Auburn whose neighborhoods unify hosting community events based on City cohesive communities by connecting values. A community meeting will be held in residents to social and commercial services. Auburn on June 8 to share our findings with Civic engagement connects people to residents. Element adoption is contingent upon further review by City staff, the City Auburn and gives them the information they need to best access the vibrant Planning Commission, and the City Council.

Mapping Downtown Auburn's places, hubs, and connections. Photo Credit: Student team member

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