

Continued Closure of G Street

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History

- **G Street from 2nd to 3rd was closed to automobile traffic in response to COVID restrictions.**
- **Since then minor changes have occurred:**
 - **Placement of the bollards**
 - **Relocation of the south end of the closure to be just north of the G Street parking lot**

History



Outreach

Staff has presented 4 options (shown in slides 4-8) to the adjacent businesses and other stakeholders including:

- **Downtown Davis Business Association**
- **Chamber of Commerce**
- **BTSSC**

Option 1:

Reopen the street

Would restore the street to what existed prior to COVID.

- **2 travel lanes**
- **Angled parking on both sides**

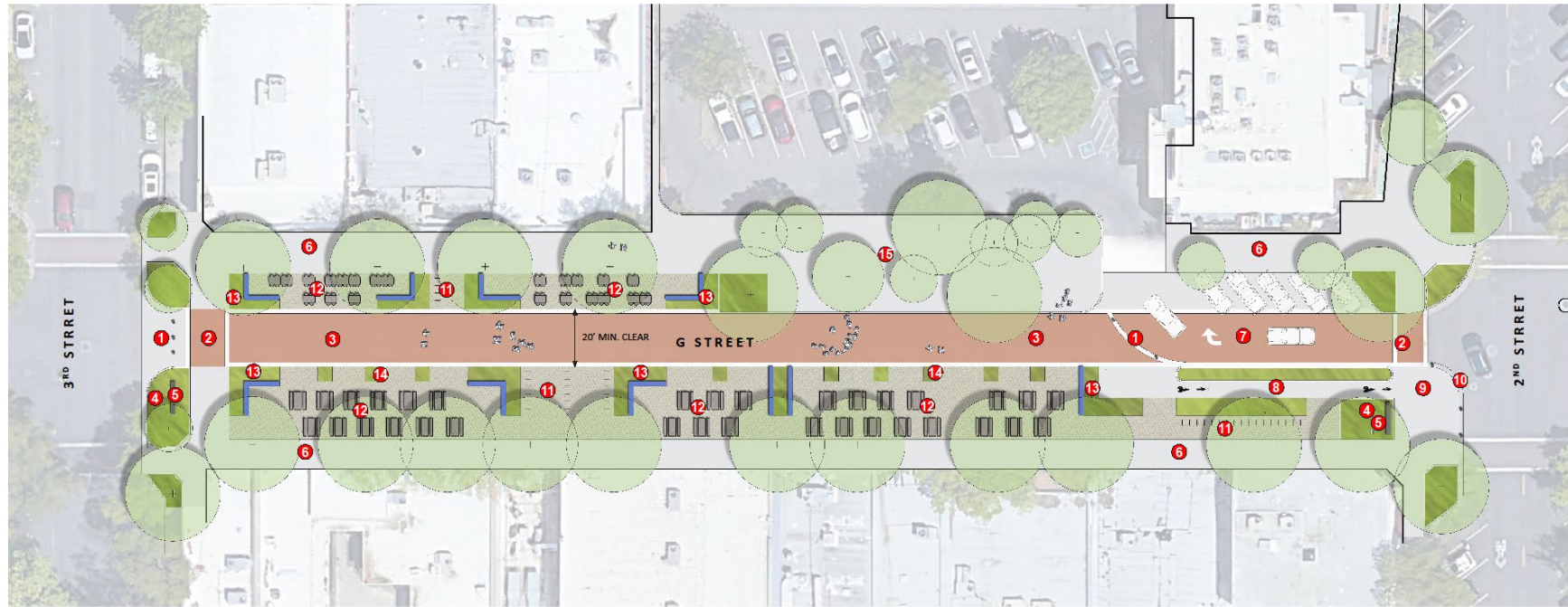
Option 2:

Keep the street closed to automobile traffic

This would include:

- **Developing a set of standards for the outdoor retail and dining areas**
- **Identifying responsibilities for maintenance of the areas, such as litter removal and regular sweeping.**
- **Identify costs and fees associated with permitting the outdoor dining areas.**
- **Maintain emergency vehicle access.**

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KEY IMPROVEMENTS:

- 1 Decorative bollards restrict vehicles from entering into G Street except for emergency access.
- 2 Intersection is realigned to allow for a shorter pedestrian crossing distance.
- 3 Enhanced paving for central pedestrian and bike circulation.
- 4 New and expanded entry landscape area.
- 5 G Street decorative entry walls and signage.
- 6 Existing sidewalk areas to remain the same.
- 7 Northbound vehicular/bike access only.
- 8 Landscape strip separates southbound bicyclists from vehicles.
- 9 Intersection is realigned to allow for a bike and pedestrian mixing zone.
- 10 Bollards protect bikes and pedestrians from vehicles.
- 11 Bike parking alcoves.
- 12 Boardwalks allow for barrier-free access to seating and restaurant dining areas. Cohesive string lighting is placed over boardwalk/seating zones.
- 13 Enhanced landscaping and seatwalls allow for additional public realm space.
- 14 Raised landscape planters provide enclosure of boardwalk/seating zones.
- 15 Existing plaza space to remain in place.

Conceptual Site Plan



Option 3:

Reopen the road but allow full closures

- **Allow full closures for part of the week or special events.**
- **While fully open would restore the street to what existed prior to COVID.**
 - **2 travel lanes**
 - **Angled parking on both sides**

Option 4:

Reopen the northbound lane only

- **Would allow for expanded sidewalk and patio space.**
- **Allows for some one-way automobile access and parking.**
- **Would need to determine what other roadway features would be desired.**
 - **Parallel parking on both sides**
 - **Southbound bicycle lane**

Outreach Summary

- **Concerns about the appearance of G Street – Lack of standards, use of temporary materials, not cohesive.**
- **Concerns about the cleanliness of G Street – Who maintains the area.**
- **Concerns about the equality – Who get permits and how much does it cost.**
- **Concerns about access – Related to the lack of automobile access and parking.**

Outreach Summary

- **BTSSC – Voted to pursue option 2 with the following considerations:**
 - Evaluate ADA access and parking near G Street
 - Consider creating outdoor dining/gathering places that are not reserved for a individual business
- **DDBA – Surveyed their membership and:**
 - 40% prefer to reopen the street to automobiles (option 1)
 - 30% prefer to keep it closed to automobiles (option 2)
 - 20% prefer option 3
 - 10% prefer option 4

Interim Changes – Striping and Signage Only



Recommendations

- **Provide staff direction on which of the presented options should be considered further or if any of them should be modified.**
- **Approve the addition of additional wayfinding signing and striping directing traffic through the South G Parking lot.**

Four Options to Consider

- **Option 1: Reopen the street**
- **Option 2: Keep the street closed to automobile traffic**
- **Option 3: Reopen the road but allow full closures**
- **Option 4: Reopen the northbound lane only**



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