# Traverse City Downtown Development Authority Study Session



Friday, February 3, 2023 **12:00 pm** 

Training Room, Governmental Center 400 Boardman Avenue Traverse City, Michigan 49684

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# Welcome to the Traverse City Downtown Development Authority study session

## **Agenda**

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#### CITY COMMISSION

## **GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

2022-2023



#### **HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS**

Increase opportunities for more diverse housing through public and private options.



#### **ACCESS & MOBILITY**

Invest in multi-modal mobility strategies and existing and future infrastructure so that individuals of all ages, abilities and income have a network of complete, barrier free, safe, year round access to our community's amenities and basic needs.



#### **CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH EACH OTHER AND NATURE**

Invest in facilities and amenities in order to create vibrant City spaces that connect all people to nature and to each other.



#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The City will foster economic development by adopting a growth mentality and by conserving and maintaining natural resources. It will work with partners to invest in and maintain amenities that support a wide variety of industries, build the workforce, and attract well-paying jobs with the region's future in mind.



#### WATER SYSTEMS

Proactively and consistently maintain, conserve, and manage water and water systems to reduce harm to the systems themselves as well as public health and safety.



#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Address climate within all of our City priorities, goals, policies, and actions.



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#### Memorandum

To: DDA Board of Directors

From: Jean Derenzy, DDA CEO

Date: January 24, 2023

Subject: Study Session – Moving Downtown Forward

Our first study session on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> will focus on the *Moving Downtown Forward* Plan and the timing and actions needed for implementation.

The purpose of this memo (and timeline graphic attachments) is to provide information and a framework for our discussion about a suggested approach to public infrastructure project implementation – including future board discussion and action, the identification of funding needs and funding implications for the extension of TIF 97 and bond proposal.

As you recall, the *Moving Downtown Forward* Plan identifies priorities for downtown public infrastructure and services as well as a series of Guiding Principles that serve as the framework for DDA resource allocation and investment decisions.

#### **Guiding Principles**

- 1. Design a great place for all ages and for future generations.
- 2. Advance climate action, sustainability, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and resiliency.
- 3. Protect and preserve small local independent businesses.
- 4. Champion the development of attainable and workforce housing.
- 5. Support job growth and varied career opportunities.

For each project we undertake moving forward, we will be asking ourselves:

- How are we including, addressing and investing in elements related to these guiding principles?
- How are we impacting and moving forward these guiding elements?

The *Moving Downtown Forward* Plan also identifies several priority public infrastructure projects:

- Lower Boardman/Ottaway River Improvements
- West End Parking Structure
- Civic Square
- Climate Action and Resilience
- Civic Investments that Address the Guiding Principles

In addition, the plan calls for a base-level service agreement between the City and DDA that will help clarify the responsibilities for the care and maintenance of downtown.

At our first study session, we are going to discuss the process (and sequenced steps) involved for project implementation, as well as budget needs, critical benchmarks and decision points, and implications for TIF 97.

I have attached two spreadsheets to help our discussion.

#### Attachment A.

The first (large) spreadsheet illustrates the steps, sequence and timeline for the four projects we believe are our top priorities over the next three years. As you will see in the left-hand column, tasks marked with an asterisk (\*) will depend on TIF 97 extension and bond approval.

#### Attachment B.

The second (smaller) spreadsheet illustrates the steps, sequence, milestones and DDA board action related to the Lower Boardman Riverwalk and West End Parking Structure (note: we will be making additional spreadsheets for other projects for future meetings).

The row at the top of the spreadsheet notes our meeting schedule for 2023 – "SS" stands for our study sessions and "RM" stands for our regular meetings. Progress on tasks and milestones for the Lower Boardman Riverwalk and West End Parking Structure are organized under board discussion ("D"), which will take place at both study sessions and regular meetings or board action ("A"), which can only take place at a regular meeting. Again, this spreadsheet is designed to illustrate the sequence of board activity/action as it relates to the tasks associated with each project - unmarked squares represent staff activity or other processes not related to board action.

**Please Note:** Moving forward with several of the tasks (and sequencing) will require the approval of both the DDA Board and City Commission. Therefore, timing/dates identified on each spreadsheet may need to be modified. However, the general sequencing of tasks remains consistent.

I look forward to a robust discussion at our first study session and welcome feedback on the materials presented and if other materials would be helpful.

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D = Discussion

A = Action

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Note: Unmarked squares reflect staff work and other project components not related to board activity

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