

Rebuild Downtown RI Revitalization Update 4/24/23



What are we talking about?

- Update Council on downtown improvements
- Get Council's support for direction of design
- Council approval of contract for design/engineering services
- Renderings are **preliminary**; not seeking approval of final designs



Project Timeline

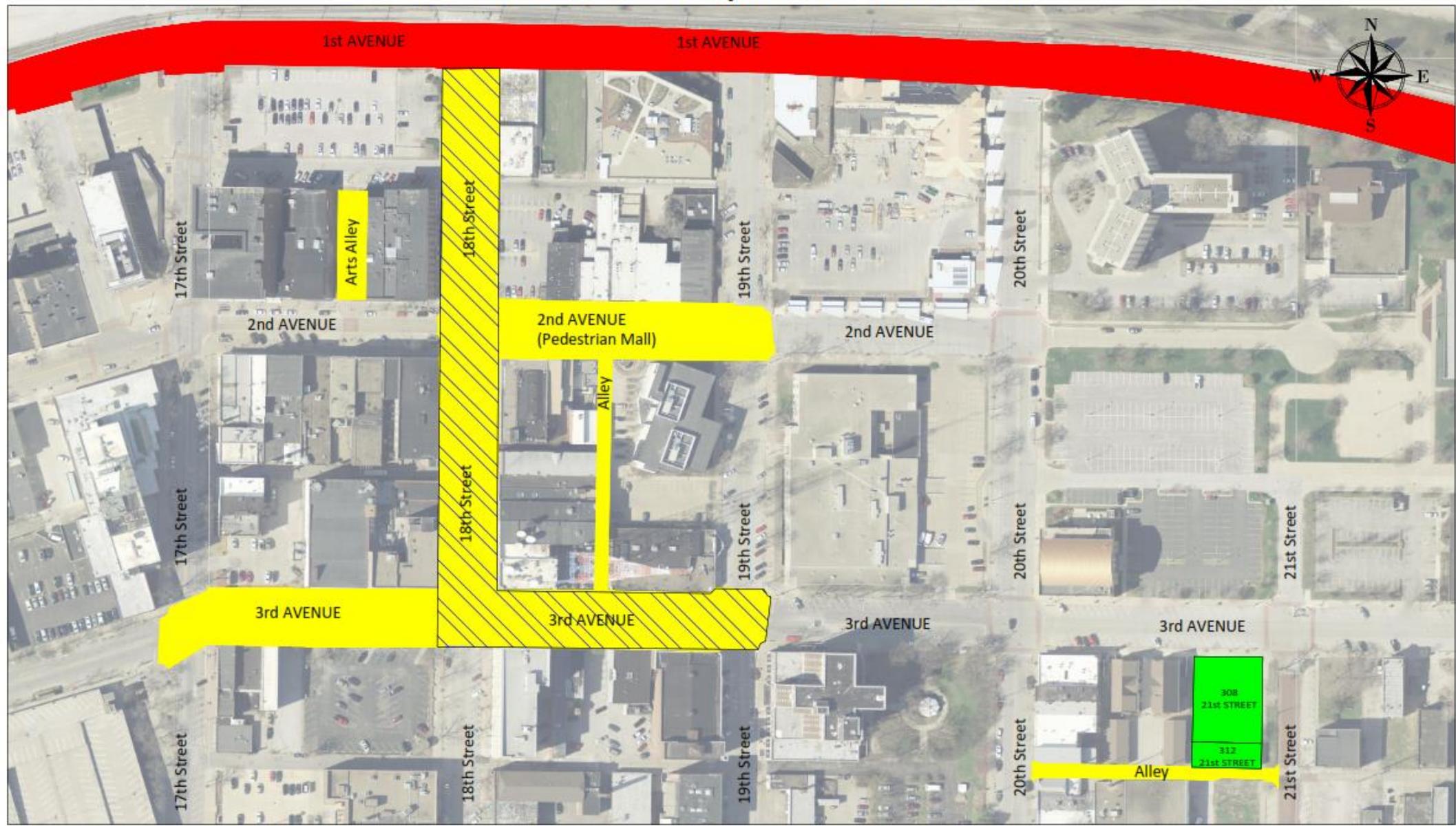
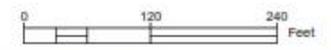
2023

- 04/24 – City Council meeting; Council approves professional services contract
- 05/16 – 05/19 – Design meeting to discuss project concepts and preliminary design
- 05/30 – 06/01 – Public meeting
- 06/05 – Design meeting to discuss comments received at public meeting and advise on changes to project design
- 06/13 – Memo to City Clerk for City Council agenda recommending approval of design concepts
- 06/19 – City Council approves final design concepts
- 12/05 – City/Design team approve final drawings
- 12/08 – Bid Documents completed, notice to bid is sent to local paper and posted on City's website
- 12/13 – Project is released for bids

2024

- 01/10 – Bids are received and opened
- 01/15 – City Council to award a contract for construction
- 01/16 – 01/30 Contract is executed by contractor and City
- 02/01 – Preconstruction meeting
- 02/08 - 2/22 – Downtown Businesses informational meeting
- 02/22 - 03/15 – Construction starts

Downtown Rock Island's Streets Reconstruction/Revitalization



Previous Public / Downtown Stakeholder Input

- Proposed project accomplishes goals set by numerous local and regional economic plans and organized downtown groups, including:
 - 2015 Downtown Revitalization Plan (recommendations from plan below)
 1. Improve the appearance of the downtown
 2. Light the WHBF Tower at night to create a clear downtown icon or image
 3. Introduce new uses along 2nd Avenue
 4. Activate underutilized spaces (e.g., alleys, vacant storefronts, parking lots) with pop-up events, food trucks and carts, beer gardens, art shows and other creative uses
 5. Beautify the city with landscaping wherever possible
 6. Introduce a dog park, perhaps located along the riverfront
 7. Reconfigure the Ped Mall to allow outdoor seating for restaurants and business storefronts
 8. Convert empty parcels around 3rd Avenue and 21st Street into green space
 9. Make streets more pedestrian friendly, especially 1st Avenue
 - City of Rock Island 5-Year Strategic Plan (2017)
 - Rock Island Vision 2032 15-Year Plan
 - Q2030 Quad Cities Regional Action Plan
 - Visit Quad Cities Tourism Master Plan (2020)
 - City of Rock Island Arts Commission (active)
 - Downtown Steering Committee (2021-2023) and Downtown Alliance (active)

Dog Park

- 308 21st Street



Arts Alley

- 1719 2nd Avenue



Direction for Pedestrian Mall



Funding Sources

- **City of RI Downtown TIF: \$1,500,000**
- **Federal ARPA: \$2,500,000**
- **State of IL Rebuild Downtowns and Main Streets Capital Grant Program (applicant - Chamber): \$3,000,000**
- **State of IL Tourism Attraction & Festivals Grant Program (applicant – Chamber): \$267,181**
- **Private Donations: \$112,730**
- **Total: \$7,379,911**



Questions?

