



# COVID-19 Recovery - Open Streets

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## Presentation Overview

- Overview and Program Goals
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- “Flex Space” Options for Businesses
- Communication Strategy
- Guidelines and Next Steps



# Overview and Program Goals

## Program Goals

- Open Streets temporarily open streets for people by implementing partial or full closures.
  - Pre-COVID-19 examples in Long Beach: Beach Streets; annual Bay Shore Avenue closure; parklet program
- Opening streets can create more public space for:
  1. Increased outdoor activities
  2. Safer Access to Transit
  3. Stronger Economic Recovery
- Maintain Physical Distancing
- Include options enabling additional and creative opportunities for outdoor dining



# Best Practices In Other Communities

## For Residents

- Local vehicle access only on residential streets
  - Examples: Denver, Oakland



# Best Practices In Other Communities

## Lessons Learned Thus Far – Open Streets for Residents

- Oakland
  - Goal of 74 miles or 10% of street network
  - 75% of residents support the program
- New York City
  - Initial roll out of only 1.5 miles
  - Announced expansion to 100 miles of streets in late April



# Best Practices In Other Communities

## For Businesses

- Flex Space Options  
Designed and implemented with input from businesses.
- "Extend" sidewalk into roadway for queuing, dining, pick up, etc.
- Partial closures can retain vehicle throughput on arterial network
- Examples: Vancouver's "Room to Queue"



# Best Practices and Precedents In Other Communities

## For Businesses

- Partial or full street closures.
- Applicable on non-arterials within dense business corridors
  - Examples: NYC; Winter Park, FL



# Best Practices and Precedents In Other Communities

## For Businesses

- Vehicle Pick Up Zones
  - Examples: Los Angeles; Seattle; Buffalo, NY
- Special loading zones.





# Open Streets for Residents

## Existing Program

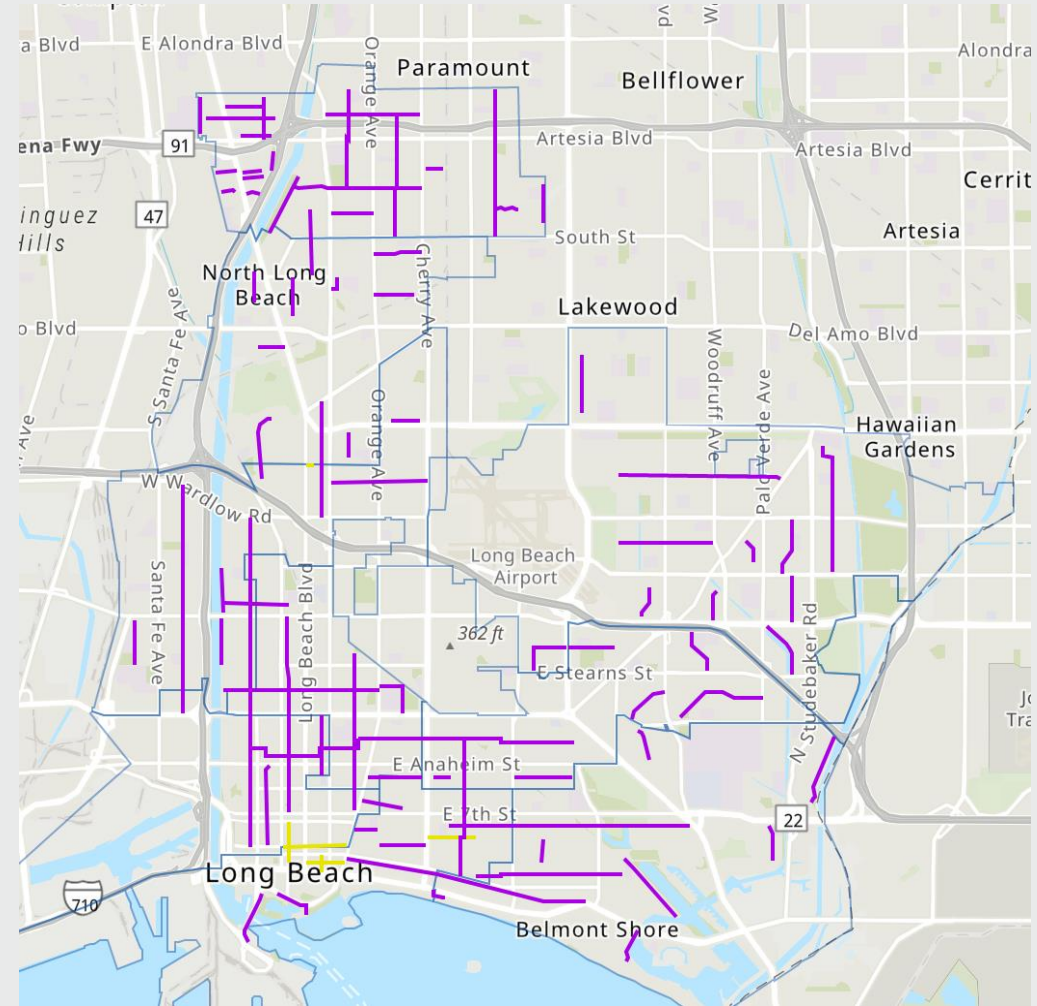
- Bay Shore Closure
  - Ocean Blvd to 2nd St
  - Annually, June 15th to Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Rapid response: Move up start date June 15 or sooner.
  - Extend end date.



# Open Streets for Residents

## Citywide Implementation

- Existing Bike Boulevards
  - Designed to discourage cut through traffic and slow vehicle speeds
  - Examples: 15th St, Daisy-Myrtle, 6th St, and Vista St Bike Boulevards
- Emphasis on denser neighborhoods with limited park access



## Proposed Partial or Full Street Closures

- Dense retail on non-arterial streets
- Retail corridors on arterials will require partial closures and flex zones to retain vehicle throughput



## Partial Closures and Flex Zones

- With input from businesses
  - Existing Sidewalk Guidelines to be streamlined
  - Potential Examples: Santa Fe Ave (PCH to Wardlow), 2nd St (Livingston to Naples Plaza), Roadways in Bixby Knolls area TBD.
- City equipment inventory will need to be supplemented
- Considerations: ADA, public safety, emergency access
  - Public Works will work closely with ED, FD, and PD to implement



# Solutions for Businesses

## Existing Program

- Pine Avenue frequently closed for events – NYE, Taste of Downtown
- Rapid deployment closure on 1st to 3rd, or 1st to Broadway.



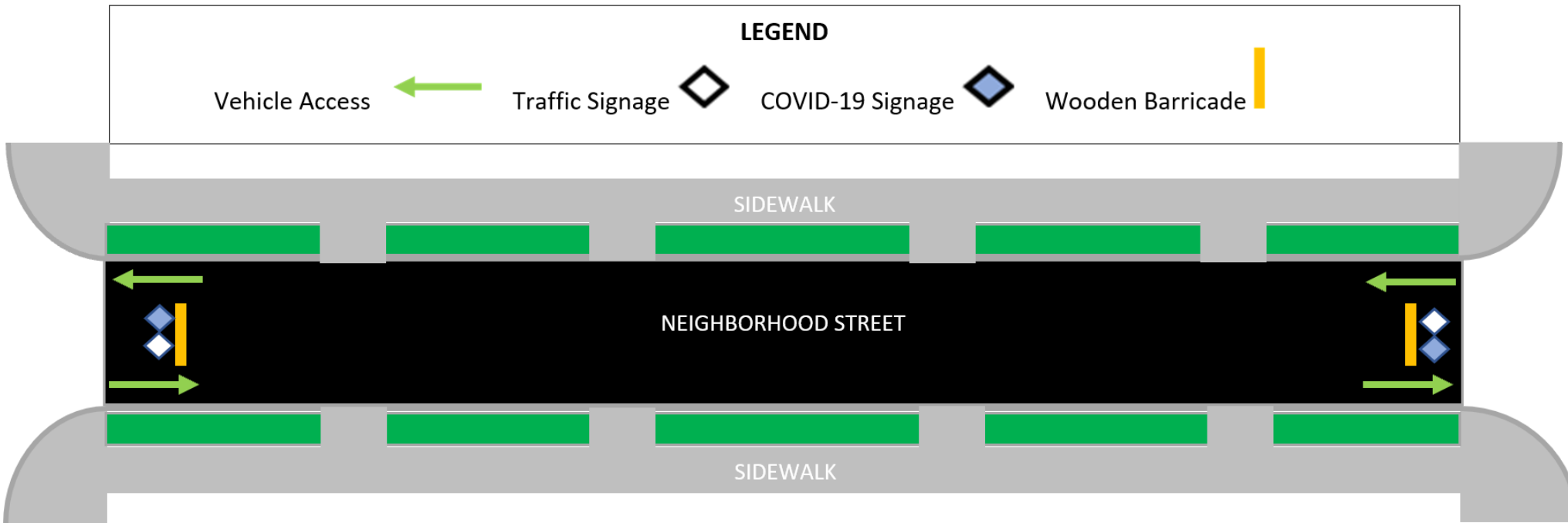
# Solutions for Businesses

## Partial Closures and Flex Zones

- DLBA/Studio One Eleven Pilot (May 15)



# Soft Closure



# Partial Closure

**LEGEND**

Vehicle Access ← Green Arrow

Traffic Signage ◊ White Diamond

COVID-19 Signage ◊ Blue Diamond

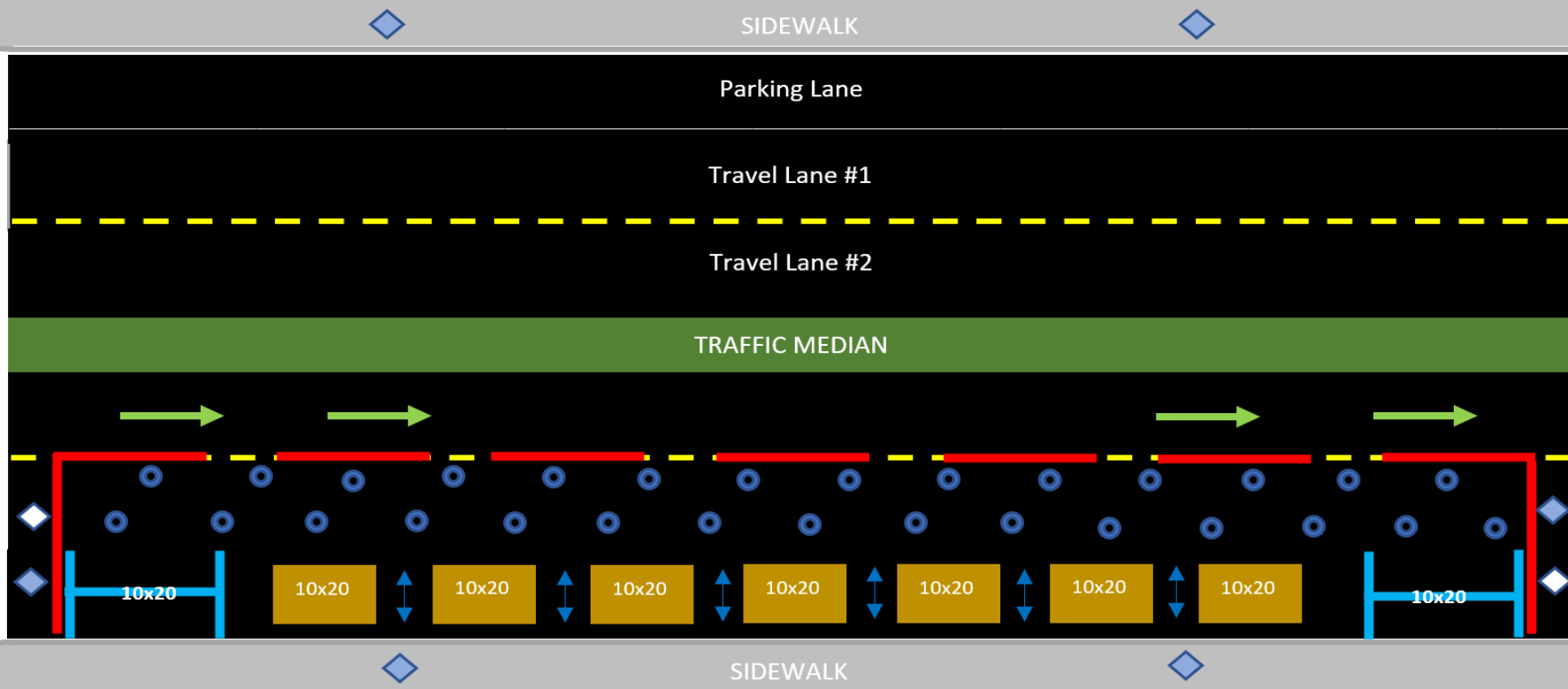
Water Filled Barricade — Red Line

Parklet ■ Yellow Square

Floor Graphic ● Blue Circle

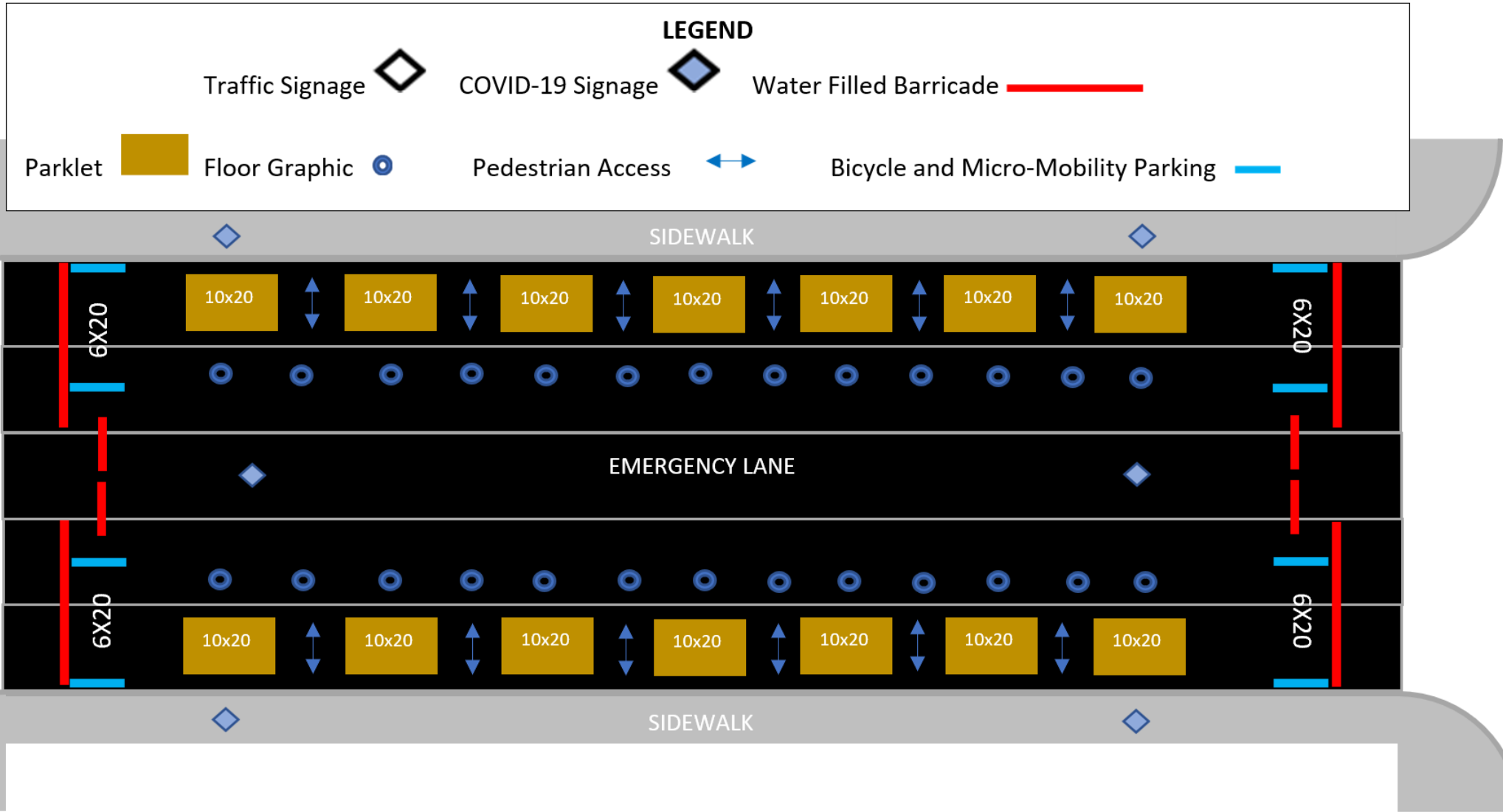
Pedestrian Access ↔ Blue Double Arrow

Bicycle and Micro-Mobility Parking — Blue Line





# Full Closure



# Solutions for Businesses

## Second Street – Partial Closure with Streetlets



Repurpose #2 lane and parking lane into Flex Spaces.

Streetlet

# Communications Plan

## For Residents and Businesses

- Signage and decals
- Press release thru JIC
- Social media graphics
- Website and updated maps
- BIDs
- Neighborhood groups



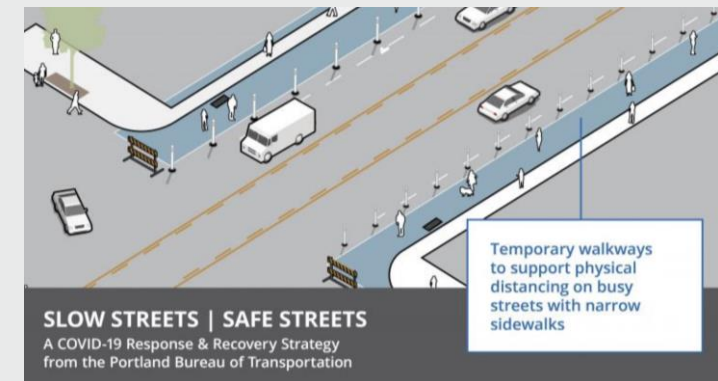
## STAY SAFE, STAY ACTIVE!

Street is open to walking & bicycling

For your safety & those around you, please:

- Practice physical distancing by staying six feet away from others
- Do not gather in groups
- Drivers should avoid this street except to access homes or businesses on this street
- Drivers should drive slowly on all streets and respect people walking & bicycling

To learn more visit, [www.sl.c.gov/transportation/](http://www.sl.c.gov/transportation/)



# Guidelines and Next Steps

## For Residents and Businesses

- Streamline Sidewalk Dining Guidelines
- Identify available City resources
- Develop traffic control plans
- Continue conversation w/ ED, PD, FD, and DV
- Refine and roll out communications plan
- Evaluate and amend program as needed
  - Collect public and stakeholder feedback
  - Re-evaluate needs as City progresses through Stages 2 through 4 of recovery





Thank you