

# City of Houston's More Space: Main Street Program - Update



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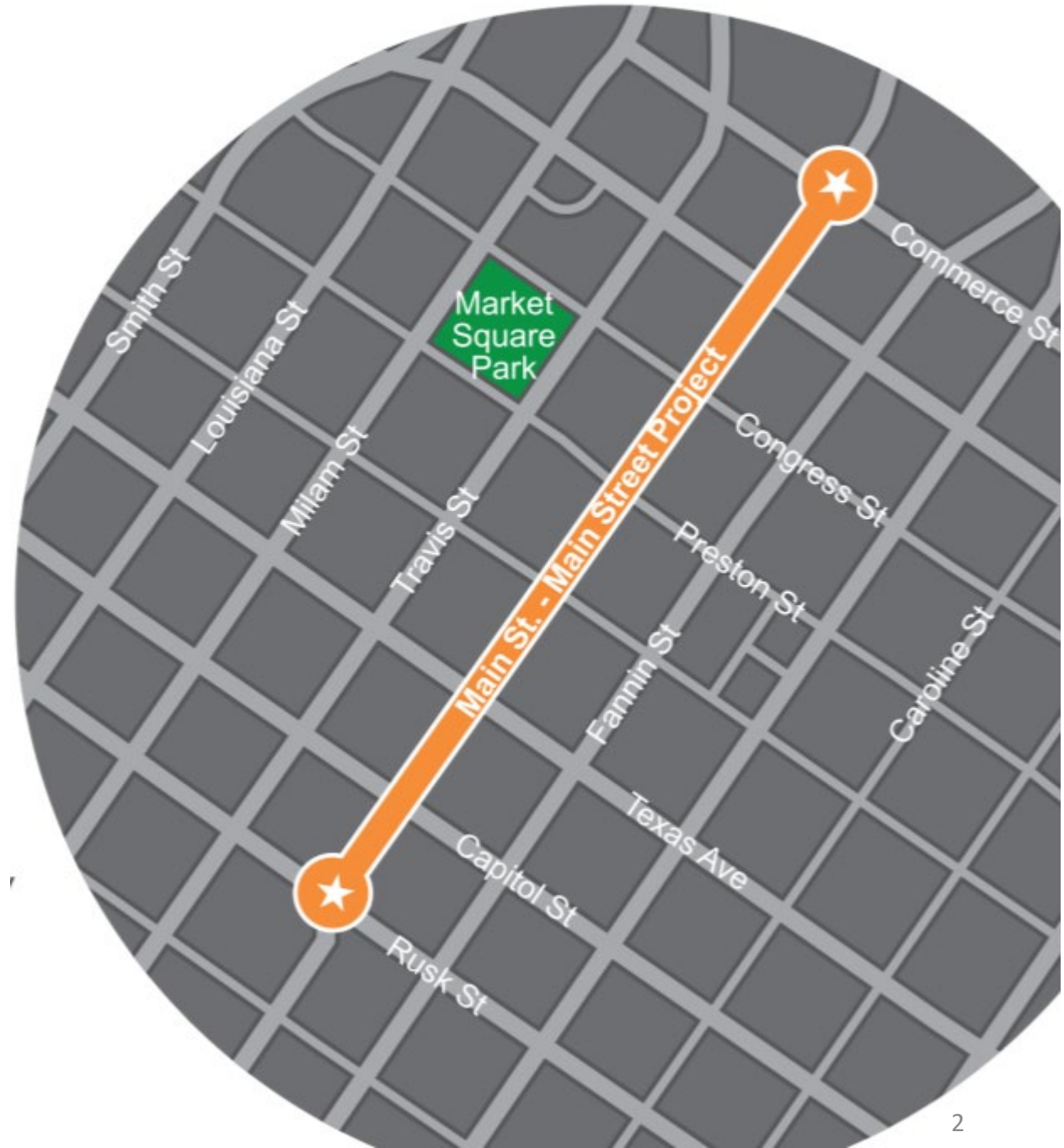


## Program Details

- Convert portions of Main Street from Commerce to Rusk
- Use sidewalks for walking
- Use roadway space for tables/seating
- Approved by City Council for November 2020-March 2022, extended to March 2023

## Program Goals

- Support downtown businesses
- Increase economic activity
- Maintain employment





# Results

- 45 tables and 154 seats added.
- All participants saw an increase in:
  - Revenue;
  - Customer and employee retention; and
  - Safety due the partial closing of Main Street.
- All participants rated the program as 5 out of 5 stars and have requested an extension for as long as the City will allow.
- Residents confirmed no impacts and support.

# Feedback

*We love the program. The lack of car traffic makes our store safer, quieter, and helps our guest enjoy our outdoor space.*  
*-Flying Saucer*

*Great idea. Would love to have it for as long as possible if not permanent.*  
*-Finn Hall*

*Let's see about making More Space: Main Street permanent.*  
*-City Council*

*We enjoy Main Street being closed to vehicular traffic. A walkable city is a better city.*  
*-Little Dipper Lounge*

*Customers and staff love it! This gives downtown a completely different feel in the positive way. Easier for people to visit and walk around.*  
*-Shay McElroy's Irish Pub*

# Current Efforts

- Downtown District procuring consultant services to plan, design, and engage the community on  
More Space: Main Street 2.0.
- Result will be permanent design for More Space:  
Main Street.

# Current Efforts: Schedule

DATE	PHASE
MAR 2023	Project start-up & Pre-design
APR - MAY 2023	Schematic Design Alternatives, Draft Design Guidelines
JUN – JUL 2023	Design Development, Refine Design Guidelines
AUG - SEPT 2023	Phase I Design Completion, Final Design Guidelines
OCT 2023	Phase 1 – Final Design Deliverables
NOV 2023 – JAN 2024	Phase 2 – Consultant Procurement
MAR – SEPT 2024	Phase 2 – Design & Engineering for Permitting and Bidding
OCT – DEC 2024	Phase 2 – Permitting and General Contractor Procurement

# For All Program Information

[https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/  
MoreSpace-MainStreet.html](https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/MoreSpace-MainStreet.html)

Application Details + Program and Block-By-Block Guidelines + FAQ's



# Recommendation

Approve *More Space: Main Street 2.0*  
for Permanent Design



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# Thank You



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