Historic Downtown Main Streets Strategies for Compatible Streetscape Design





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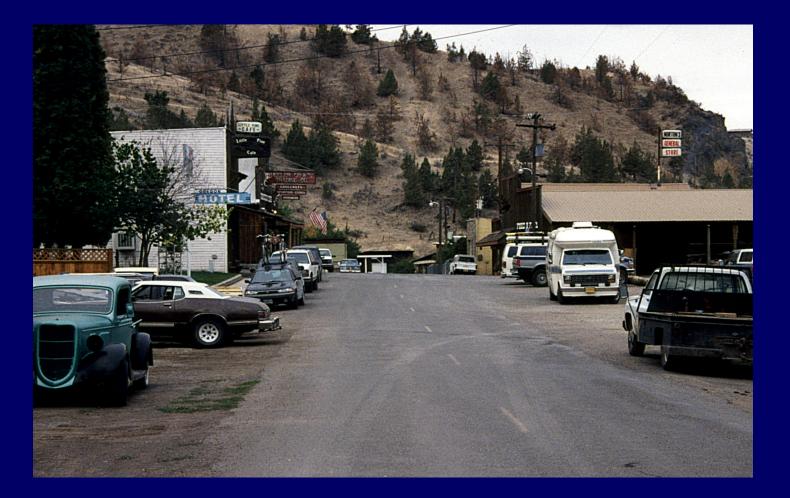
- Main Street remains the heart of the community
- Remains the place people refer to as their town



- Main Street remains the heart of the community
- Remains the place people refer to as their town
- Recalls the unique character and collective history



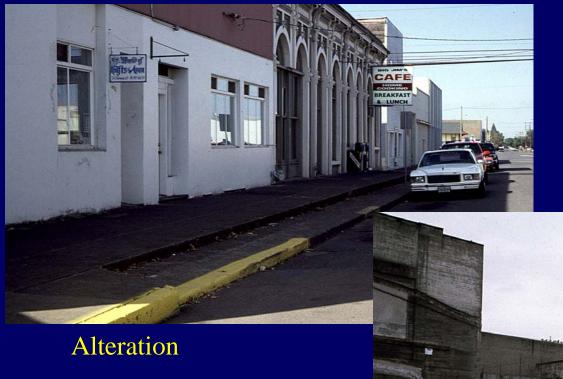
Rural Streetscape





Urban

Streetscape





Demolition



























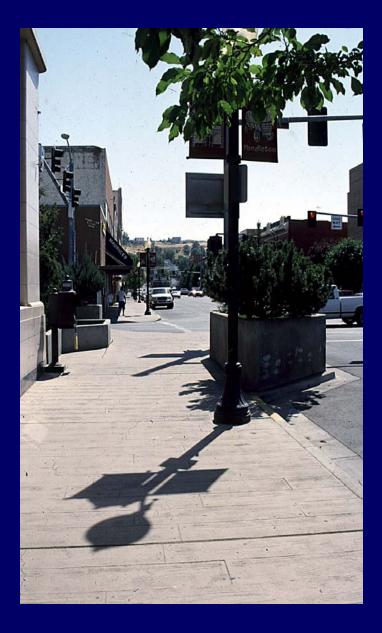
















































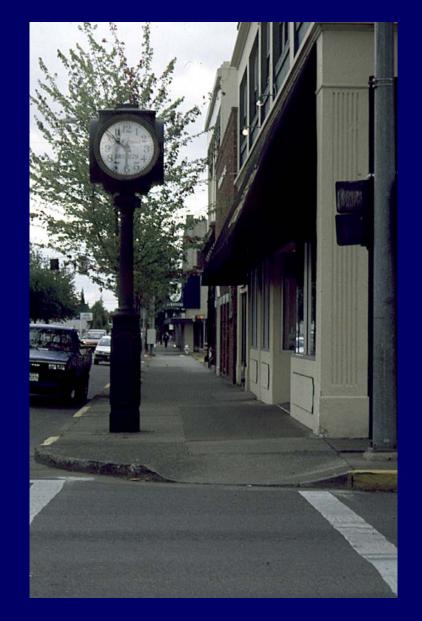
























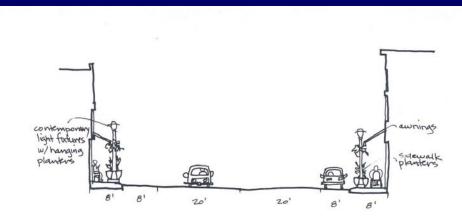


Strategies for Compatible Main Street Improvements

- Look at historic photographs to see how the town evolved. What did it look like before the automobile, at the turn of century, in the 1920s and the 1950s?
- Look at the town today. What historic features remain? What needs to be improved to make it vital and economically successful?
- Work with professionals, community leaders and local citizens to design a vision for the future that builds upon the best of the past.
- Meet current safety, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and construction standards.
- Allow the town's own character to show through by minimizing additions or new features.
- Keep the design simple.

- <u>Scenario 1</u>: Basic Enhancement
- Sidewalk width (8') unchanged
- Sidewalk has a grid pattern
- Historic basement vaults with glass block sidewalk panels remain in place
- ADA ramps are located at each corner
- One planter and a trash receptacle are located at each corner
- Historic lights (6 per block), based on documentation, are installed
- Planters with flowers are hung from light posts
- Awnings are installed
- Benches are included
- Crosswalks are painted



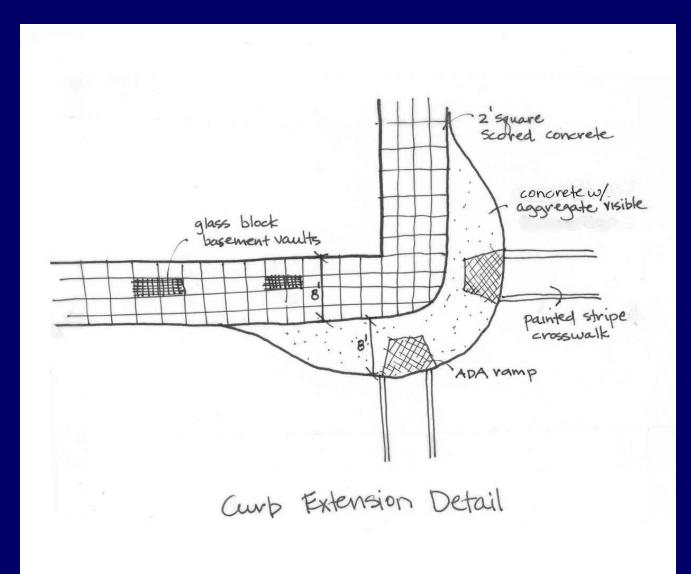


Basic Enhancement

- <u>Scenario 2</u>: Curb Extension Enhancement
- Sidewalk width (8') unchanged
- Sidewalk has a grid pattern
- Historic basement vaults with glass block sidewalk panels remain in place
- Curb extensions (8') are incorporated at each corner
- The original sidewalk edge is distinguished from the curb extension through a change in concrete treatment
- ADA ramps are located at each curb extension
- Two planters and trash receptacle located at each corner
- Historic lights (6 per block), based on documentation, are installed
- Awnings are installed
- Benches are included
- Crosswalks are painted

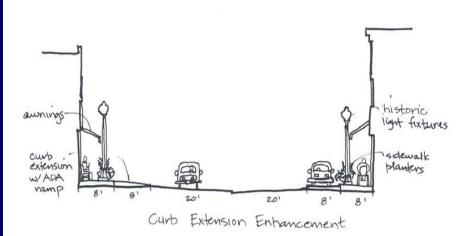






- <u>Scenario 3</u>: Sidewalk and Curb Extension Enhancement
- Sidewalk width increased by 3 feet
- Sidewalk has a grid pattern
- Historic basement vaults with glass block sidewalk panels remain in place
- Curb extensions (8') are incorporated at each corner
- The original sidewalk edge is distinguished from the curb extension through a change in concrete treatment
- ADA ramps are located at each curb extension
- Planting areas are incorporated into each curb extension
- Shrubs (no higher than 2') are located in the planting areas
- Two planters and a trash receptacle are located at each corner
- Historic lights (8 per block), based on documentation, are installed
- Awnings are installed
- Benches are included
- Crosswalks are painted





- <u>Scenario 4:</u> Sidewalk and Curb Extension Enhancement with Trees
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- Sidewalk width increased by 3 feet
- Sidewalk has a grid pattern
- Historic basement vaults with glass block sidewalk panels remain in place
- Curb extensions (8') are incorporated at each corner
- The original sidewalk edge is distinguished from the curb extension through a change in concrete treatment
- ADA ramps are located at each curb extension
- Planting areas are incorporated into each curb extension
- Shrubs (no higher than 2') are located in the planting areas
- Six trees per block (with a clear trunk height of at least 7'), one in each planting area and in each curb extension planting areas
- Two planters and a trash receptacle are located at each corner
- Historic lights (8 per block), based on documentation, are installed
- Awnings are installed
- Benches are included
- Crosswalks are painted







