

# Railroad Avenue and Third Street Improvements 2020-2021



Due to failing drainage, accessibility issues and failing asphalt the downtown area of Rifle is in need of rehabilitation. Because of the importance of Rifle's Downtown, public input has been gathered. More people would come downtown if there was outdoor dining, more landscaping and improved accessibility. Less people would come downtown if parking was removed.

The final downtown design for Railroad Avenue and Third Street has added parking in 4 locations. Grading was adjusted to allow temporary outdoor dining where permitted and smaller more dispersed landscaping was used to add landscaping without sacrificing parking.



3. The existing bulb out on West Third was shifted over to allow for a raised sidewalk making the businesses on West Third ADA accessible and provides an architectural centerpiece to the entrance to downtown

2. Flexible Parking, Curbless Grading and new landscaping:
- Parking in front of restaurants between Thai Bistro and the Texan can be used as dining/parklet/event space but is parking when not being used which allow for seasonal dining and changes in business
  - To eliminate water ponding at curbs, drainage slopes to road where reachable by snow plows
  - Eliminating curbs make streets accessible along the entire block
  - Smaller landscape areas on the south side allow for trees along the entire street without losing parking
  - Existing landscaping will be replaced with cleaner low maintenance planters

1. 15 public parking spaces added at Rifle House including new lighting and signage

4. Street side parking on Railroad Avenue was placed in front of the businesses between Third Street and Fourth Street

5. Combining the alley and the exit to the Post Office allowed for added parking at the post office

6. Restriping the parking lot behind the Bistro accommodates overflow parking and Ute Theater Events  
7. Diagonal Parking at 5<sup>th</sup> Street allows for overflow parking

