

# Railroad Avenue and Third Street Improvements

Due to failing drainage, accessibility issues and failing asphalt the downtown area of Rifle is in need of rehabilitation. The final downtown design for Railroad Avenue and Third Street has added parking at the Rifle House DDA lot and the Post Office. Grading was adjusted to allow temporary outdoor dining where permitted and smaller more dispersed landscaping was used to add landscaping without sacrificing parking.



## Flexible Parking, Curbless Grading and new landscaping:

- Parking in front of restaurants 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
- Current parking counts remain the same but only 5 spots are lost when outdoor dining is setup (currently the outdoor dining takes up 14 when all patios are setup)

## Construction Notifications

### December

- The project will go out to bid. This bid will be based on price and qualifications meaning the successful bidder will be the one that has the best abilities to achieve high level work while keeping businesses operating.

### January

- Bids will be received and recommendations for award will go to council

### February

- The project will be awarded and meetings with businesses, City, and contractors will be held
  - The construction plan will be different for every business. Major work may be better performed early in the morning in front of restaurants but later in the day in front of coffee shops. These details will be gathered and placed in a final construction schedule

### March

- Construction will begin. This will most likely be work on the public parking lot and utilities on Railroad and Third.

### April-Completion

- With the public parking lot and waterline completion, work on Railroad Avenue and Third Street will begin. Work on Third Street will take place in increments that best mitigate construction for businesses.

Final dates and detailed scheduling will be generated and presented to all businesses in February. For more information contact Craig Spaulding at 970-665-6556