

Corridor Improvement Plan

In our continued effort to rebuild downtown and meet the needs of residents and commercial establishments we will create a Corridor Improvement Plan. The Plan will be based upon some basic premises that are unique to this part of lower (East really) Chapel Street.

- State Street is a Miner Arterial Road into downtown.
- Chapel Street from State to Church is Major Gateway into downtown for both vehicles and pedestrian traffic
- The addition of the State Street Station gives the potential for Real Transit Oriented Development and adds more pedestrian traffic to the area
- Ultimate Development of the Shartenburg Lot will only improve the area and put increasing pressure on Higher Quality Urban Amenities and Services
- There are currently at least 2 Bus Transfer locations located in this Corridor
- Chapel Street between these 2 roads can be a bottleneck of congestion.
- The Central Station Fire House at 952 Grand Avneue (corner Olive) services downtown through this street. This is the only direct road to downtown from that firehouse besides Grove Street.
- Access to the Green during special events that draw thousands is critical and this corridor is especially important given that the current Fire Station located on Grand and Olives will most likely travel the State to Chapel route if an emergency of any magnitude occurred during one of those events
- On Street Parking is currently allowed only on Chapel between Orange and State Streets and not on Chapel between Church and Orange.
- There is no existing aesthetic to the Corridor and a complete lack of greenery, benches, etc.
- The Basements of many buildings on Chapel Street run under the sidewalk making any in ground plantings possible.

With the aforementioned in mind we are looking to improve the street with a mix of streetscape improvements including brick work, planters both hanging and ground types, sidewalk improvements, utility pole replacement and possibly an arch over Chapel/State intersection.