



# MASTER PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN AURORA

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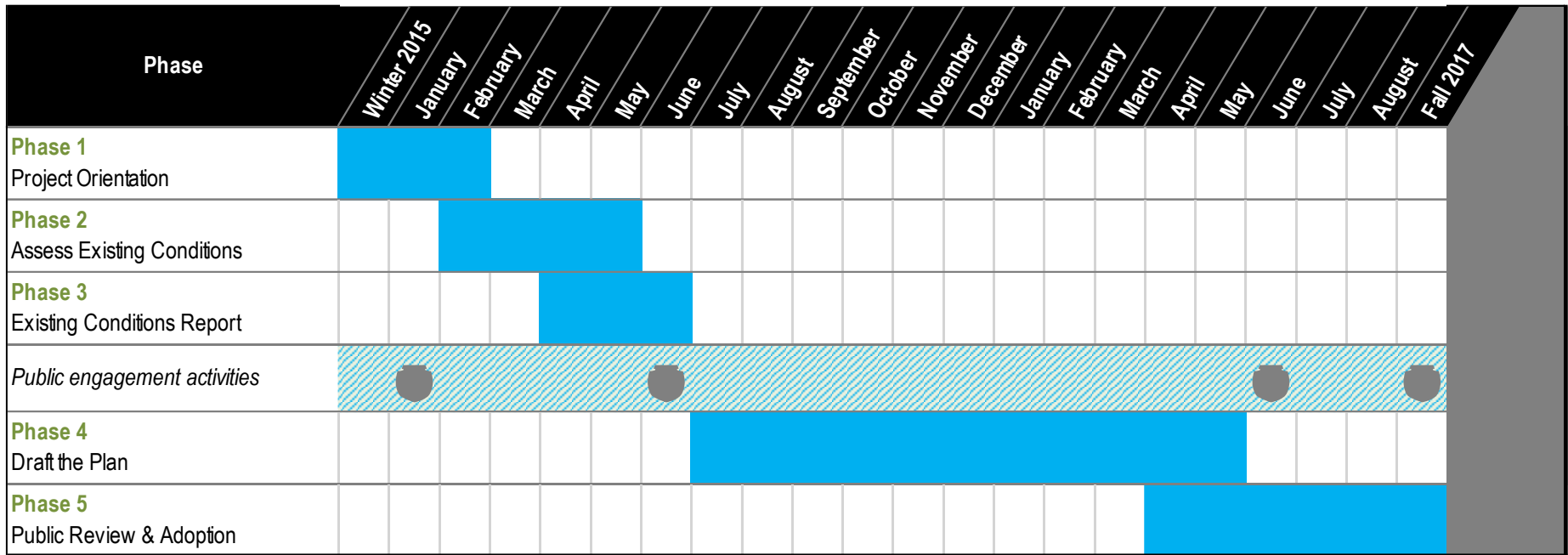
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017



# The Planning Process



## A Downtown Master Plan for Aurora



1. Project orientation

2. Existing conditions assessment

3. Draft downtown plan development

4. Plan completion and approval

5. Community implementation of plan









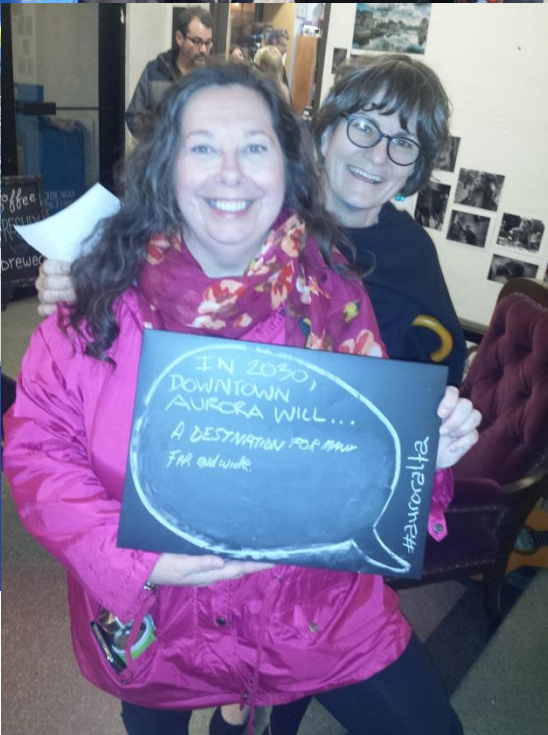
IN 2030,  
DOWNTOWN AURORA  
WILL ...  
Restaurants with live music



EN 2030, EL CENTRO  
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IN 2030, DOWNTOWN  
AURORA ...  
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Human Robots



IN 2030,  
DOWNTOWN  
AURORA WILL ...  
A DESTINATION FOR MANY  
FAR and wide  
#aurora



WELCOME ◀ Welcome

WELCOME

- 2 THEMES
- 3 STRATEGIES
- 4 APPROACH
- 5 WRAP UP


**Plan Recommendation Development**

CMAP is assisting the City of Aurora with an update to their downtown Master Plan to strengthen downtown Aurora's vitality and create a more livable, walkable downtown. At this stage, we are formulating potential recommendations and this survey will collect input on recommendation ideas.

 Begin



*Photo Credit: Christopher J. May*



Share what's important to you in a thriving, robust downtown.  
How would you like to see Aurora change?

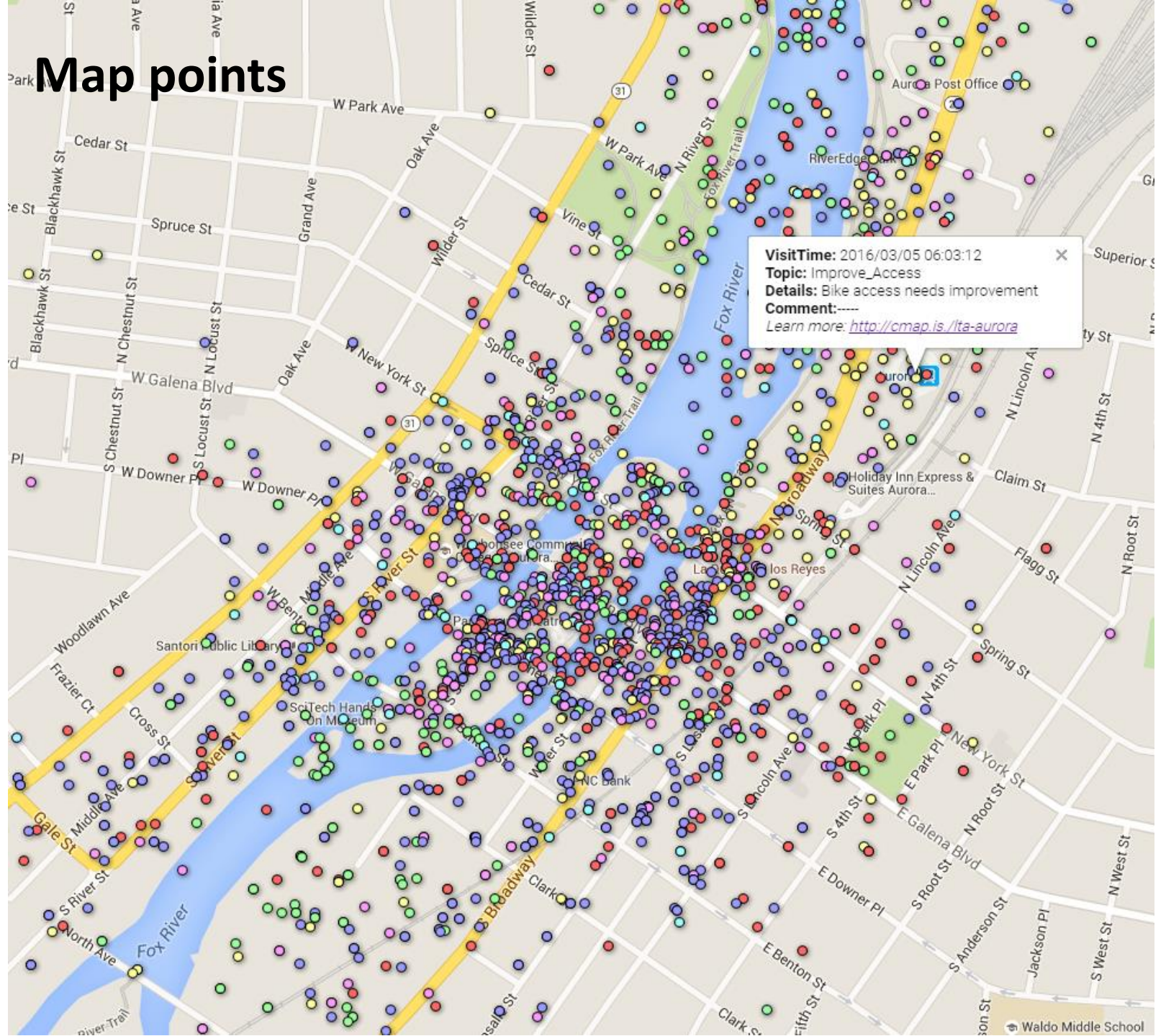


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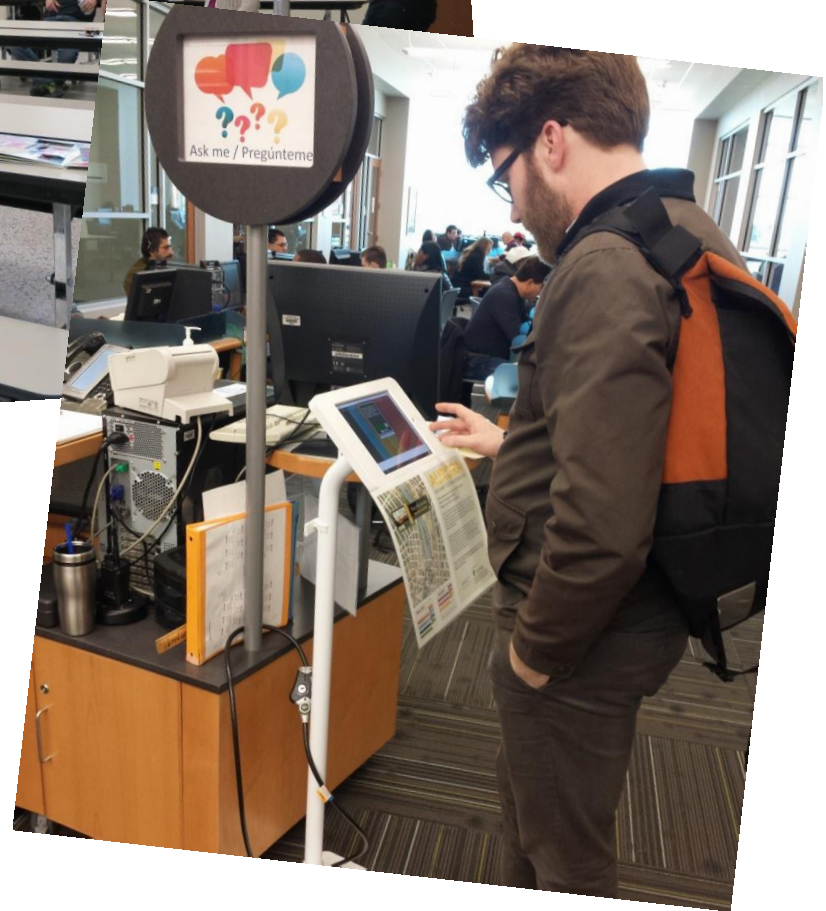
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# Map points









# An experience to remember

## Key Recommendation Areas

- Enhance the built environment to create a sense of place.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive signage and wayfinding program.
- Enhance marketing, branding, and communication.
- Improve feelings of comfort and safety.



# Growing and diversifying businesses

An architectural rendering of a lively downtown street scene. On the left, a tall brick building features balconies with plants and ground-floor storefronts with purple awnings. To the right, a shorter brick building has a large outdoor seating area with white umbrellas. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalk, and a cyclist is visible in the foreground. The sky is a soft, warm gradient.

## Key Recommendation Areas

- Enhance the business climate by focusing on economic development initiatives and programming to encourage investment.
- Focus on growing small, local, and niche businesses.
- Support the downtown core by enhancing livability.





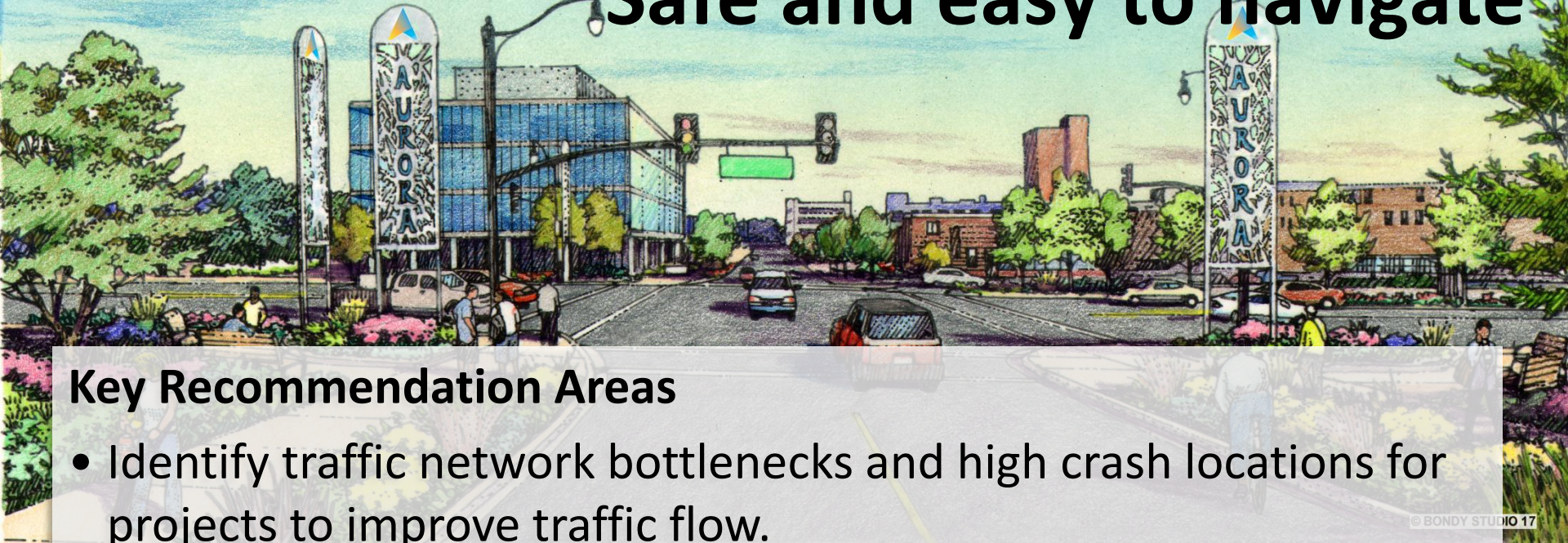
# A place for creatives

## Key Recommendation Areas

- Coordinate and encourage local efforts to promote art,
- highlight culture and support the performing arts.
- Leverage CMAP's Arts & Culture Toolkit.
- Pursue targeted arts and culture endeavors.



# Safe and easy to navigate



## Key Recommendation Areas

- Identify traffic network bottlenecks and high crash locations for projects to improve traffic flow.
- Encourage walking and enhance the transition to walking from all transportation modes.
- Encourage the use of bicycles for transportation.
- Address downtown parking challenges.
- Encourage more transit usage and visitors by train.
- Identify and fix barriers for those with mobility challenges.



# A vibrant Fox River



## Key Recommendation Areas

- Activate the Fox River Corridor.
- Enhance connections between the Fox River and downtown.
- Continue to demonstrate leadership in improving environmental quality.



# An engaged community



## Key Recommendation Areas

- Explore innovative public engagement methods to implement the downtown master plan.
- Engage the diverse population of Aurora.
- Strengthen local capacity.
- Update the City's Comprehensive Plan.





# Next Steps

- Presentation to Planning & Development 9/28
- Presentation to Committee of the Whole 10/3
- Presentation to City Council 10/10
- Commitment to continue with implementation assistance, as needed, for two years

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