Madison ALABAMA

DOWNTOWN-MIDTOWN

Downtown-Midtown is the iconic and practical heart of Madison; a dining/arts/entertainment district for residents and visitors. It combines Madison's Historic Downtown District with the first phases of north/south growth. Over the decades, this area has proven to be the hub of Madison's daily activities. Sullivan/Wall-Triana and Hughes Roads, north to south; Browns-Ferry/Old Madison Pike and Mill Road, east to west, form a grid of constant activity. During the Growth Plan community meetings, Madison spoke loudly and clearly:

- Protect and revitalize historic downtown Madison;
- Increase accessibility by improving "wayfinding" signage;
- Create better connectivity to the stadium;
- Repurpose currently vacant buildings.

The City heard the community vision and is working diligently to create **YOUR** Madison!

UPDATE: NEW DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION

Phase 1 of the revitalization of the Historic District is complete! The electrical poles that once cluttered the landscape and distracted from the overall beauty of downtown have been removed and utilities have been relocated underground. What may seem like a small change will provide great benefits. The most notable is additional parking along both sides of Main Street. Another significant advantage is the elimination of the need to prune the newly planted trees.

Public Works employees, Ronnie Church, Tommy Pollard and Tyrone Stewart, planted new trees along Main Street.

Plaza Centre businesses

- ☐ Applebee's
- ☐ Café 153
- ☐ Golden China Restaurant
- ☐ Jan's Hallmark
- ☐ KaleidoScoops
- ☐ Kim's ATA Taekwondo
- ☐ Kroger
  - Bakery
  - Deli
  - Floral Department
  - Pharmacy
  - Western Union
  - Coinstar
  - Redbox
  - Bank of America ATM
- ☐ Le's Nails
- ☐ Victoria's Salon & Spa
- ☐ Kay Cleaners

Midtown-Downtown events

- ☐ Run Through the Roses – May 5
www.runthroughtheroses.com
- ☐ Concerts in the Park
- ☐ Art in the Park
www.artsmadison.org
- ☐ Madison Street Festival
www.madisonstreetfestival.org

The addition of way-finding signage throughout the city directs visitors to Madison's Historic Downtown District.

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City crews have worked many hours preparing for new paving of Main Street east to Wise Street, finishing with a "chip seal" which has created a more historically traditional surface and which also serves as a traffic calming device. **WIDE**, walkable sidewalks have been poured welcoming side by side strolls.

Landscaping, with beautiful tree specimens that will provide both shade and multi-season interest and oodles of the City's signature Knock-Out rose (Rosa 'Radrazz'), has also been completed. New light fixtures installed along Main will, in the near future, tie the entire Historic District together.

Planning Director Amy Bell has been actively involved in all stages of the revitalization of Madison's Historic Downtown. Here, meeting Landscaper Corey McMullin of CM Services.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The City's vision is not short-sighted and efforts are underway actively seeking to secure funding by partnering with legislators and obtaining grants for future Phase II improvements. Preliminary designs for several future phases including: Main Street from Wise Street to the RR tracks; Martin Street resurfacing and north side sidewalks; redesign of the City's parking lot on Martin Street, which will provide an additional **117 parking spaces**, landscaped islands and lighting; **walkable connectivity along Garner Street to the stadium**; Church Street commercial area improvements to replicate those on Main Street; and Church Street residential area resurfacing, improved sidewalks and new lighting, will ensure Madison's Historic Downtown District will not only grow, but will thrive!

A CONVENIENT NECESSITY

It only comes once a year but can be so inconvenient: car tag renewals! By the end of summer, a satellite office of the **Madison County License Department** will be operating from the former *Oh! Bryan's* restaurant building on Old Madison Pike. Where residents used to dine, they will soon be able to purchase/renew business, boat, driver, fishing & hunting licenses; disability tags & placards and vehicle tags/titles can be renewed at this location. The Tax Assessor's Office will also be located there. What a time saver!!

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