

ALBANY COUNTY INTERCITY BUS TERMINAL OPEN HOUSE



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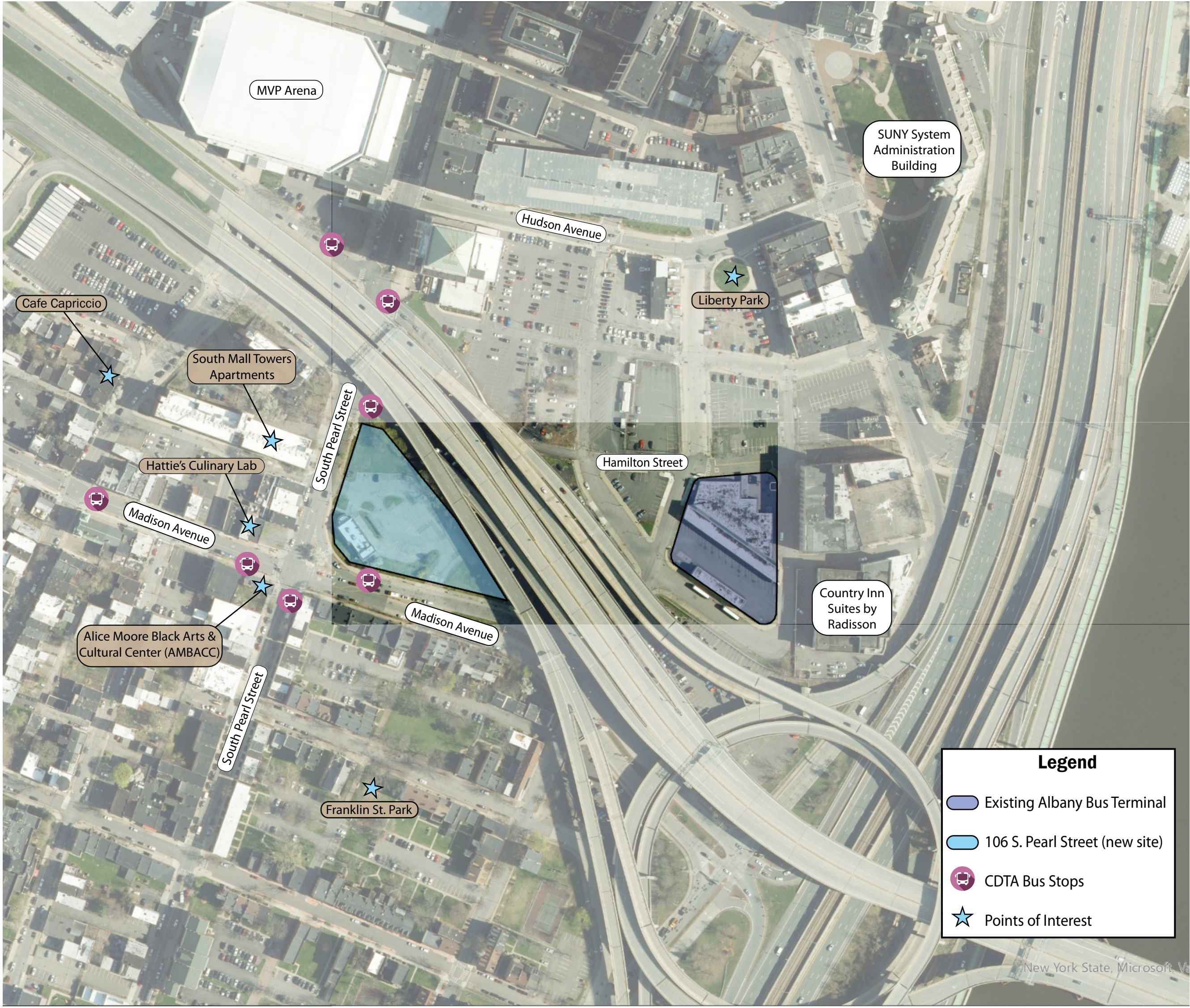
WELCOME!

PLEASE SIGN IN

Thank you for joining the Advance Albany Alliance for this public meeting!

Our goal today is to understand the community's design preferences and how we should prioritize ideas for the future Intercity Bus Terminal.

The Advance Albany County Alliance, in partnership with Albany County, is advancing plans for the development of a new Intercity Bus Terminal at 106 South Pearl Street. This project is a significant investment in regional mobility and a key component of ongoing efforts to revitalize Albany's South End and strengthen the downtown core.



TOPICS FOR TODAY

During this design phase, we are seeking input from members of the public, stakeholders, and intercity bus riders. Your input will have direct impact on the decision-making process for this project.

Project Background
How did this project move forward?

Design Styles
How should the building look?

Inside the Terminal
What should be inside the building?

Outside the Terminal
How should the open space around the building be designed and used?

www.advancealbanycounty.com/busterminal

PROJECT BACKGROUND

PROJECT GOALS

The Advance Albany County Alliance is working to advance multiple goals with the new Intercity Bus Terminal at 106 S. Pearl Street.



Build a new bus terminal that suits the needs of passengers and drivers.



Transition the vacant property to an amenity for the community



Improve safety and connectivity of the roadway network

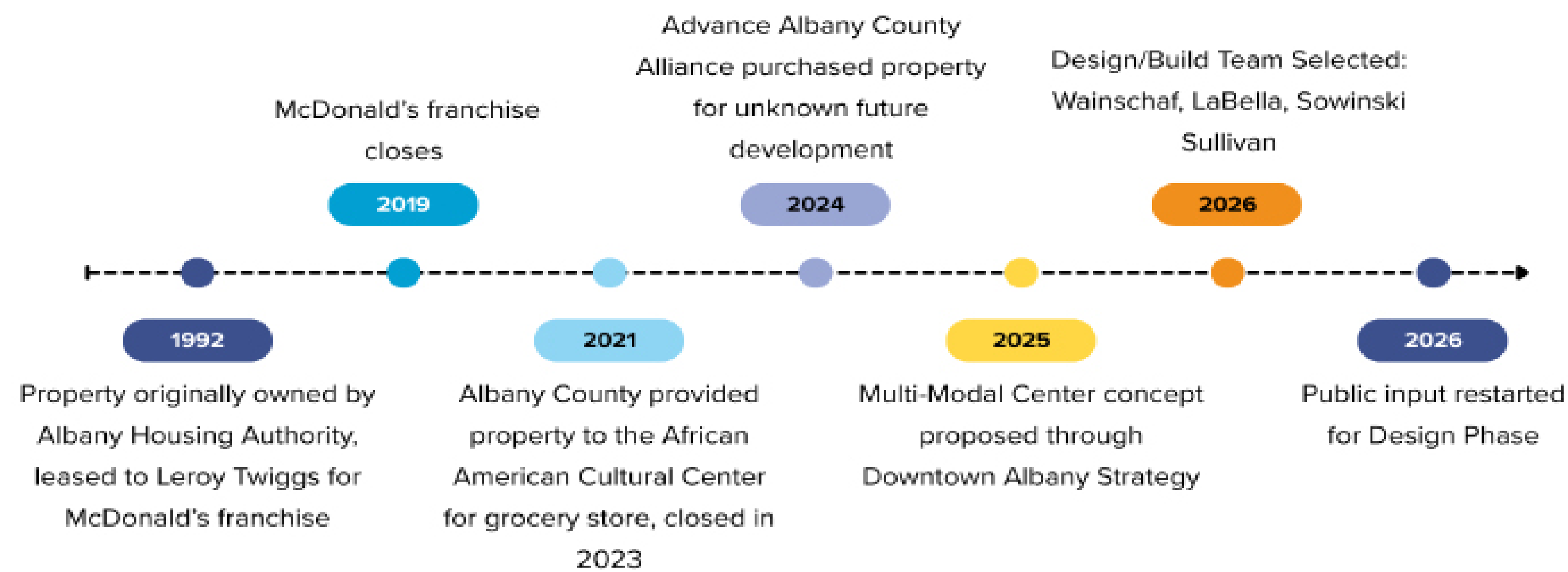


Advance the objectives of the Downtown Albany Strategy

PROJECT HISTORY

The Intercity Bus Terminal was identified as a priority project through process for the Downtown Albany Strategy. Hundreds of participants engaged across the downtown, including the South End and Liberty Park. The final plan identified 106 Pearl Street as the location of a new "Multi-Modal Station."

HISTORY OF 106 S. PEARL STREET



PROJECT NEED

The current bus terminal is outdated and there is opportunity to improve passenger comfort. The new Intercity Bus Terminal at 106 S. Pearl Street would allow for:



SEATING AREA



RESTROOMS



ADA ACCESSIBILITY



ENCLOSED BUS BOARDING AREAS



24 HOUR SECURITY

Provided by the Albany County Sheriff's Department

EXAMPLES OF INTERCITY BUS TERMINAL DESIGNS



Syracuse: William F Walsh Regional Transportation Center



Rensselaer: Albany-Rensselaer Amtrak Station



Philadelphia: Intercity Bus Station



Binghamton: Greater Binghamton Transportation Center

BUILDING STYLE

The existing modern-style building will be retrofitted and redesigned to accommodate its new purpose, and a new gateway will be constructed for bus boarding and staging areas.

The style and design are still in the works, and we want to hear from the community about the building and gateway design.

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

There is the option of including sustainable design elements, such as a green roof, water conservation elements, native plantings, and more, in the building design at an extra cost.

These can improve energy efficiency, reduce urban heat island temperature effect, provide stormwater management, and more.

WHAT DESIGN DO YOU PREFER?

MODERN STYLE

A more modern and simple design that may free up funds to use on other elements of the project.



OTHER

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN EXAMPLES



Native plantings at the corporate headquarters of Expedia, Seattle, WA
Source: National Wildlife Federation



A bio retention basin planned for a transit center in Pennsylvania.
Source: Sowinski Sullivan



A green roof in New York City.
Source: The Nature Conservancy

TRADITIONAL STYLE

A more traditional design similar to other buildings on Pearl Street that may be more expensive.



NO PREFERENCE

HOW IMPORTANT IS SUSTAINABLE DESIGN TO YOU?

LOW
PRIORITY

HIGH
PRIORITY



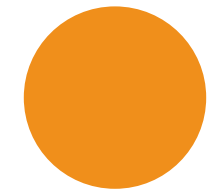
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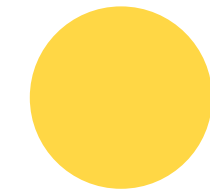
RETAIL SPACE

The building may incorporate retail space for a business or businesses to serve both intercity bus travelers and residents. This is in addition to all the necessary elements, such as restrooms, seating, administration and operational offices, ticket booths, and other features needed for passenger comfort.

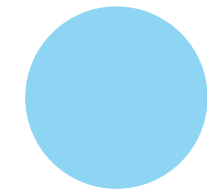
RETAIL SPACE GOALS



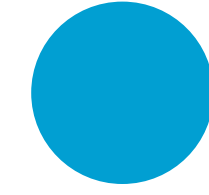
Provide a retail amenity that serves riders' needs.



Provide a retail opportunity for the community.



Support other efforts to develop retail in the South End.



Avoid competition with existing businesses and other efforts.



NYS Thruway Rest Stop at Chittenango
Source: syracuse.com



G.W. Carver Interpretive Museum,
Dothan, AL
Source: alabama.travel



Greyhound Bus Station, Cleveland, OH
Source: roadsidearchitecture.com

WHICH RETAIL OPTIONS WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE MOST IN THE INTERCITY BUS TERMINAL?



TELL US MORE!

A PHARMACY

A CONVENIENCE STORE

A COFFEE SHOP

OTHER: SHARE YOUR IDEA!

**LOCAL ARTISTS GALLERY
OR HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**SOMETHING THAT
APPEALS TO KIDS**

**FAST CASUAL/QUICK
SERVICE RESTAURANTS**

**ACCESS TO FRESH FRUITS
AND VEGETABLES**





PLAZA STYLE

The area surrounding the building is envisioned as a public plaza that can be used a variety of ways. Some of these uses are more permanent and some are more temporary.

More permanent fixtures and furniture installed, even if it reduces flexibility.



More flexible space for community engagement events and programming



PLAZA ACTIVATION

The area surrounding the building is envisioned as a public plaza that can be used a variety of ways. Some of these uses are more permanent and some are more temporary.

WHICH ELEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MOST IN THE INTERCITY BUS TERMINAL FINAL DESIGN?

DINING TABLES

PUBLIC ART

A PERMANENT FOUNTAIN

GREENERY AND LANDSCAPING

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THIS SPACE DESIGNED?

MORE PERMANENT

MORE FLEXIBLE

PLAY SPACE OR PLAYGROUND

DISPLAYS ABOUT HISTORY

A SPLASHPAD

A STAGE AREA



TELL US MORE!





The intersection of South Pearl Street and Madison Avenue can be redesigned to improve safety and accessibility for all modes of travel.

This aligns with the priorities identified by the community during the Downtown Albany Strategy to create a safer, more walkable road network.

INTERSECTION DESIGN



TELL US MORE!

CURRENT



PROPOSED



DO YOU SUPPORT THIS CONCEPT FOR THE REDESIGN OF THE INTERSECTION?

**STRONGLY
OPPOSE**

NEUTRAL

**STRONGLY
SUPPORT**

DECIDING PRIORITIES



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PRIORITY RANKING

All decisions have tradeoffs, and we want to know what you would like to see most as we make final decisions about the design.

TELL US: WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO

A FLEXIBLE, OPEN PLAZA THAT IS USED FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

LOW
PRIORITY

HIGH
PRIORITY

A DESIGNED, PARK-LIKE PLAZA THAT IS A BREAK FROM EVERY DAY LIFE

LOW
PRIORITY

HIGH
PRIORITY

INCLUDING THE MOST AMOUNT OF RETAIL SPACE POSSIBLE

LOW
PRIORITY

HIGH
PRIORITY

SPENDING MORE OF THE BUDGET ON THE BUILDING'S ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN.

LOW
PRIORITY

HIGH
PRIORITY

REDESIGNING THE INTERSECTION AT PEARL AND MADISON

LOW
PRIORITY

HIGH
PRIORITY

INCLUDING A MUSEUM AND/OR GALLERY SPACE

LOW
PRIORITY

HIGH
PRIORITY

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN OPTIONS SUCH AS A GREEN ROOF

LOW
PRIORITY

HIGH
PRIORITY



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