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# 2015 Downtown Master Plan Task Force Report



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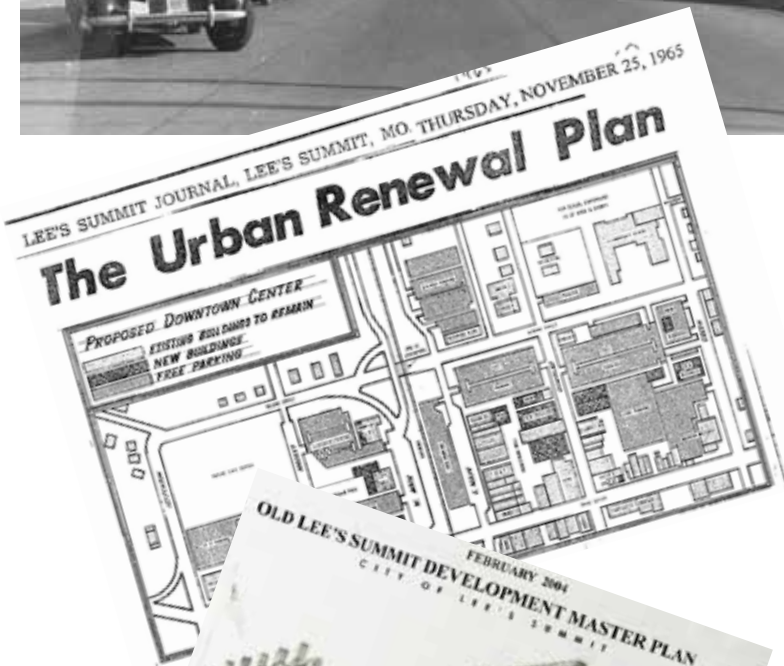
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# Looking back/ looking ahead



The Task Force gathered several times this Spring. We reviewed past improvement plans and proposals. Downtown Lee's Summit has seen the benefits from several of these plans.



The 2004 Master Plan was looked at closely. As a group, we agreed on the positive actions that have resulted from this plan.



We took the experience and ideas from 2004 and started our own list of concepts for 2015 and beyond. Our ideas are influenced by economics, demographics and trends that have changed in the last decade.



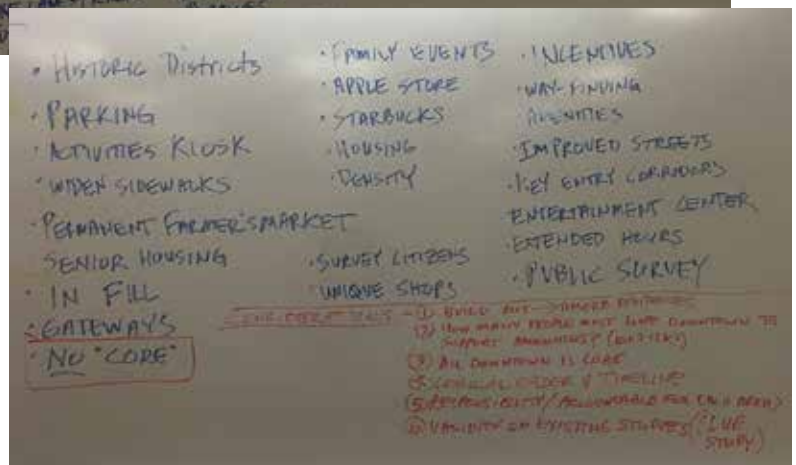
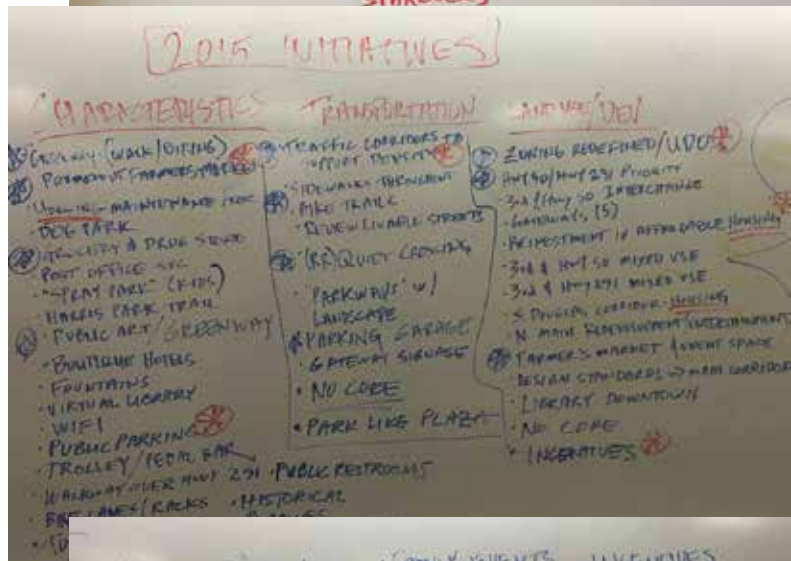
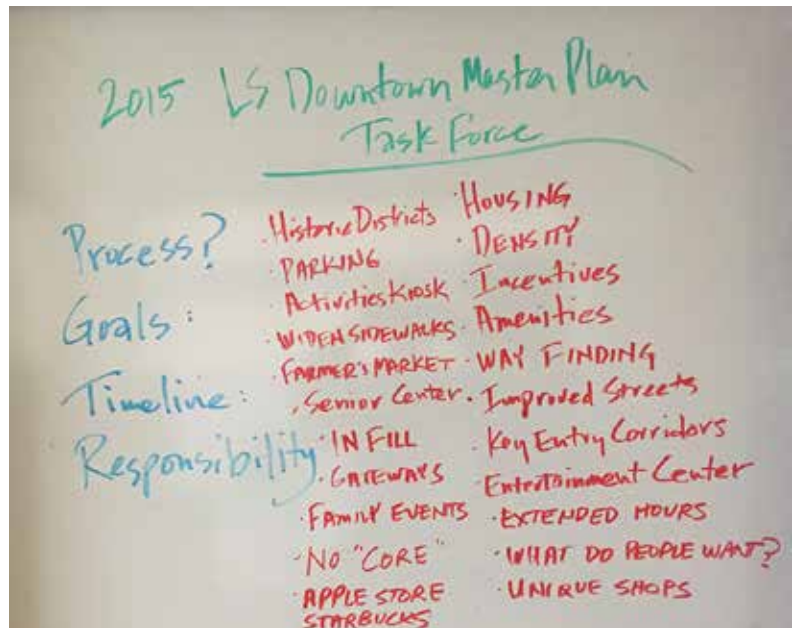
# A roomful of ideas

Ideas were put down on paper. The group added their wish lists and desires for Downtown Lee's Summit. No ideas, big or small, were rejected.

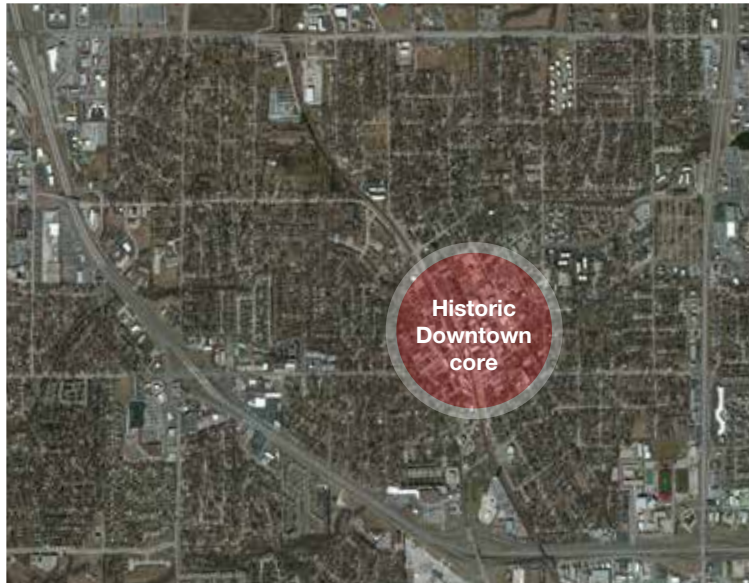
To better detail our growing list of ideas, we separated into smaller groups with a tighter focus.

Transportation, land use and physical characteristics were used to organize our ideas.

At this point it became clear that certain initiatives have to happen first to open the door for other ideas to bloom.



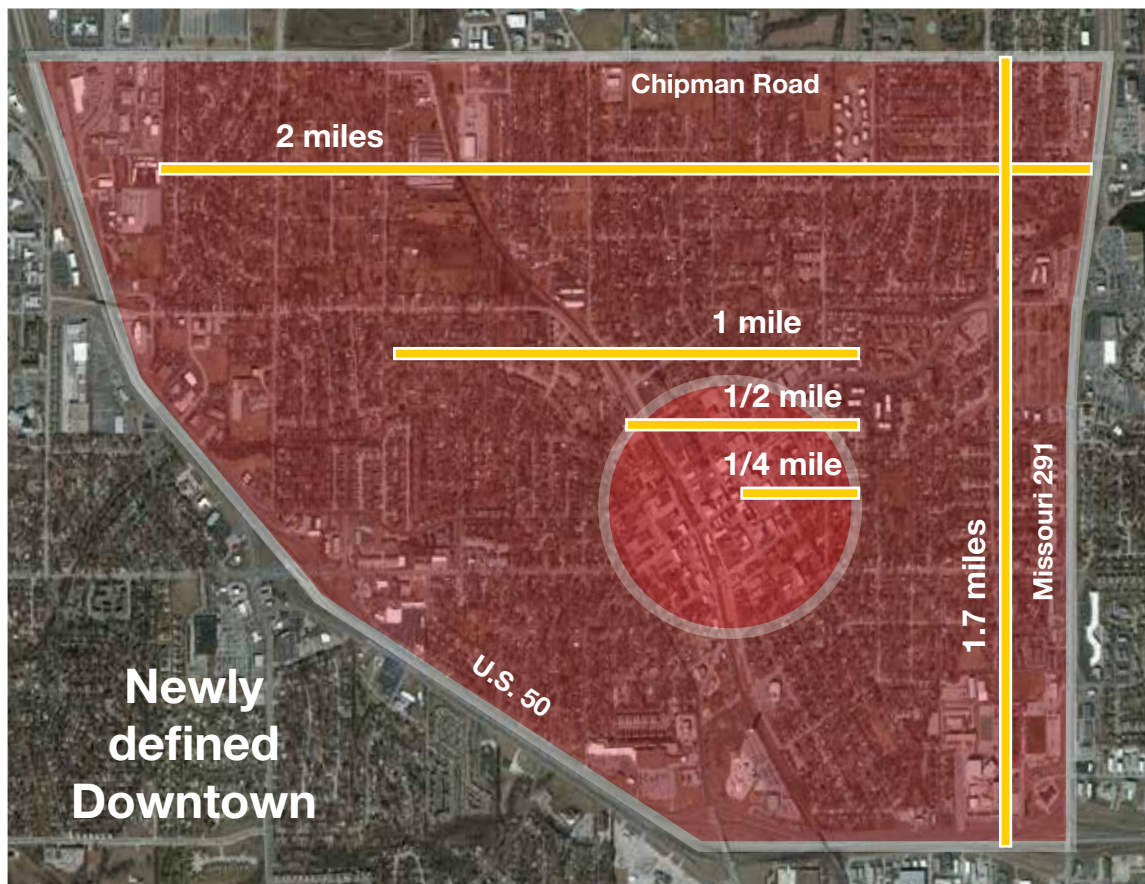
# A bigger Downtown and redefined zoning



One of first decisions was redefining the physical size of Downtown Lee's Summit.

We believe the expansion of what is Downtown will open up greater potential for true improvements.

It allows more options for infill projects, connectivity and population increases.





This important change will offer the best way forward for better development of projects we consider vital for downtown Lee's Summit. Allowing mixed use, denser development, offering incentives and making changes in our Unified Development Ordinance will open up downtown to a desirable future of walkability, livability and quality of life for residents and visitors.





# Parking

On-street, lots and a garage offer places to park in and around Downtown. But the demand and perception is that parking is a struggle downtown. Better directional signage and education are important. However, building a additional garage structure, possibly on the south edge of the core, could have a positive impact on development.



# Permanent Farmers Market

Already a popular seasonal attraction, the downtown Farmers Market can be even more. Let's build a permanent, year-round structure that can showcase the current market... and much more.





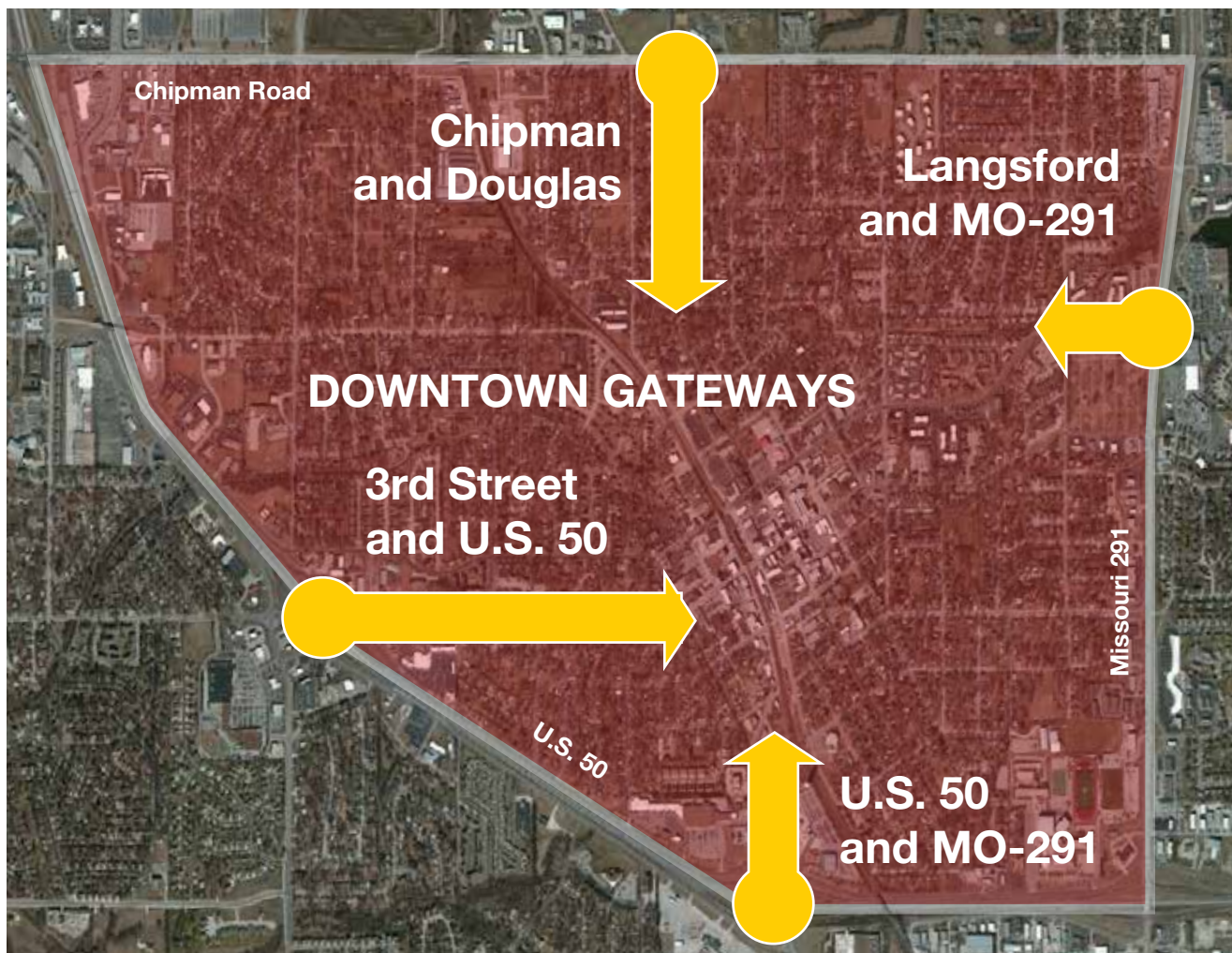
# Housing and Density

Downtown needs residents. More housing options will chart the strongest path to density. Single family, multi family, lofts and condos offer the right mix to draw potential residents. Density brings better business and vitality to our streets.



# Better traffic corridors

Entering Downtown Lee's Summit can be visually pleasing or cluttered experience. We would like to see the intersections of Third and U.S. 50, Chipman and Douglas, Langsford and MO-291 and the new U.S. 50/291 interchange opened to better development which could offer pleasant gateways in Downtown.





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# What happens next?

Ideas have been hatched, dreams have been described and options have been presented. It is the hope of the Task Force that these concepts can become reality. However, we need the support and collaboration from community leaders, businesses, residents and ultimately, elected officials. We seek leadership from our City Council to further the success of our city's vibrant heart. A thriving downtown is important to the health and vitality of all Lee's Summit.

**Let's celebrate and strengthen our hometown downtown.**



**Thank you.**