Public Meeting to Make 7th Street Complete

MAY 26, 2016

Why Complete Streets?

To Accommodate All Users



Allow Cheaper Transportation Options

- Car
 - ▶ \$8946/year
- ▶ Rock Region Metro
 - ▶ 31-day Adult pass
 - ▶ \$36/month
 - ▶ \$432/year
- Bike
 - ▶ \$308/year









Increase Safety



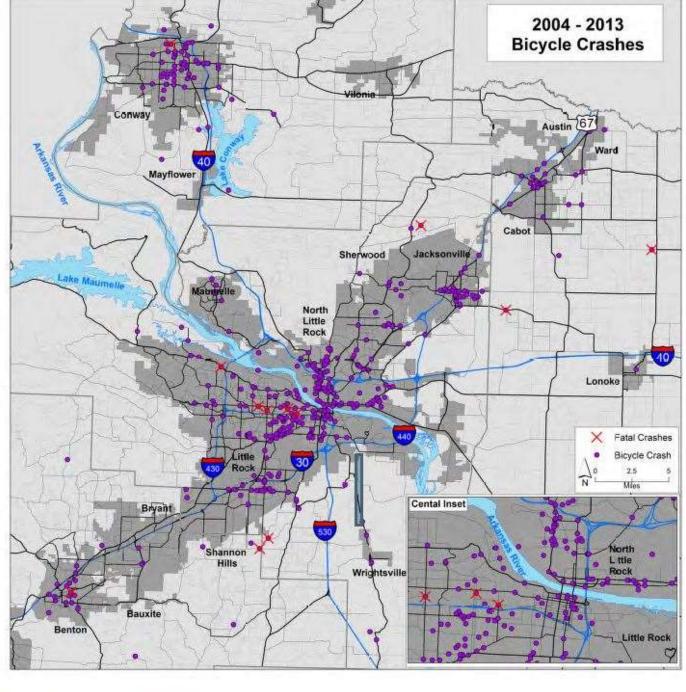


Figure 2: Bicycle Crashes 2004 - 2013

Public Health

- Obesity
 - ► High blood pressure
 - ▶ Heart disease
 - Diabetes
 - Cancer
- Arkansas most obese state
- Active transportation shown to take weight off and keep it off
 - Bike commuters lose on average 13 lbs. in their first year.



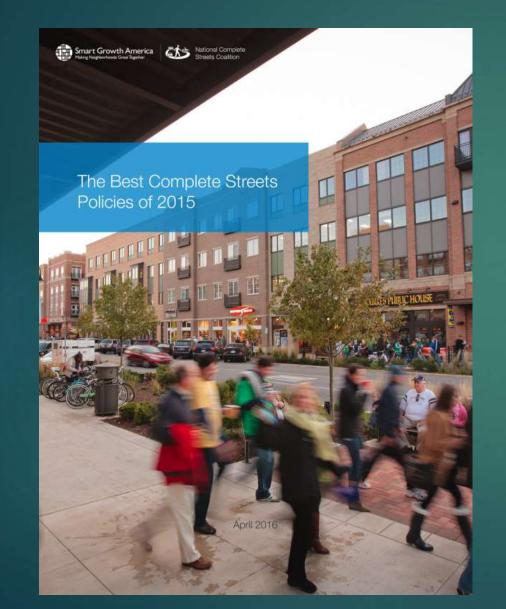
Source: Trust for America's Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The State of Obesity 2015 [PDF]. Washington, D.C.: 2015.

Economic Vitality: Young Talent



- Millennials looking for livable cities
- Complete Streets part of livability
- Attract and retain
 - businesses
 - good citizens

Little Rock Committed





Why 7th Street?

Revitalizing 7th Street Corridor



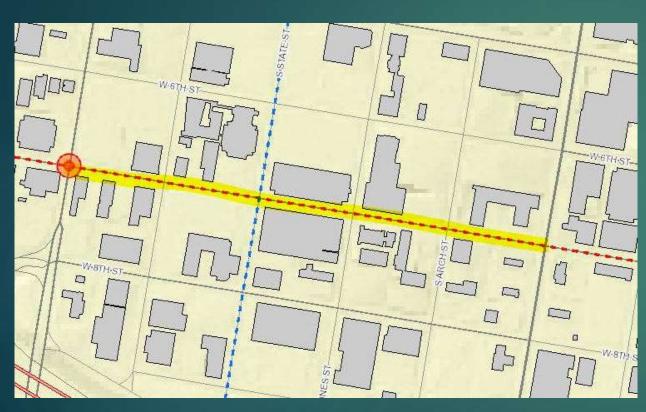
Pop Up in the Rock 2013



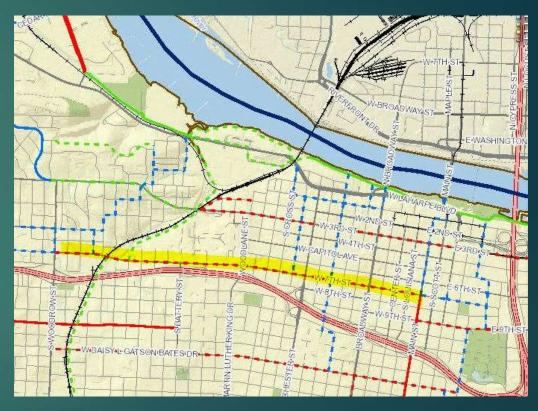
Vacant storefront between Gaines and Arch.

- Livable neighborhood
 - Walkable
 - Safer
 - ► Community walking the streets
 - Destination vs. corridor
 - ▶ People come and spend money
 - Better advertising
 - More people on more transportation modes travelling slower
- Create Little Rock may have specific design improvements in mind
 - SOMA district

7th Street Bicycle Corridor



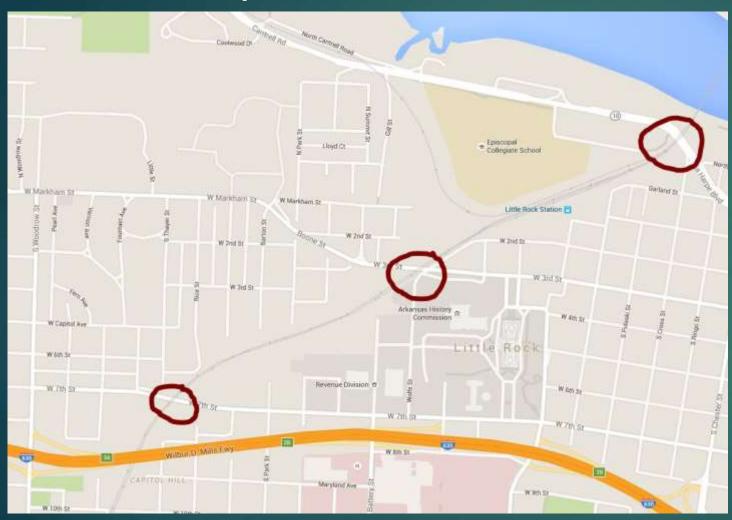
7th Street – Five blocks to be resurfaced from Chester to Broadway. Bike lanes in Master Bike Plan.



Part of an east-west corridor linking downtown to Stifft Station, Capital View, Hillcrest, and Heights.

See also April 15th post on Facebook's Bike/Ped Little Rock

The Importance of 7th Street



- Rail line makes east-west connectivity challenging
- Three ways to cross railroad
 - ▶ LaHarpe
 - 3rd Street
 - ▶ 7th Street
- New BikePed bridge by LaHarpe (ART) will create 4th

Three ways to cross railroad between river and I-630.

Thoughts of Business Owners

Broadway to Arch



- ▶ Bumper to Bumper's Willie Eustice
 - Concerned about
 - ▶ Speed of traffic
 - Visibility coming out of parking lot onto 7th
 - Some cars back out
 - Will this be part of Arkansas River Trail?

ARG moved out

Arch to Gaines



- ► First Missionary Baptist Church's Senior Deacon D.W.B Stokes
 - Concerned about losing two handicapped spots on 7th Street
 - ▶ Bus parks there with a parishioner who has a particularly difficult time walking.



Potential solutions:

- 1) Make two spots on Gaines handicapped parking only. Only nominally farther.
- 2) Drop off parishioner at handicapped ramp on 7th then park bus in Gaines handicapped parking, Gaines street parking, or lot.

Gaines to State



- Today's Office's Tamara Campbell
 - Happy that Today's Office, particularly the new banner, may get more views.
 - Concerned about parking where cars can be seen.



Parking on State St. and Gaines St. between 7th and 8th available and underutilized.

Solution:

- 1) Create livable neighborhood.
- 2) Install security camera on State between 7th and 8th



- Haybar Real Estate's Lauren Frederick
 - Concerned about loss of parking.



State to Izard



- 7th Street Tattoos and Piercing's Robert Berry
 - Concerned about loss of parking
 - Excited enough about bike lanes to
 - ▶ Renegotiate his contract with Army Corps of Engineers
 - ▶ Take back spots he leases on his parking lot
 - ▶ Lose revenue from leasing those spots
- 7th Street Tattoos and Piercing's Ashley Berry
 - ► Glad that removal of street parking will improve visibility turning onto 7th
 - Excited about environmental impact of biking lanes



Izard to Chester



- Arkansas Department of Career Education's Rick Anderson
 - Happy that resurfacing has already made street more handicapped accessible
 - Would like to see better handicapped waiting area at bus stop
 - Excited that people recovering from injury will see people living an active lifestyle – inspirational

- Vino's
 - Employees excited to ride to work safer
 - Excited to attract bicyclist cliental



Izard to Chester 2



- Southern Reprographics' Phillip McColey
 - Likes to see safe biking options in Little Rock
 - Concerned about loss of street parking
 - ▶ Particularly relating to customer easy pick up and drop off of drafts



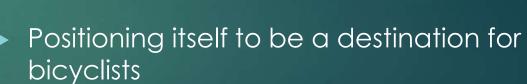
Solution: Convert spots on Izard to 15 minute loading and unloading



- Art Outfitters' Kerry Kemp
 - Excited about bike lanes
 - Happy that loss of street parking will help reduce parking in front of her gate after hours
 - Employees excited to bike to work
 - Happy that street parking will not interfere with her semi-weekly deliveries in front of her business







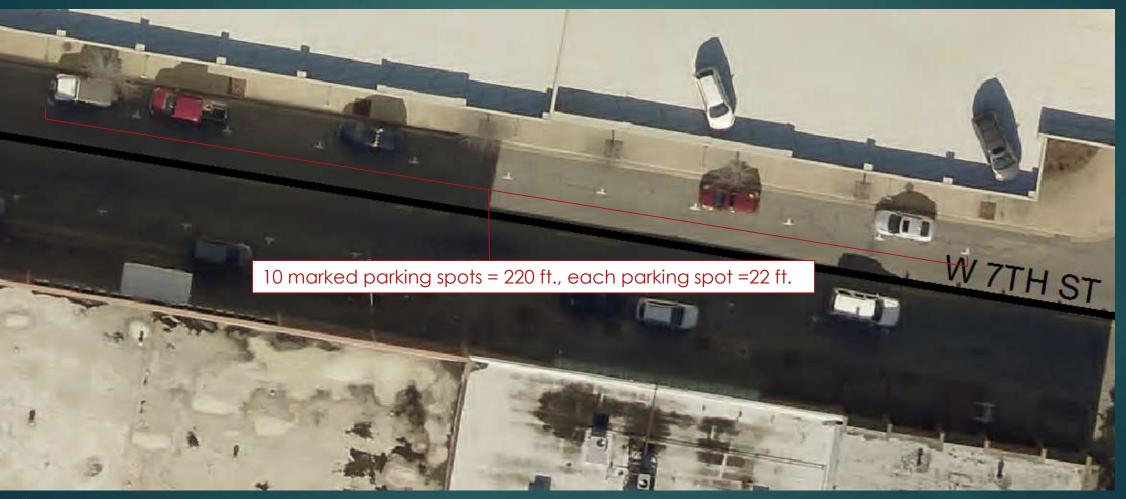
 Excited about the prospect of a bicycle corridor established a block away

Parking Capacity and Use

7TH STREET



How much linear space per parking spot?



Corridor Capacity Capacity: Current = 240 spaces 7th Street removed = 174 Wothst Tropical Smoothie Cafe 74 WY TOWN ST 7th Street Tattoos & Plereing Green Leaf Grill Jimmy John's The Food Truck Stop @ Station 801 Bluff City Electronics Centennial Bank



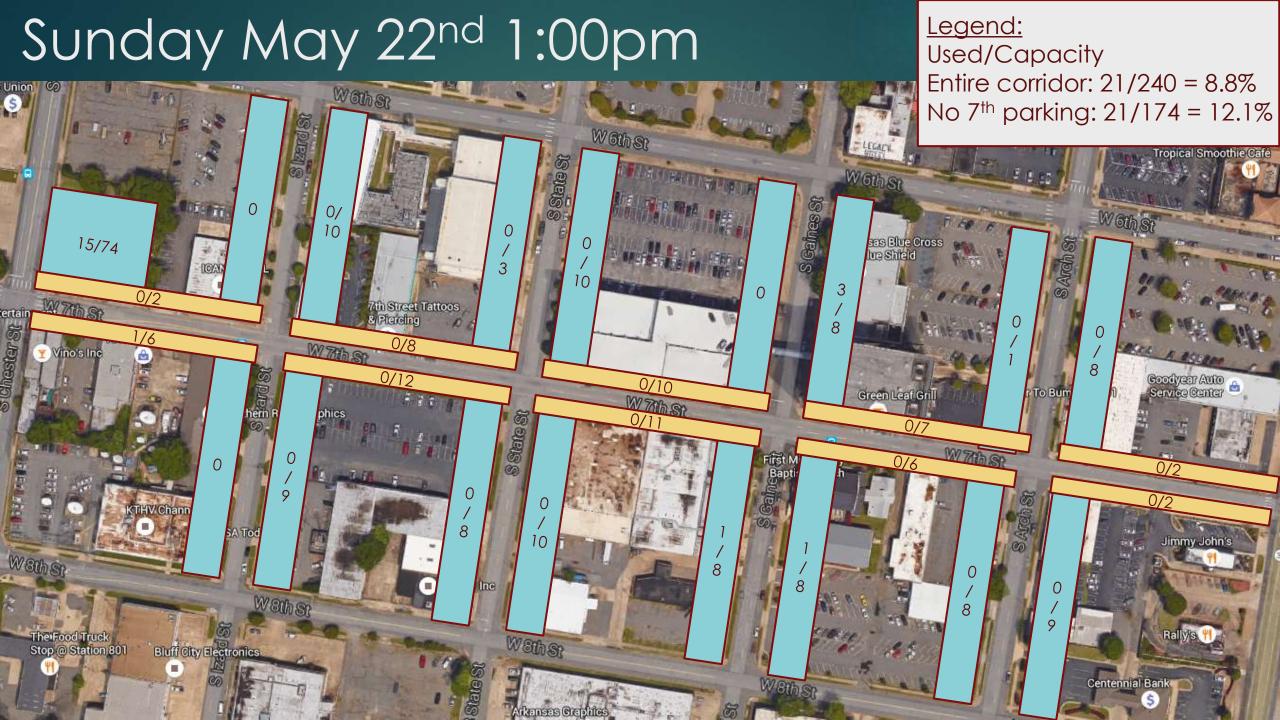


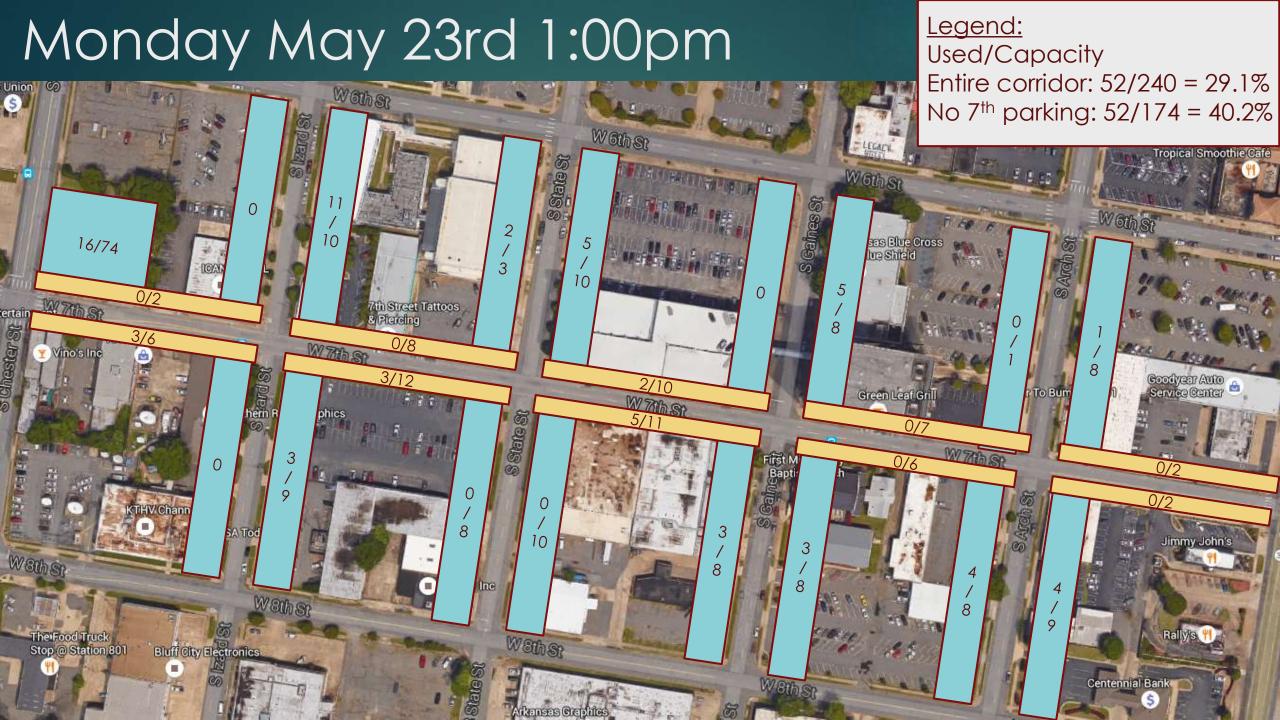
Friday May 13th 4:30pm Legend: **Used/Capacity** Entire corridor: 34/240 = 14.1% No 7th parking: 34/174 = 19.5% Wothst 11/74 W. This St 7th Street Tattoos Plereing Vino's Inc Green Leaf Grill Jimmy John's Bluff City Electronics Centennial Bank

















Parking Use: 7th Street Corridor



Parking Capacity and Use

CHESTER TO IZARD

Chester to Izard Capacity

Capacity:
Current = 101 spaces
7th Street removed = 93







Friday May 13th 4:30pm Legend: **Used/Capacity** Chester-Izard: 13/101 = 15.8%No 7th parking: 13/93 = 17.2% WothSt 11/74 and Blue Shield WY TABLEST Vino's Inc Goodyear Auto Bumper To Bumper #001 Green Leaf Grill Agency Inc Bluff City Electronics Centennial Bank









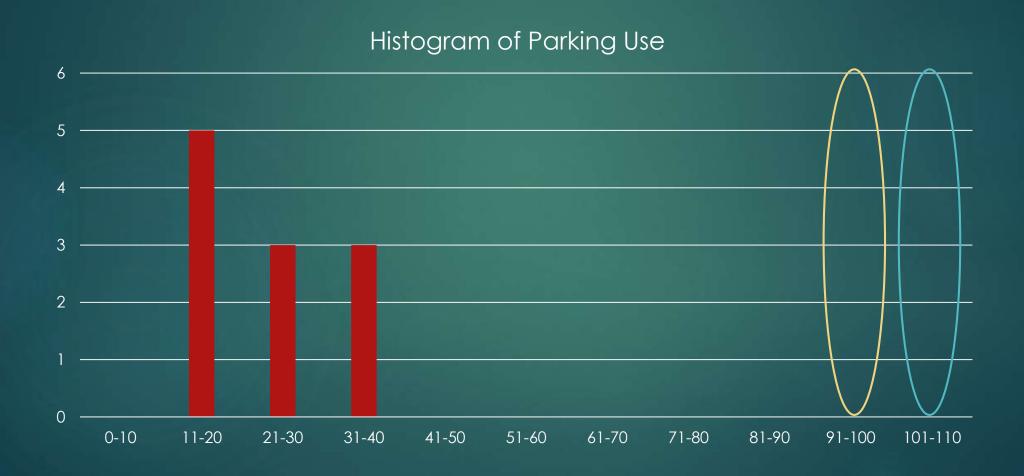








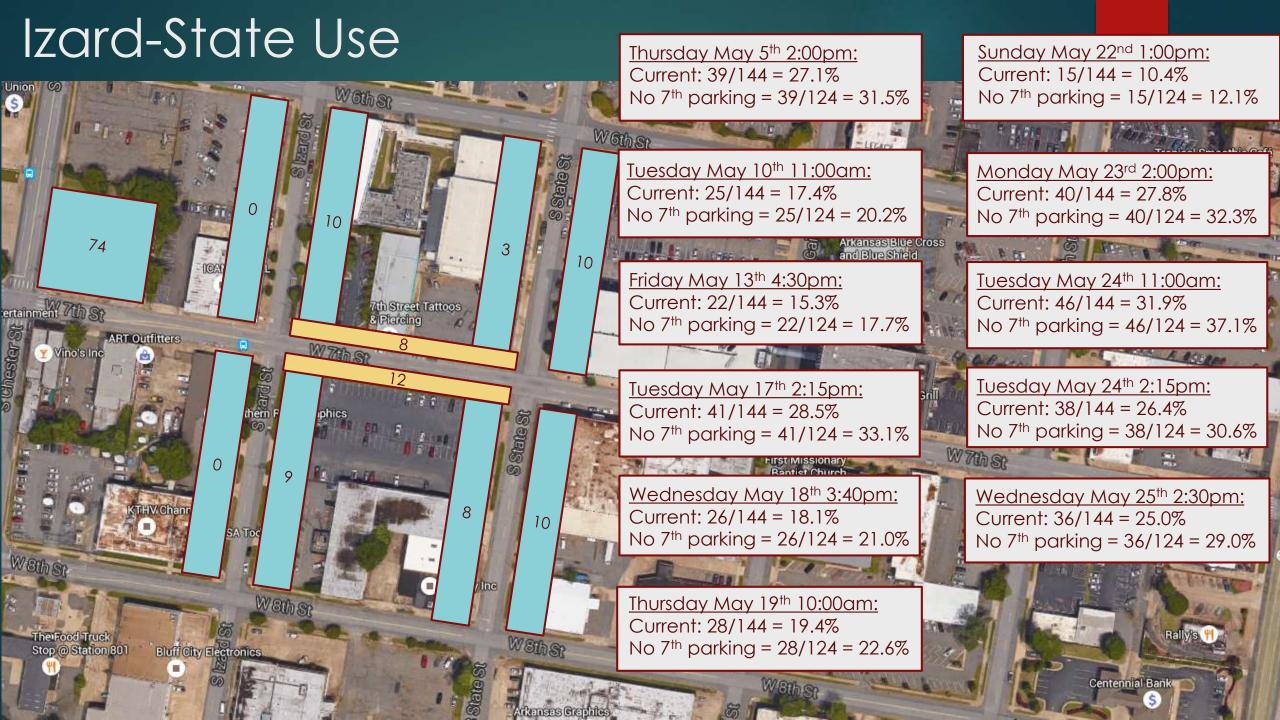
Parking Use: Chester to Izard



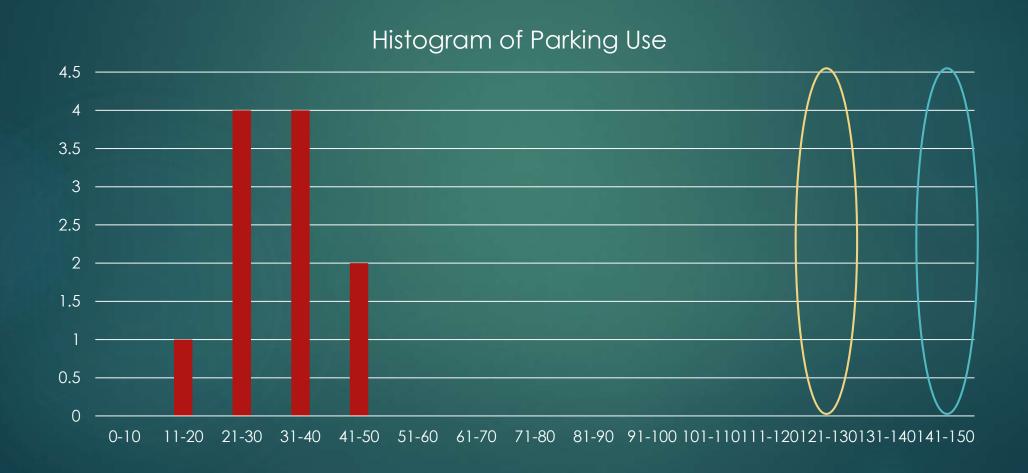
Parking Capacity and Use

IZARD TO STATE

Izard-State Capacity Capacity: Current = 144 spaces 7th Street removed = 124 Wothst Tropical Smoothie Cafe 74 entainment 7th St 7th Street Tattoos Plereing ART Outfitters **Businesses Affected:** 7th Street Tattoos and Piercing Suite.102.salon Bluff City Electronics Centennial Bank

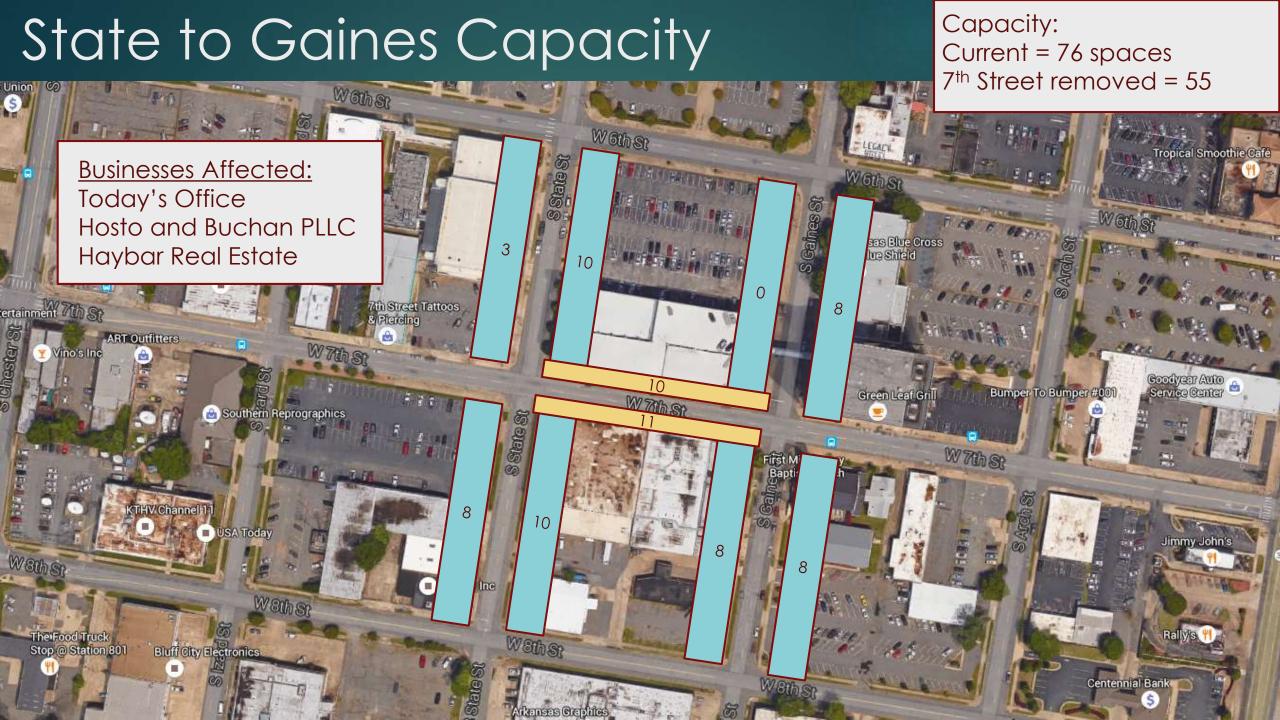


Parking Use: Izard to State

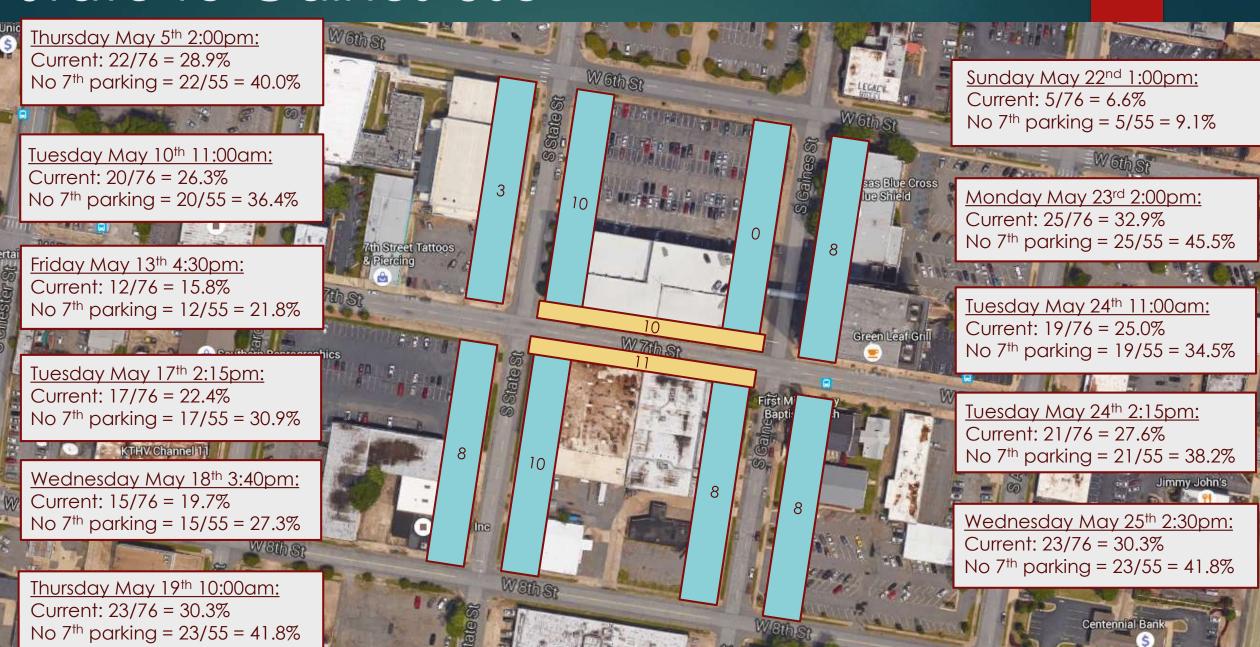


Parking Capacity and Use

STATE TO GAINES



State to Gaines Use

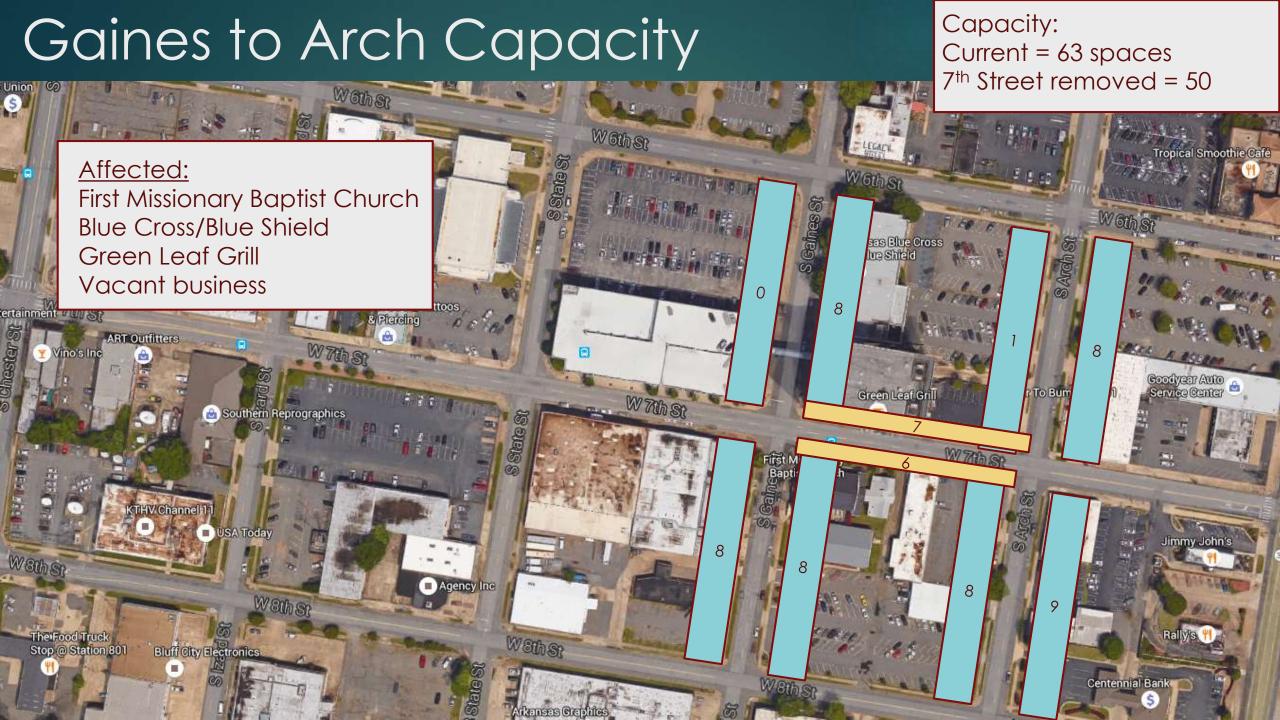


Parking Use: State to Gaines



Parking Use and Capacity

GAINES TO ARCH



Gaines to Arch Use

Thursday May 5th 2:00pm:

Current: 13/63 = 20.6%

No 7^{th} parking = 13/50 = 26.0%

Tuesday May 10th 11:00am:

Current: 15/63 = 23.8%

No 7^{th} parking = 15/50 = 30.0%

Friday May 13th 4:30pm:

Current: 10/63 = 15.9%

No 7^{th} parking = 10/50 = 20.0%

Tuesday May 17th 2:15pm:

Current: 20/63 = 31.7%

No 7^{th} parking = 20/50 = 40.0%

KTHV Channel 11

Wednesday May 18th 3:40pm:

Current: 14/63 = 22.2%

No 7^{th} parking = 14/50 = 28.0%

Thursday May 19th 10:00am:

Current: 19/63 = 30.2%

No 7^{th} parking = 19/50 = 38.0%

Sunday May 22nd 1:00pm:

Current: 5/63 = 7.9%

No 7^{th} parking = 5/50 = 10.0%

Monday May 23rd 2:00pm:

Current: 20/63 = 31.7%

No 7^{th} parking = 20/50 = 40.0%

Tuesday May 24th 11:00am:

Current: 15/63 = 23.8%

No 7th parking = 15/50 = 30.0%

Tuesday May 24th 2:15pm:

Current: 17/63 = 27.0%

No 7th parking = 17/50 = 34.0%

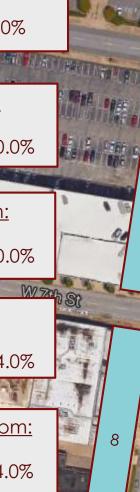
Wednesday May 25th 2:30pm:

Current: 17/63 = 27.0%

No 7th parking = 17/50 = 34.0%



Centennial Bank



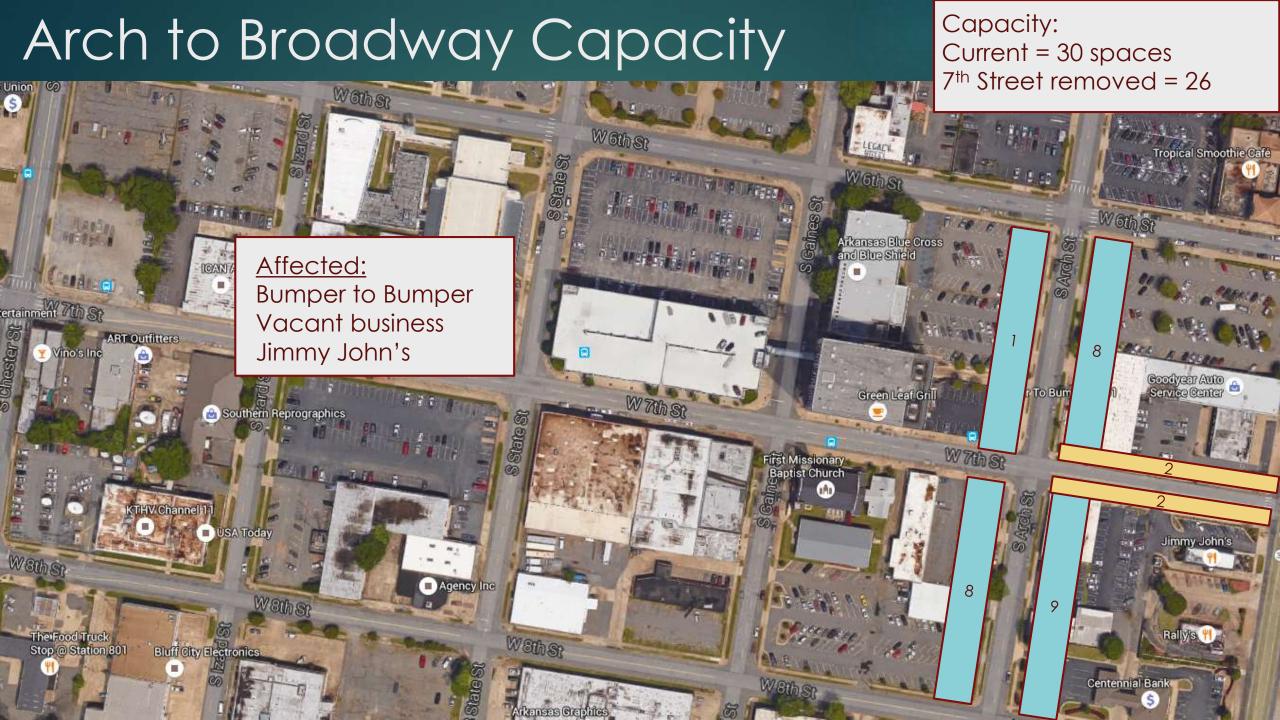
Green Leaf Gril

Parking Use: Gaines to Arch



Parking Use and Capacity

ARCH TO BROADWAY



Arch to Broadway Use

Thursday May 5th 2:00pm:

Current: 3/30 = 10.0%

No 7^{th} parking = 3/26 = 11.5%

Tuesday May 10th 11:00am:

Current: 4/30 = 13.3%

No 7^{th} parking = 4/26 = 15.4%

Friday May 13th 4:30pm:

Current: 1/30 = 3.3%

No 7^{th} parking = 1/26 = 3.8%

Tuesday May 17th 2:15pm:

Current: 8/30 = 26.7%

No 7^{th} parking = 8/26 = 30.8%

KTHV Channel 11

Wednesday May 18th 3:40pm:

Current: 5/30 = 16.7%

No 7^{th} parking = 5/26 = 19.2%

Thursday May 19th 10:00am:

Current: 9/30 = 30.0%

No 7^{th} parking = 9/26 = 34.6%

Sunday May 22nd 1:00pm:

Current: 0/30 = 0%

No 7^{th} parking = 0/26 = 0%

Monday May 23rd 2:00pm:

Current: 9/30 = 30.0%

No 7th parking = 9/26 = 34.6%

Tuesday May 24th 11:00am:

Current: 6/30 = 20.0%

No 7th parking = 6/26 = 23.1%

Tuesday May 24th 2:15pm:

Current: 7/30 = 23.3%

No 7th parking = 7/26 = 26.9%

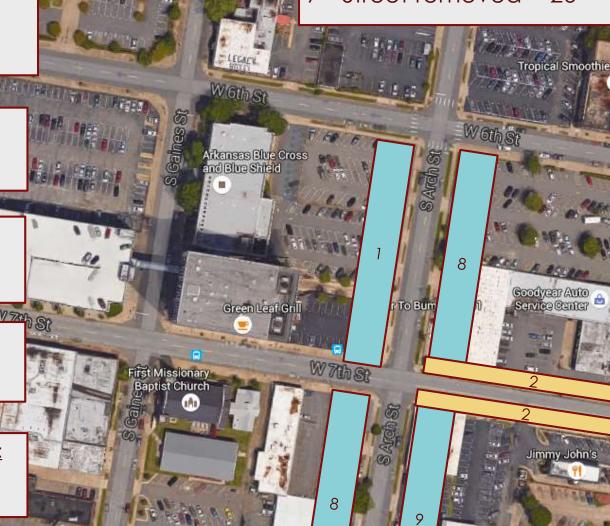
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Current: 8/30 = 26.7%

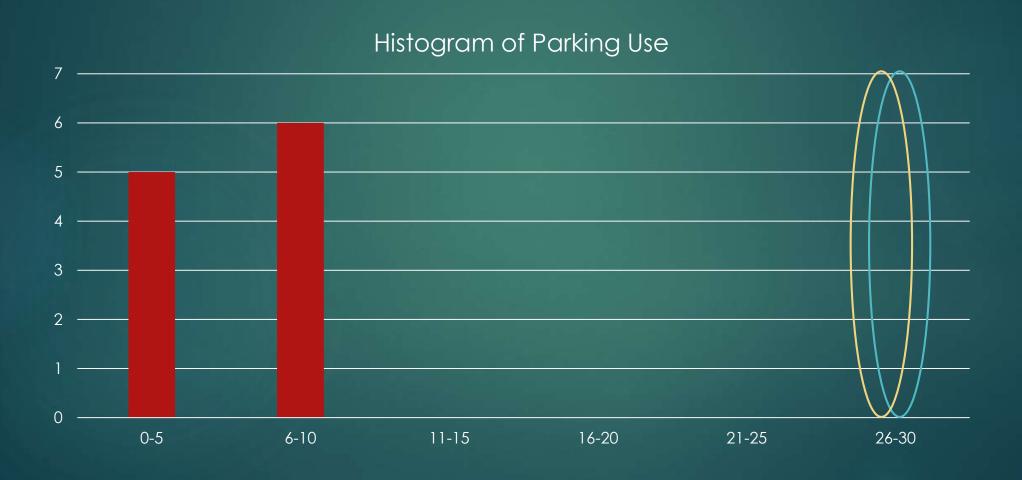
No 7th parking = 8/26 = 30.8%



Centennial Bank



Parking Use: Arch to Broadway



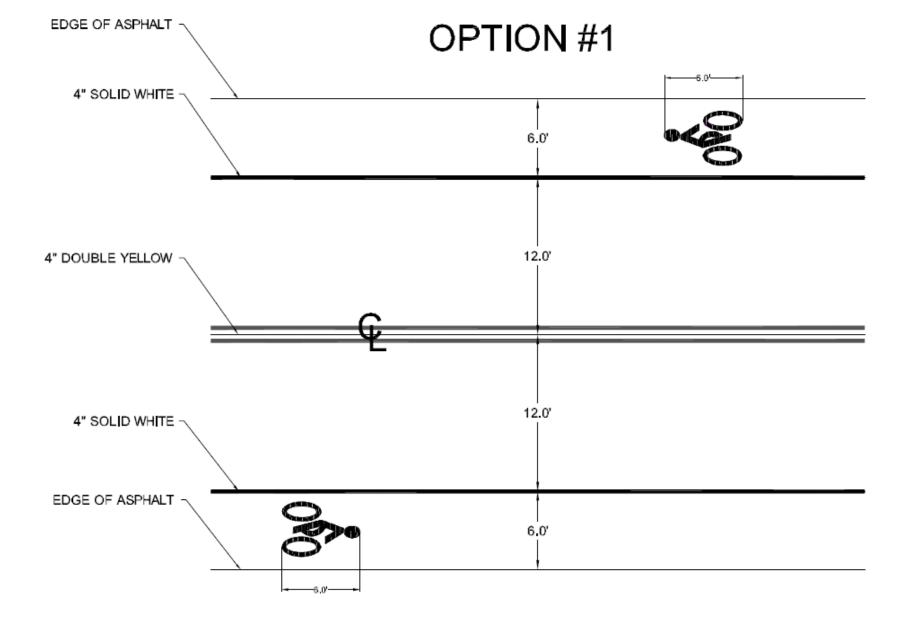
Conclusions

- Corridor
 - ► Parking use approximately 1/4 capacity
 - ▶ No stress on capacity when all parking removed from 7th Street
- ▶ Block by block
 - ▶ Parking use no where near capacity for any block
 - ▶ No stress on capacity when all parking removed from 7th Street

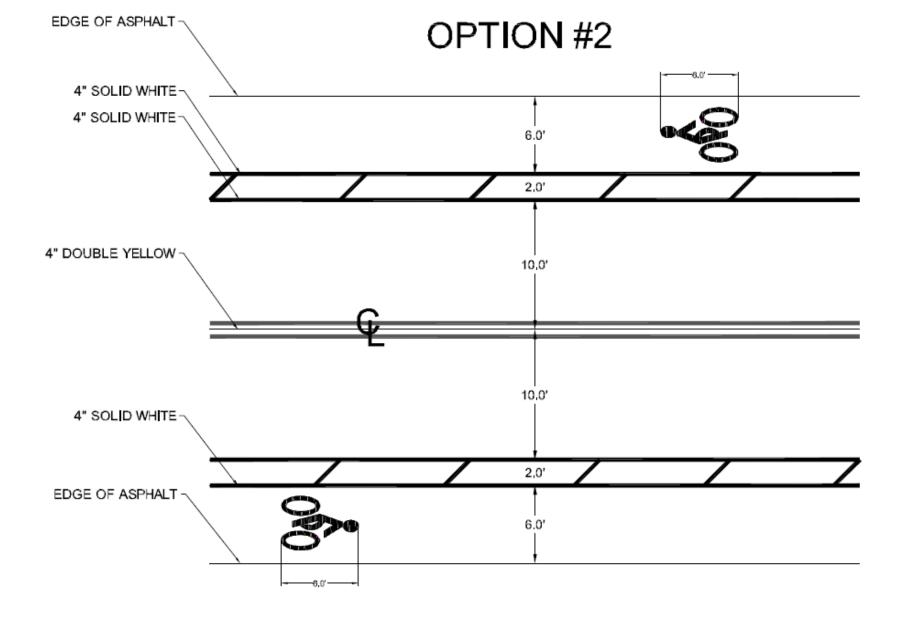
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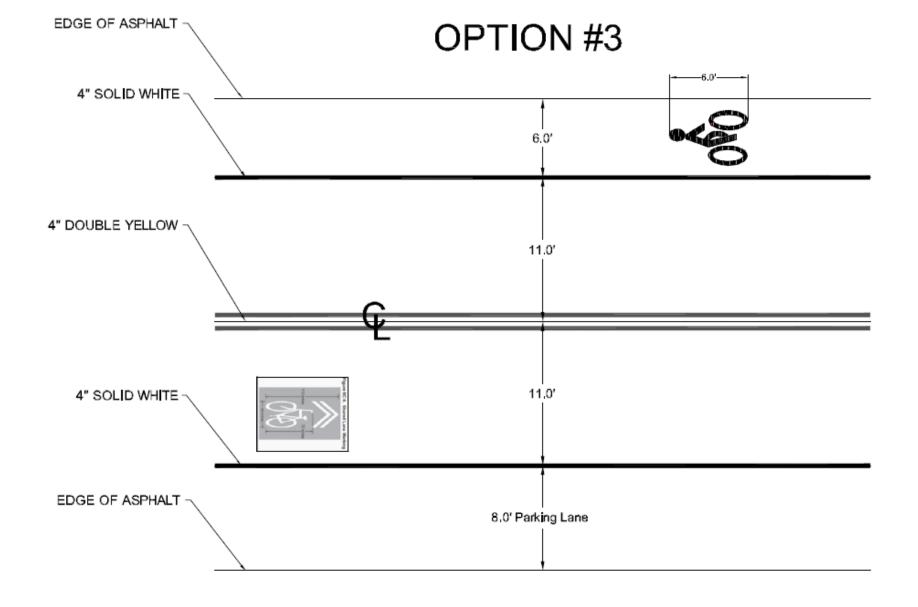
7th Street Widths

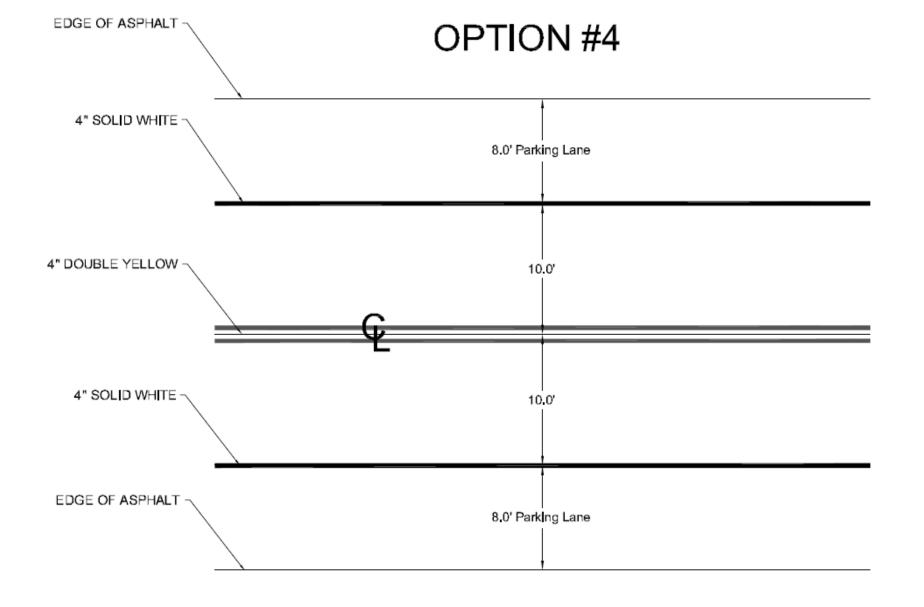
- ▶ Broadway to Arch = 35'10"
- Arch to Gaines = 37'8"
- Gaines to State = east ½ block = 37'8": west ½ block = 40'6"
- State to Izard = 36'6"
- ► Izard to Chester = east ½ block = 36'1": west ½ block = 40'4"

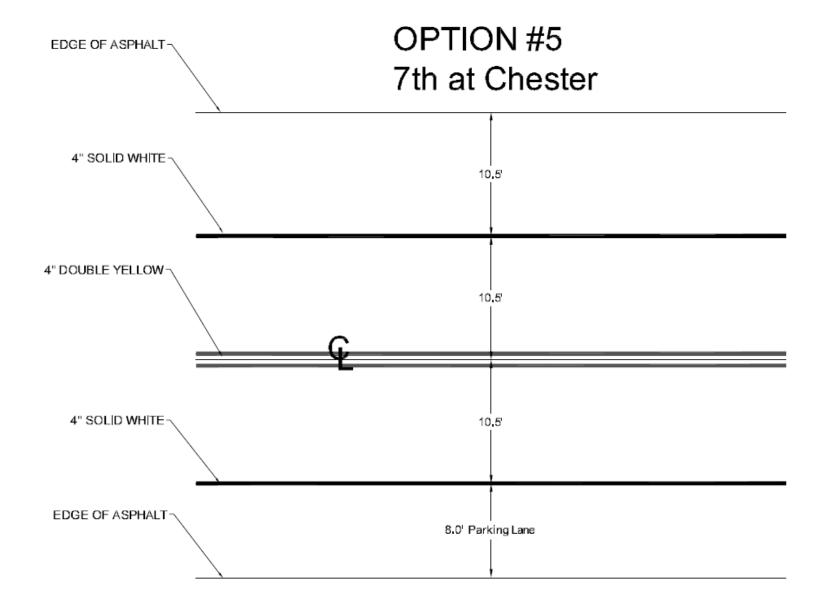


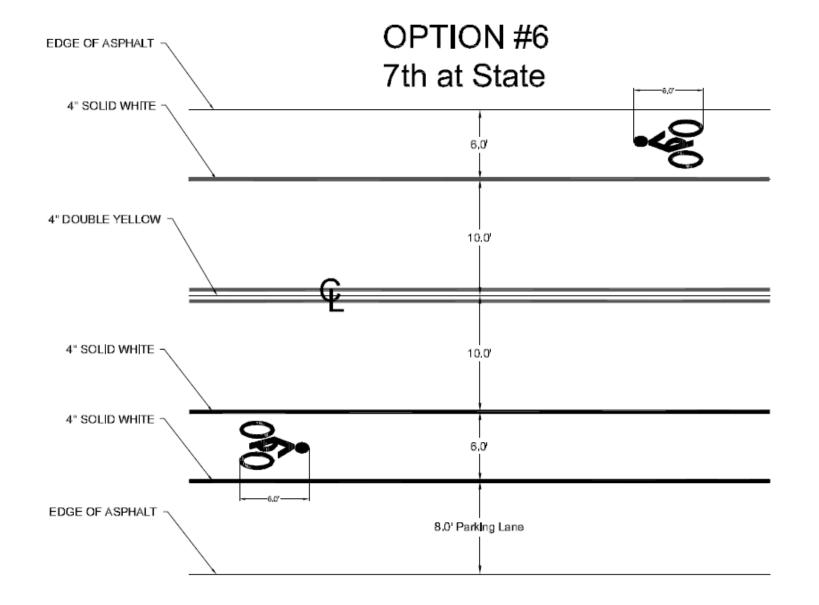
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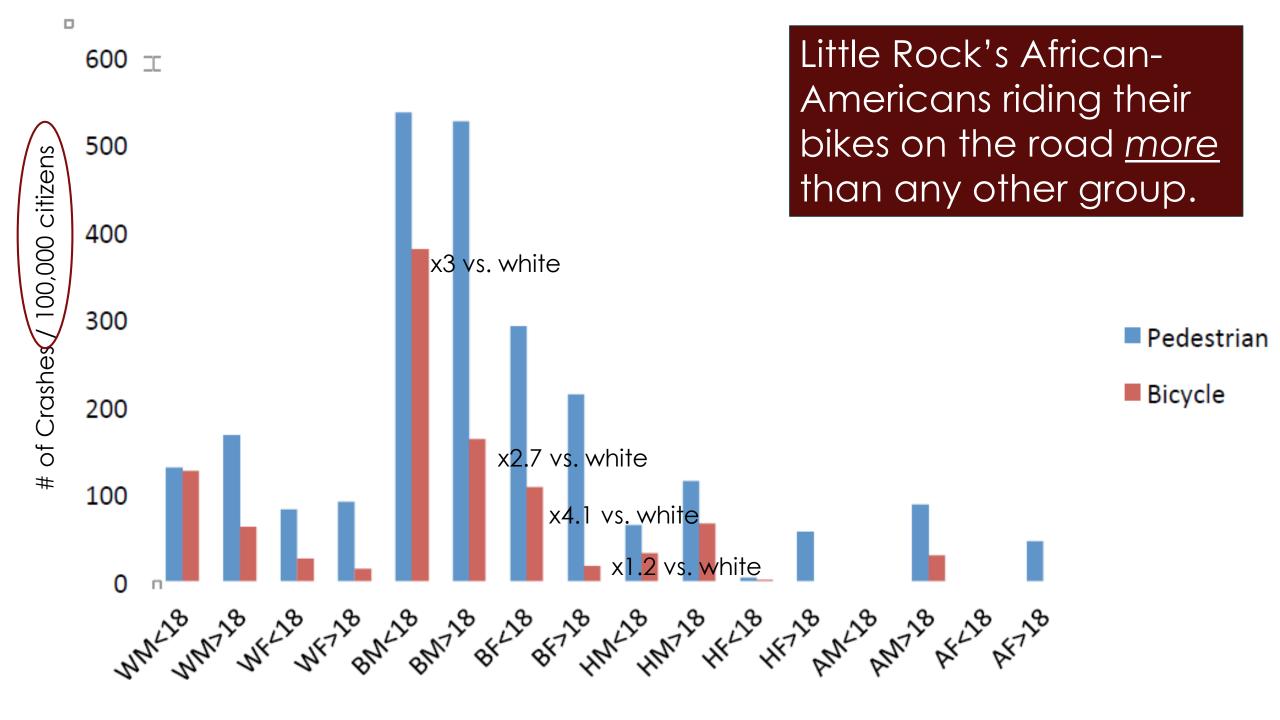






Public Comments

African-American Bike Usage in Central Arkansas



Parking Lot Distances

Target on University



Walmart at Shackleford Crossings



Baptist Health

