

# Main St. Improvements from College Ave. to Prices Fork Rd.

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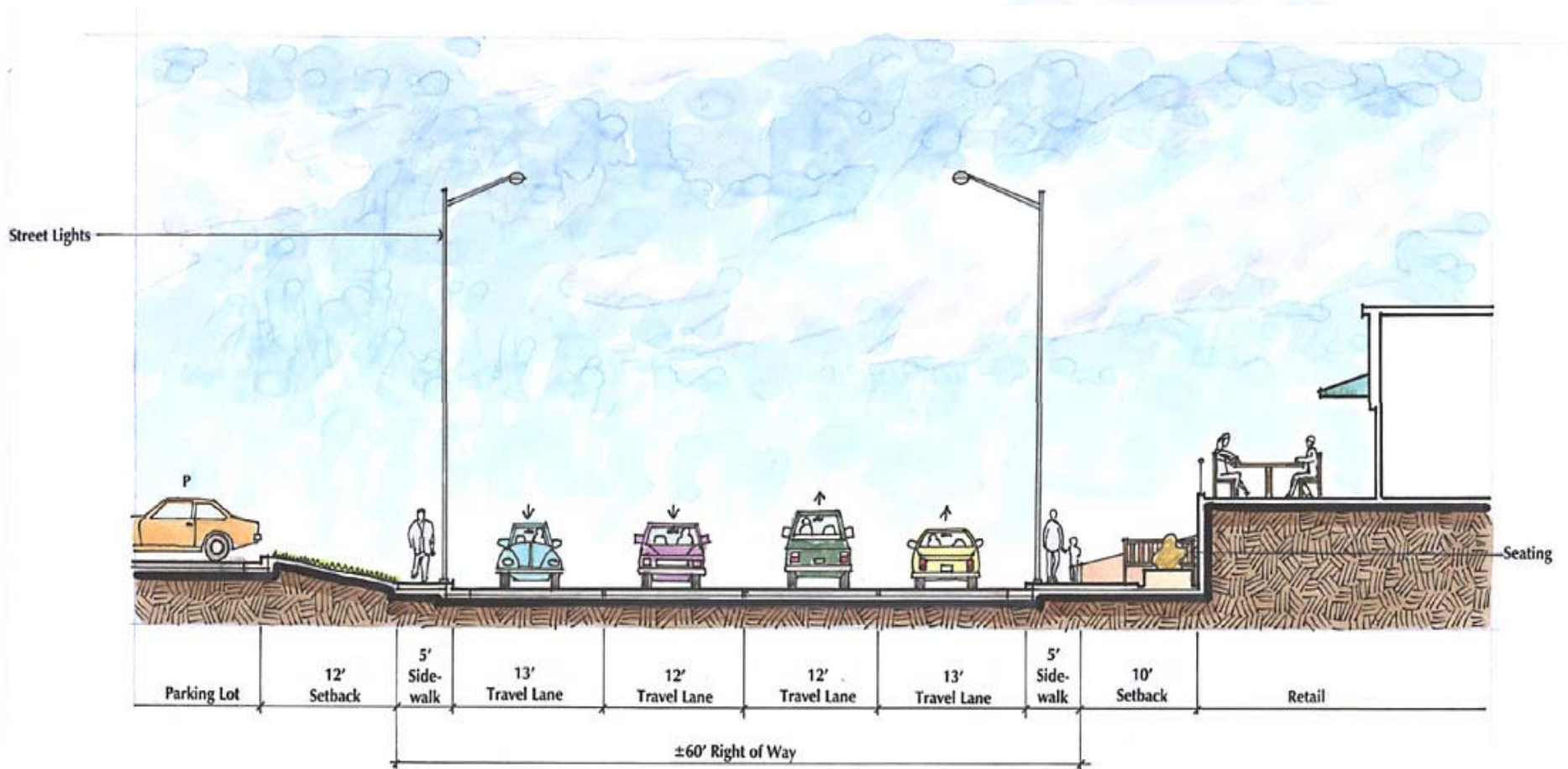
## Project Goals

- To increase pedestrian space and safety
- To calm traffic
- To integrate North Main Street streetscape into the downtown

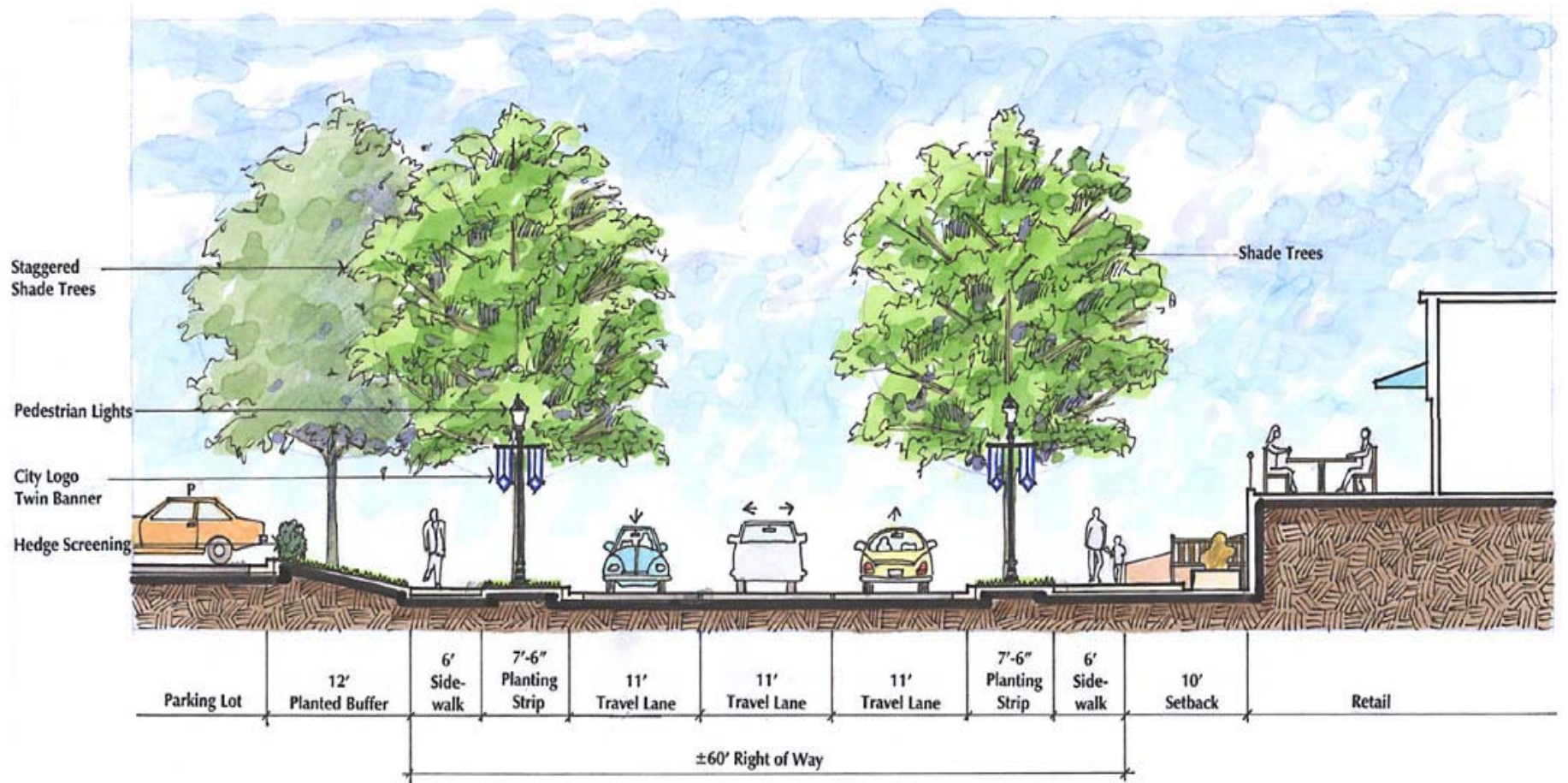
# Downtown Master Plan



# North Main Street - Existing Conditions



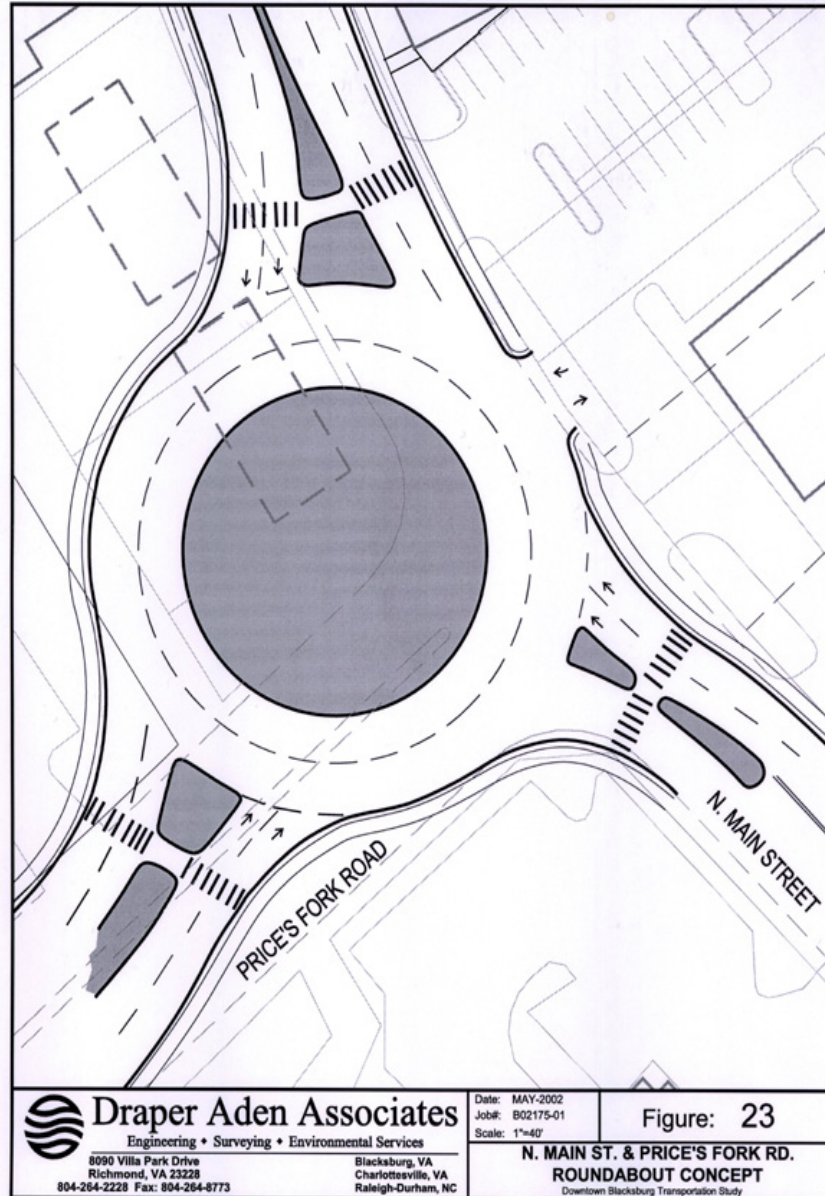
# North Main Street Enhancements



# Main Street – College Ave to Alumni Mall



# 2002 Traffic Study



## Process of the project:

- October 23, 2003- Resolution requesting VDOT to proceed with developing the Main St. project which should include a round-a-bout at the Main St. and Prices Fork Intersection.
- December 11, 2004- Town requested that VDOT not include bike lanes and to waive the 6.5' clear zone requirement, via a letter.
- April 4, 2007- Citizen Information Meeting was held
- July 9, 2008- Public Hearing was held
- Next and Final Step- Council considers a resolution that allows the project to proceed with ROW acquisition and final construction plans.



## Brief Summary of Comments

Mostly in favor of the Project	33	42%
Mostly opposed to the Project	23	29%
Neither for or against the Project	17	22%
Totally opposed to the Project	6	7%

**Total Comments Received 79**

## Brief Comment Summary

Opposed to the Roundabout	31
Pedestrian safety and pedestrian signals should be a priority	24
Need to provide/improve parking and access to businesses	20
Bike lanes should be included	15
Reconsider proposed parking changes at Old North Main Street	11
Remove the median in front of Blacksburg Baptist Church	8
Traffic will increase on adjacent streets	8
One travel lane will impede emergency vehicles	7
Bus stops / turn outs are needed	2
Coordinate with the College Avenue Promenade Project	10
Opposed to the changes around Giles Road	NA
Will increase difficulty of truck deliveries	NA

## Public Hearing Comments

- **Opposed to Round-a-bout (31)**
  - Round-a-bouts work when designed properly
  - Video from Insurance Institute
- **Pedestrians safety should be a priority (24)**
  - The project's focus is on increasing pedestrian safety
- **Need improved parking and access to businesses (20)**
  - Current ROW does not allow for on street parking
  - Pedestrian access will be increased

## Public Hearing Comments

- **Bike lanes should be included (15)**
  - The ROW available in this area inhibits the ability to increase pedestrian ways and have bike lanes.
  - Options were looked at and studied, the decision was made to leave bike lanes out of the design
- **Parking changes on College Ave. Extended (11)**
  - Cooks Clean Center will lose 3 spots at store entrance
  - Current design has two spots very close that could be marked with short term parking

## Public Hearing Comments

- Remove the median in front of Blacksburg Baptist (8, petition)
  - Median to be removed allowing full access to a single entrance into Blacksburg Baptist
- Traffic will increase on adjacent streets (8)
  - Any delays on Main St. can increase traffic on other streets
  - Round-a-bouts decrease vehicle delays
- One travel lane will impede emergency vehicles (7)
  - There were meetings held with emergency services and they are satisfied with the current design.

## Public Hearing Comments

- **Bus stops with turn outs are needed**
  - BT does not recommend bus turn outs for stops in this area
- **Coordinate with College Ave Promenade Project**
  - Plans and rendering have been delivered to the project group
- **Access to Giles Road being restricted**
  - The accident data in this area shows the need to restrict the turning movements from Main Street, onto and out of Giles Road

## Public Hearing Comments

- Large truck deliveries will be an issue
  - Currently tractor trailer will block a lane while delivering (this is illegal)
  - This can not be allowed to occur if the project is completed as designed
  - Options: Off hours delivery and the use of existing private parking lots can alleviate this issue

## What is next?

- Town Council come to an agreement on the project and pass a resolution. This resolution will authorize the ROW acquisition and construction of the project.

## Questions?