



Current

Corner of 4th Street and Pecan Street Blanco, Texas

The corner of 4th Street and Pecan Street in Blanco is the hub of the Historical Square. Traffic is constant, accidents are increasing. This is where we decided to initially concentrate our streetscape efforts. Our purpose is twofold:
1. Improve safety for both pedestrians and vehicles, and 2. Provide an aesthetically pleasing and ADA compliant area in which all would feel safe, secure and satisfied as they travel around and through the Square.



Future

The future state of 4th Street and Pecan brings together the disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture, history and economics into a safe, aesthetically pleasing, historically accurate, area in which citizens can take pleasure in their surroundings, in which business owners can take advantage of an attractive ‘front porch’ to their businesses, and to which visitors find ample reasons to return again and again.



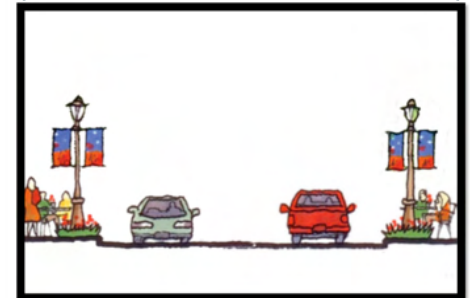
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Concept Plan

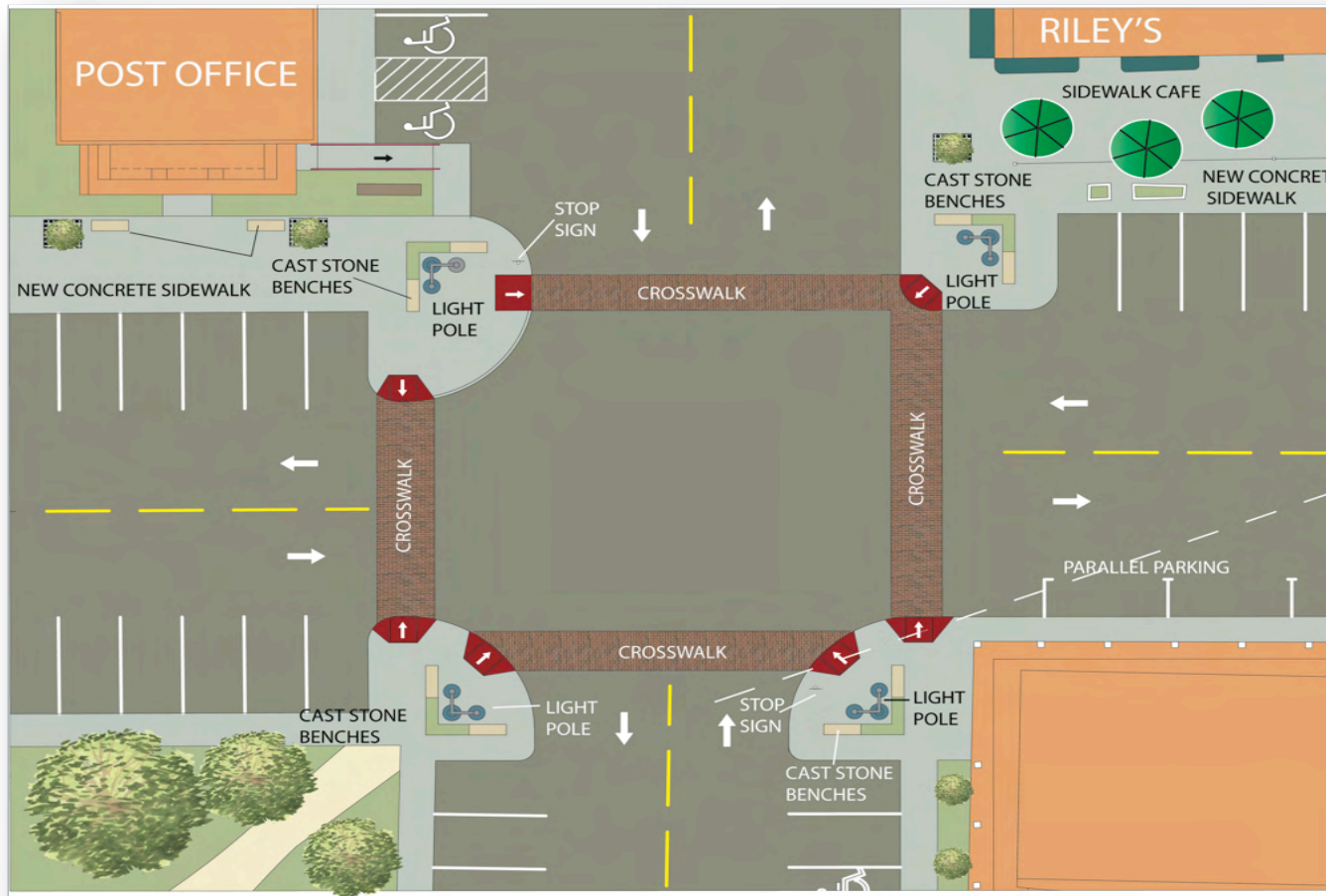
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Objectives:



- *Pedestrian Friendly
- *Environmentally Pleasing
- *Traffic Calming
- *Economically Attractive



Conceptual Illustration – 4th and Pecan

The concept of a safe, aesthetically pleasing, pedestrian friendly and traffic-calming Plan will be carried throughout the Historical Square area. The Plan is divided into 3 Phases: 1. Corner of 4th and Pecan Streets, 2. Sidewalks and crosswalks on the East and South side of the Square and, 3. Calming of US Highway 281 traffic on the west side of the Square. Texas

Department of Transportation will play a key role in the success of the project. With their guidance and expertise, we expect the Historical Square to be totally transformed into a safer, friendlier environment upon completion of all three phases of the project. The citizens and City of Blanco will contribute their efforts and resources to the success of the project.

Q&A

How much will the project cost?

Because the project has not been fully scoped to include detailed construction drawings, we do not have an estimate of total costs. However, based on similar projects, we do not expect the total cost to exceed \$1m.

Who will pay for the project?

We're hopeful that TxDot will contribute a significant amount to the overall project given their engineering talent. We expect the remainder of the cost will be funded through grants, donations and in-kind contributions.

What impact will the plan have on local businesses?

Experience with similar projects throughout the country is that improvements of this kind stimulate and grow the economies of the towns involved. Businesses see more traffic and customers because the towns are more attractive to be in.