

# Downtown Brick Streets Policy Review & Next Steps

November 2015

## What's happening now:

- Reviewing our current policy regarding brick streets & options for moving forward
- Review includes: Data collection on current brick street inventory; installation, repair and maintenance costs; research from other historic cities facing similar issues; possible standards and guidelines; and other policy considerations
- Testing options for removing asphalt that has been paved over brick streets
- Recently removed asphalt to uncover bricks on 4th Street/Red Cross Street has been repaired to make the road as smooth as possible and potholes filled until a more permanent fix is identified through this review process



## Why

- City's existing brick street policy outdated, needs to be revised with new guidelines/priorities established
- Brick streets very expensive to install & repair
- City has very low inventory of historic bricks, which are difficult to find
- Due to cost & other considerations, decision-making criteria & priorities need to be established about when, where and how brick streets and brick street accents will be preserved/installed
- Brick streets important to character of historic downtown

## Where

- Until decisions finalized, brick streets uncovered as asphalt wears away will remain as they are
- Brick streets in downtown area located sporadically throughout the downtown area

## Next steps

- Finish gathering cost estimates & other data gathering
- Catalogue existing brick streets
- Gather public input November-February, 2016
- Generate draft policy/guideline recommendations for review by late spring, 2016



*Thank you for your patience while this important issue is considered!*