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Subject: Downtown Albany Revitalization Strategy

Steering Committee Members:

Thank for your time last week as we began our intensive effort to develop a Downtown Albany Revitalization Strategy. Your participation is critical as your direct input will guide the process and define the necessary steps for us to achieve our desired Downtown Albany based upon our previous efforts.

As stated by the planning team on this project, our intent is not to recreate any previous planning efforts, but to develop an implementation strategy for the vision, goals and recommendations defined by those efforts. This strategy will allow us to continue our progress to create a vibrant and livable downtown that supports our local community, our place within the region, and our tourism efforts.

Part of your charge as the Steering Committee is to review the previous planning efforts and provide input to the planning team assisting in the creation of our strategy. Below is a link to a shared Google Drive folder where these plans have been saved. Over the next three weeks, please take time and review these plans – keeping in mind what we have accomplished and what is still to do in downtown.

The planning team has also included a second link below to an online review form that each of you should complete. This form has a series of questions and chances for you to comment on the review of each plan. Please take the time and have this review completed by May 26 so that your comments can be reviewed prior to our next steering committee meeting.

Our next steering committee is currently scheduled for the afternoon of May 31. During that meeting, the planning team will present preliminary input that was learned from other downtown stakeholders and they will present the findings from your review of the planning documents.

Again, we are thrilled about your participation and look forward to continuing our efforts in Downtown Albany!

Link to the Plans:

<http://gmcplanning.com/DwtnAlbanyPlans>

Link to the Review Form:

<http://gmcplanning.com/DwtnAlbPlanReview>

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