DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

The Capital Line

Community Meeting

October 28, 2025





PROJECT LEAD

PROJECT FUNDERS









PHASE 1 TEAM





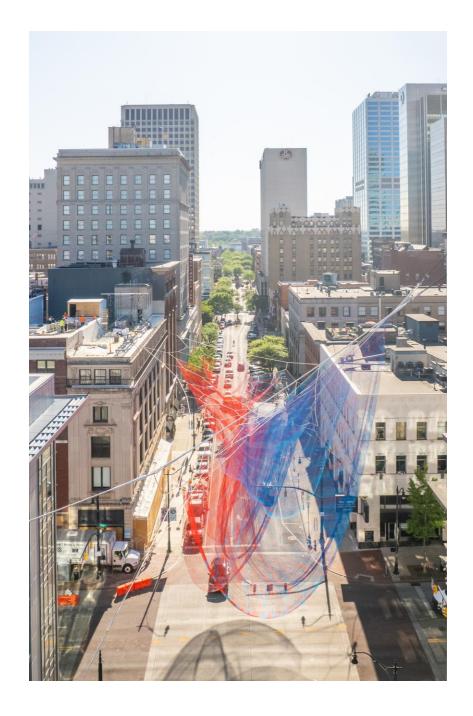








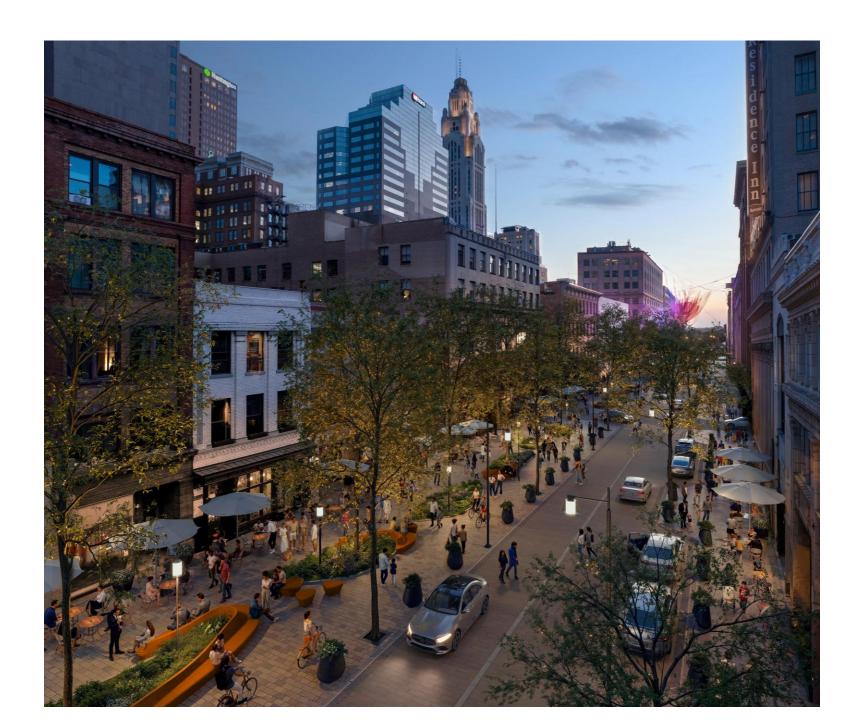




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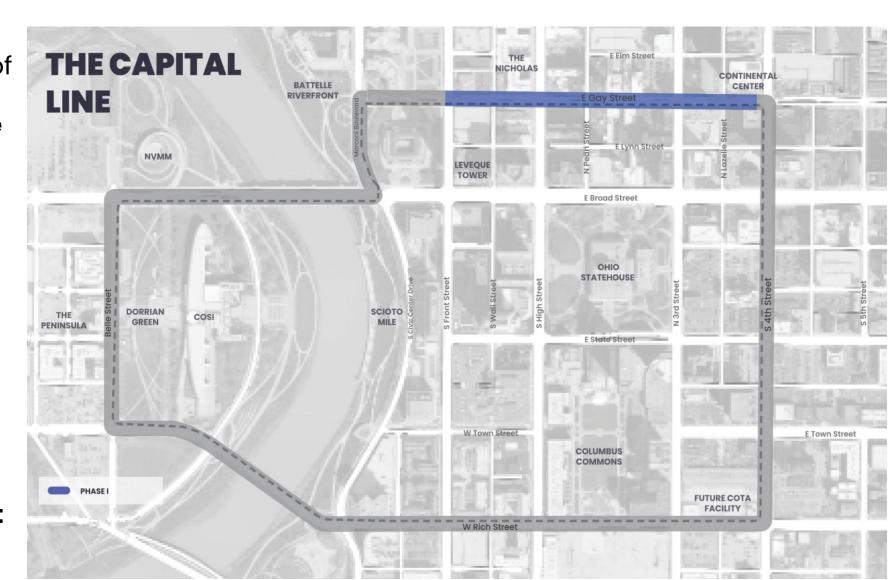
- Design Overview
- Construction Expectations and Schedule
- Communications
- Additional Business Support
 Councilmember Nick Bankston
- Breakout Conversations

Capital Line Overview



ABOUT THE CAPITAL LINE

The Capital Line is an urban pathway through the heart of Downtown Columbus. This two-mile journey, exclusive to bike and pedestrian traffic, offers an intentional route to some of the city's most vibrant attractions, connecting amenities, greenspaces, job centers, and residential neighborhoods within Downtown Columbus, catalyzing new **economic** investment along the route and enhancing the Downtown experience to put people first.



Urban Pathway Examples

















THE ECONOMIC CASE FOR THE CAPITAL LINE

Examples demonstrate an average of \$27 returned for every \$1 invested





Project Cost: \$63 million

Return: \$864 million

\$13.71 Return on every \$1 invested



The Underline

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Project Cost: \$120 million

Return: \$843 million

\$7.03 Return on every \$1 invested



Atlanta Beltline (Eastside Trail)

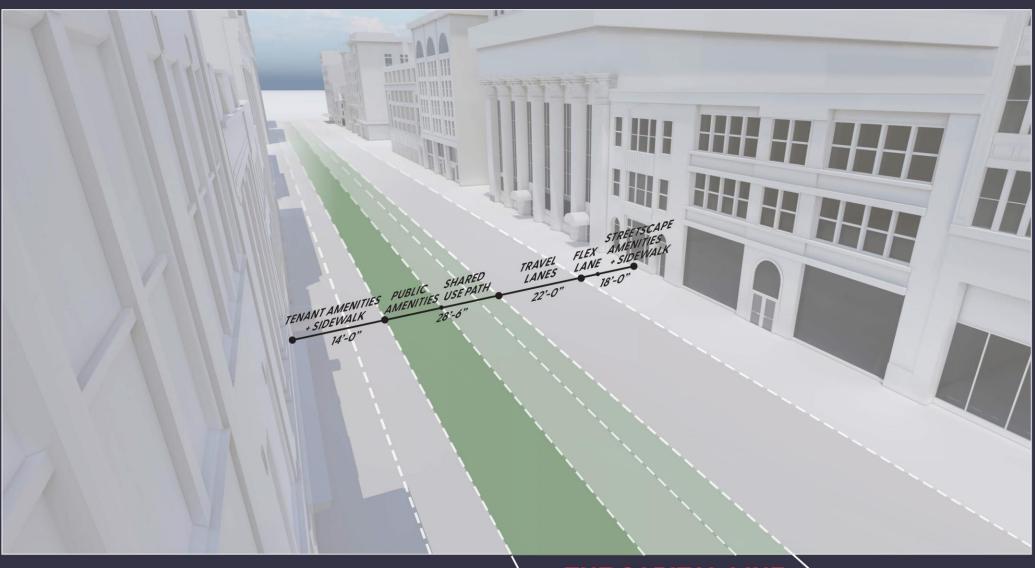
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Project Cost: \$13 million

Return: \$775 million

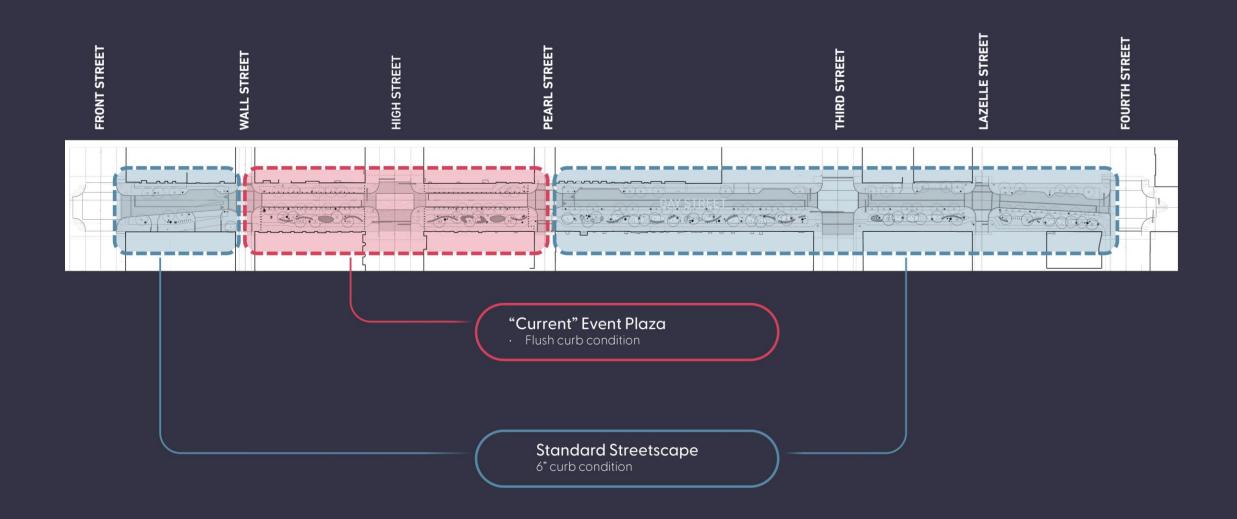
\$59.62 Return on every \$1 invested

SPACE PLANNING



THE CAPITAL LINE

CURBS



FLEX LANES

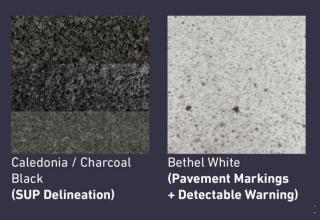
- Loading/Unloading
- Rideshare Dropoff
- Short Term Parking (<15 min)



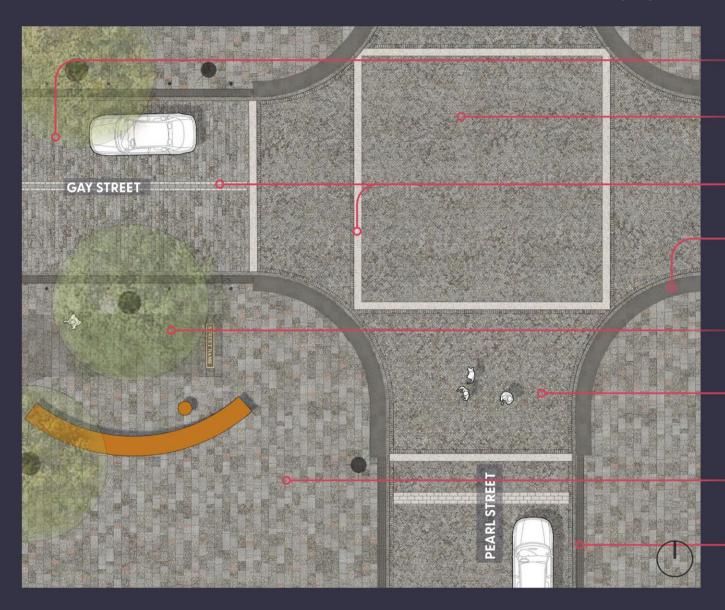
PAVER COLORS







PAVER LAYOUT



Vehicular Pavers [Festival]

• Paver sizes: 6"x8", 6"x12", 6"x16"

Vehicular Pavers

• Paver size: 3"x6"

Pavement Markings

• Light-toned granite paver

Truncated Dome Detectable Warning Pavers

• Dark-toned granite paver

Shared Use Path

• Dark-toned granite pavers

Capital Line Crosswalk Pavement Markings

• Light-toned granite paver stipple

Pedestrian Pavers

 Paver sizes: 12"x16", 12"x18", 12"x24," 12"x30"

Wayfinding Detectable Warning Pavers

Light-toned granite paver

FURNITURE



Signature Bench Material: Metal



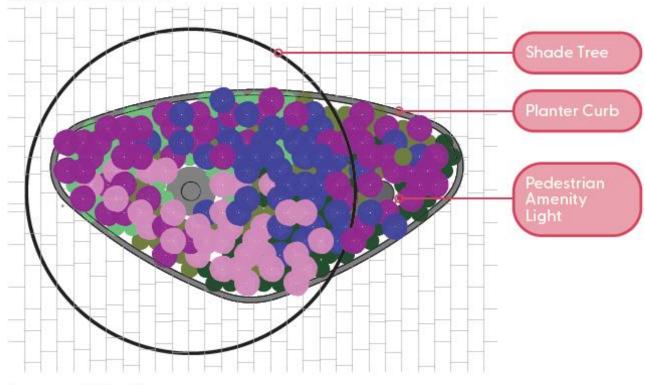
Social Gathering Rooms
Material: Metal



Platform Bench Material: Wood + Metal

ORNAMENTAL PLANTINGS

METHODOLOGY



Layered Planting

- + Seasonal layers of interest
- + Increased coverage of ground [reduced maintenance]
- + 12" o.c. spacing







Construction Expectations & Schedule



1. VAULTS December 2025 – July 2026

- Work will be focused **inside the vaults** and will not be highly visible to pedestrians.
- Any exterior closures would involve only a **small portion of the sidewalk**, and access to properties will be maintained as much as possible.
- Once the initial portion of the work is complete, there will be a pause until other utilities are in place. After that, the team will return to complete the utility connections and finish the vault work.
- Individual properties may experience temporary utility impacts (lasting several hours)*
- We will be sending work agreements for this activity. Please keep an eye out for those in the next 1-2 weeks.

ADDRESS	START
1 E Gay	December 2025
22 E Gay	January
61 E Gay	January
75-81 E Gay	January
48 E Gay	February
47 E Gay	February
59 E Gay	March
51 E Gay	March
71 E Gay	March

All dates are 2026 unless specifically noted

If you are the owner of one of the affected properties, please contact Madison Cole to ensure we have the most accurate contact information on file. mcole@downtowncolumbus.com

^{*} For any work that could cause temporary disruption to a property or business, Messer will coordinate directly to determine timing.

2. UTILITY WORK February – June 2026

Impact: Moderate

- This project involves coordination with 24 different utility providers. By getting ahead of utility relocation and splicing, the goal is to minimize delays during the block-to-block construction.
- This phase will include partial street closures to prepare underground utilities for construction.
- We will need to replace the water lines that directly connect to individual buildings, which will require temporary water shutoffs.
- Traffic will be maintained **one-way, eastbound,** when a block is affected.
- Pedestrian access will be limited, but a sidewalk will remain open on one side of the street.
- · Pedestrian access to all buildings will be maintained.
- Alternate loading and drop-off zones have been identified for each block

BLOCK	UTILITY WORK
Front to High	February – April 2026
High to Pearl	February – April 2026
Pearl to Third	February – May 2026
Third to Fourth	April - June 2026

Metered parking on Gay Street between High and Third will no longer be accessible starting in **February 2026**.

3. BLOCK-TO-BLOCK June 2026 - Oct 2027

Impact: High

- Block to block will be a multistep process to transform the street, including remaining underground work, site grading, concrete subbase and paver installation.
- Each block will be closed to vehicular traffic for approximately three to four months.
- Pedestrian access to individual buildings will be maintained throughout construction.
- Once construction is complete for a block, it will reopen to vehicles and pedestrians.
- Finishing Touches. Amenities such as benches, trees, and plantings, will be installed later. This work will not require closures, but you may notice crews working in the area.

BLOCK	BLOCK TO BLOCK	ESTIMATED BLOCK REOPENING	
Front to High	June – November 2026	November 2026	
High to Pearl	October 2026 – February 2027	February 2027	
Pearl to Third	January – June 2027	June 2027	
Third to Fourth	May – October 2027	October 2027	

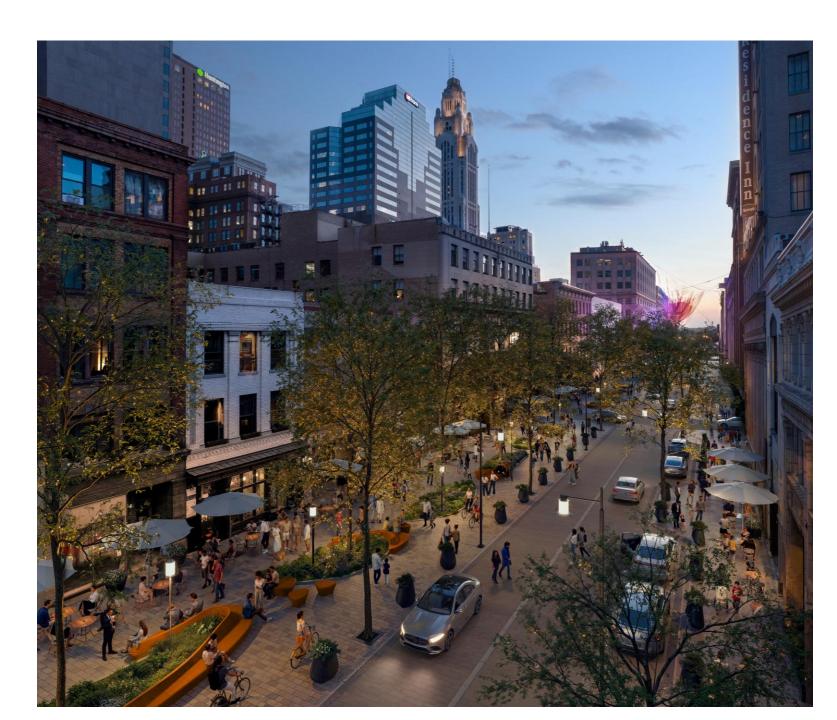
CAPITAL LINE

SCHEDULE

BLOCK	Utility Work	Block to Block	Block
	Feb – June 2026	June 2026 – Oct 2027	Reopens
Front to High	February – April	June – November	November
	2026	2026	2026
High to Pearl	February – April	October 2026 –	February
	2026	February 2027	2027
Pearl to Third	February – May 2026	January – June 2027	June 2027
Third to Fourth	April - June 2026	May – October 2027	October 2027

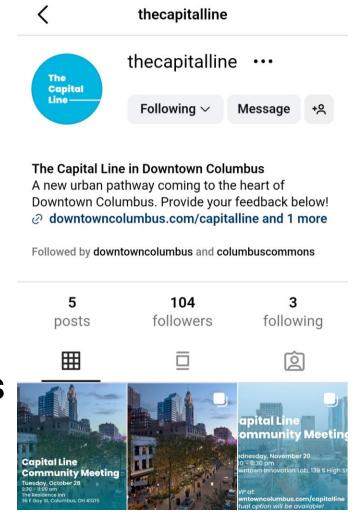
Vault work will be taking place from December 2025 – July 2026

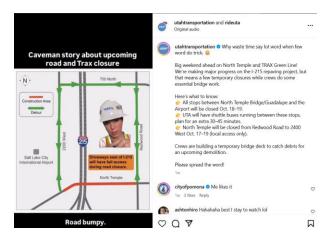
Communications & Business Support



Business Communication

- Weekly Email Update
- Text Updates
- Social Updates
- FAQs
- Quarterly Meetings
- Business Toolkit
 - Back-of-House Posters
 - Hot cards or Coasters
 - Social Graphics





Example: Social Updates



Example: Coasters

TEXT

CapLineUpdates

to (833)941-6519

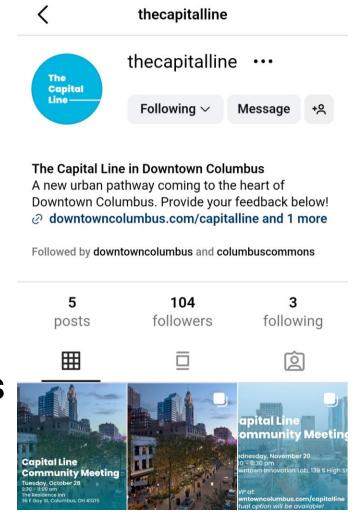
SIGN UP TODAY FOR

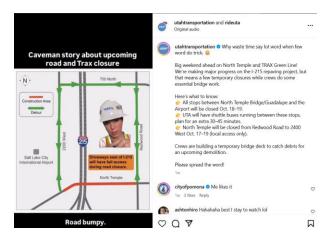
CONSTRUCTION TEXT ALERTS

Receive notifications about construction updates.

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Marketing Gay Street

- Signage
 - Scrim on Construction Fencing
 - Window Signage on DCI Real Estate
- Earned Media
- Develop a Retail Trail (Experience Columbus)
- Enhance the Gay Street Page of the Downtown Columbus Website.
- DCI Marketing Channels Social, Newsletter, Website.
- Paid Media
- Hello Lampost
- Pop-Up Events





Example: Construction Signage









Example: Hello Lampost.

Example: Window Signage

DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

Parking Gay & High

Parking Garages

Leveque Garage

40 N. Front St. (614) 681-7958 > 1 min. walk to Gay & High

Riverfront Garage

84 N. Front St. 3 min. walk to Gay & High

Front & Elm Garage

102 N. Front St. > 4 min. walk to Gay & High

Buckeye Garage

55 E. Long St. (614) 222-0864 > 4 min. walk to Gay & High

4th & Elm Garage

78 N. 4th St. (614) 221-5963 > 8 min. walk to Gay & High

The Nicholas Garage

12 W. Gay St. (614) 670-5660 1 min. walk to Gay & High

Parking Lots

Vorys Lot

72 E Gay St. (614) 224-1320 > 3 min. walk to Gay & High





Coffee

- Black Kahawa Coffee
- 2 Brioso Coffee
- Restoration Roastery
- Three Bites Bakery + Little Cat Boba

- Aracri Pizza
- Barroluco
- 9 Buckeye Bourbon House 18 Hank's Low Country
- 10 Butcher & Rose
- 11 Capri
- 12 Chouette

- 6 Alley Burger

- 13 Cinco Más

Food & Drink

- 5 Accent Wine

- Elia Athenian Grill
 - 19 Lexi's on Third
 - 20 Mitchell's Steakhouse
 - 21 OH Pizza & Brew 22 Poke Bunny

Citizen's Trust

16 Due Amici

23 Ringside Cafe

- 15 Cravings Cafe 24 Rio Fresh Cafe
 - 25 Rishi Sushi Kitchen
 - 26 Soul 2 Go
 - 27 Speck Italian Eatery
 - 28 The Keep
 - 29 Tiger + Lily
 - 30 Tip Top Kitchen

Galleries

- ABA Gallery
- Brandt Gallery
- Chaos Craft
- Hammond Harkins
- 35 Lindsay Gallery
- 36 No Place
- Sarah Gormley

Gyms

- Quality Wellness
- 46 The Pros Gym

Shops

- 38 Artisans &
- 39 B. Loved Bridal
- 40 Evolverie Clothing
- 41 Glamazon Jane
- 42 Peanut Shoppe
- 43 Restalgic Atelier
- 44 Zeroz Wallets

Theaters & Entertainment

4 The Palace Theatre

Parking

- Small Business **Parking Program**
- Promotion of Parking to Visitors
- **Exploring parking** validation/valet program

Small Business Loans | Huntington Bank

Downtown construction upgrades are starting. An SBA Loan can help upgrade your business, too.

We know the Capital Line project will further enhance the thriving downtown your business calls home. You may want to do some upgrades to your business during this time too—that's where we can help.

We're the #1 SBA Lender In The Nation.

For the last 7 years, Huntington has been the #1 SBA Lender in the nation in number of SBA 7(a) loans[†], and we have a proven track record of helping Midwestern Businesses.

A Limited Time Offer Just For You:

We will waive Huntington origination and SBA guarantee fees when you open a SBA Loan up to \$350,000.‡ Enjoy a one-year draw and 9-year repayment for leasehold improvements, equipment purchases, and working capital. It's just our way of lending a hand.

Ready to get started? So are we.

Austin Huff

Branch Manager 17 S High St Columbus OH, 43215 (614) 480-4326 Austin.Huff@huntington.com

SBA FINANCING

Open a new SBA loan and pay no Huntington origination or SBA guarantee fees.

Offer available through **November 30, 2025**

See offer details below.

BENEFITS

Borrow up to \$350,000

Bridge the gap for working capital and deferred maintenance until normal traffic flows resume.

6.50%-fixed rate.

Additional Business Support

Councilmember Nicholas Bankston



ADDITIONAL BUSINESS SUPPORT OPTIONS

Option 1: \$2,500 Marketing Grant

- Could be applied for at any time before or during construction
- 15-minute online application.
- Approval within 1 week.

Option 2: \$5,000 Rent Support Grant

- Funds would be distributed in advance of block-to-block construction
- 30-minute online application, including financials
- Approval within 1 week.

Option 3: up to \$7,500 Revenue Replacement Grant

- Business would be required to demonstrate hardship and lost revenue resulting from construction.
- Could be applied for following completion of block-to-block construction.
- 45-minute online application, including financials.
- Approval in 4-6 weeks.

Eligible Business Criteria

- Storefronts with frontage on Gay Street from Fourth to Front Street or Pearl Alley directly within the line of construction along Phase I of the Capital Line.
- Have defined open hours (not appointment-only)
- Have a storefront open to pedestrians
- Be a retail, restaurant, or service business that directly serves consumers (not a B-to-B business)

BREAKOUT TABLES BY BLOCK

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Front to High
Third to Fourth

TABLE 2
High to Pearl

TABLE 3
Pearl to Third

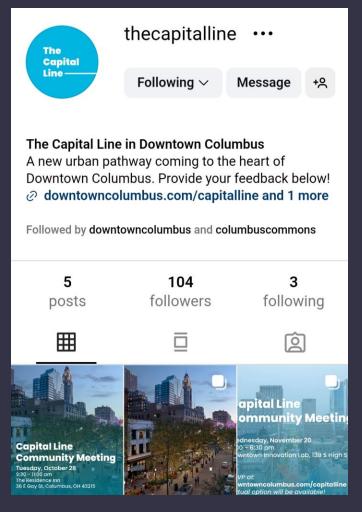
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