

Draft Vision for Downtown Waterfront Specific Plan

For Discussion at April 6, 2015, Community Meeting

1. Downtown Suisun City is a unique waterfront community with a marina; traditional Downtown commercial main street and historic residential neighborhoods within “Old Town,” and a South Waterfront district under development, west of the marina; and a civic center area and the Whispering Bay and Victorian Harbor residential neighborhoods, east of the marina.
2. Downtown Suisun is pleasant to live in and at the same time serves as a local and regional destination, supporting shopping, entertainment, hospitality, tourism, and recreation. The changes in the region around Suisun City have created the opportunity for the Downtown to evolve and develop into a place that attracts new residents, jobs, businesses, and shoppers.
3. The entire Downtown needs to be focused on maximizing waterfront access on the Suisun Channel, which is its major and central feature and on improving public access to the train depot, another key asset in Downtown Suisun.
4. The Waterfront should maintain its extraordinary mix of natural wetlands and urban edge.
5. The historic Suisun train depot and Amtrak station, on the north end of Main Street, should serve as a transit gateway into Downtown Suisun City.
6. The circulation system should be enhanced to support safer and more convenient access between homes and destinations and between Downtown Suisun City and Downtown Fairfield – for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and motorists.
7. The Downtown needs a cohesive Open Space system that enhances the pedestrian experience and supports community access.
8. Gateways to the Downtown Waterfront area, including from Highway 12 and from the Amtrak station should be enhanced to ensure a positive visual first impression.
9. Development adjacent to the historic residential area should be compatible in scale and architectural themes.
10. Where feasible and consistent with building codes, existing buildings should be re-purposed with more economically viable uses that contribute to Downtown vibrancy.