Downtown Meridian Marketing Strategy A Look at the Future



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Marketing Vision Summary

Primary Markets:

- Meridian Residents, Families
- People Connected to Meridian Economic Strengths
- Downtown Roles: Heart, Home, Hub
- Downtown Activities: Live, Work, Shop, Learn, Play
- Downtown Theme: Connection
 - Discovery, Services, Comfort, Activity
 - "Great Place to BE"
- Downtown Marketing Strategy:
 - 15 Components in 3 Segments
 - Segments: Organize, Communicate, Build



Meridian's Marketing Strategy

Key Elements: Organize Communicate Build Each Element Has 4-6 Programs Each Program has 4-8 Actions

Strategy Element: Organize



Organize for Implementation

- Organize the Team, Resources & System
- Refine Regulatory Framework to Support Vision
- Establish a Design Guidelines System to Strengthen Sense of Place
- Provide Exceptional Business Retention Program
- Target Business Recruitment Strategically
- Become a Learning Center

Organize the Team



- Aligning people and resources for change
- Select and guide leaders and agents
- Provide resources for information sharing and skills training as appropriate
- Ensure that team fully understands and believes in the vision and strategic plan
- Refine structure for team communication, roles, performance and progress tracking
- Create and maintain a records management program to provide comprehensive information

Project: Refine Team Structure, Roles Strategy Element: Organize

	2004			
Action	Q1	Q2	Q3	Lead
Conduct Implementation Workshop				MDC
Include Partners				
Partners Formally Adopt Vision/Plan				City
Hire MDC Executive Director				MDC
Train City Staff re New System				City
Refine Team Communication				MDC
Expand Biz Retention System				City
Seek Outside Resources				All
Set Progress Tracking System				MDC
Create Info Sharing/Mgmt System				MDC

Strategy Element: Communicate



- *Communicate to build understanding and excitement*
- Promote in Right Order: Ready, Aim, Fire
- Emphasize Your Position as Center of the Treasure Valley
- Emphasize & Support Teamwork for Success with Implementation
- Celebrate Heritage & 'Community'

Promote Vision in Right Order: Ready, Aim, Fire



- Create a framework for extensive communication and promotion of vision
- Get All Partners to Adopt & Promote the Vision
- Implement First Steps: Build Momentum
- Sell the Vision to Investors & Businesses
- Promote the Vision Systematically to Target Markets
- Adopt implementation plan and track progress
- Communicate broadly and frequently the vision, the strategy, and the progress

Project: Adopt & Promote the Vision Strategy Element: Communicate

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All Partners Adopt the Vision				MDC
Implement 1st Steps: Build Momentum				City
Sell the Vision to Private Sector				MDC,Ch
Promote Vision to Target Markets				MDC
Implement; Track Progress				MDC
Communicate Vision, Strategy, Progres	S			All

Strategy Element: Build



Realize the vision by following a strategic implementation plan

- Enhance Access, Circulation, Orientation
- Develop Downtown Subdistricts Strategically
- Refine Gateways, Streetscapes to Support Market & Design Strategies
- Strengthen Civic Presence
- Create a Vibrant, Historic Sense of Place

Strengthen Civic Presence



- Establish civic activities as a major presence in Downtown
 - Build New City Hall: a highly visible, architecturally significant, attractive place that encourages visitation and use
 - Provide space and programs for community gathering
 - Maintain civic functions in Downtown, including library, Post Office, and public safety
 - Establish system of public open spaces to attract Downtown-oriented activities.
 - Use *Discovery* and *Connection* as design themes.
 - Make them places to meet people and to linger.

Project: Build New City Hall Strategy Element: Build

	2004			
Action	Q1	Q2	Q3	Lead
Finalize Space Requirements				City
Set Budget for Project				City
Set Location Criteria				City
Identify Alternative Sites				City
Evaluate Sites' Traits				City
Select, Acquire Preferred Site				City
Initiate Design/Construction Process				City



Districts

A. Downtown District – Med Density



Districts

- A. Downtown District Med Density
- B. Historic Heart Med Density



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B. Historic Heart – Med Density

🖹 C. Transit Corridor – High Density



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- 1. Generations Plaza
- 2. Main & Idaho
- 3. Nazarene Church
- 4. City Hall
- 5. Creamery
- 6. Zamzows
- 7. Post Office
- 8. Cole Valley
 - Christian School



Downtown Meridian



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Eiffel Tower Grounds

Virtual Walking Tour of Your Future Downtown Meridian The Marketing Strategy will focus on... Integrated Uses Social Retail Residential Office Open Space Culture & Entertainment Teams & Resource Systems Public-Private Partnership



- Customers, Clients and Businesses
- Residents and sense of Place
- Neighborhoods
- Citizens and Government
- Heritage and the Future
- Generations
- Community and surrounding Treasure Valley



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Downtown's Sense of Place...



- Family-oriented public spaces
- Attractive, pedestrianfriendly sidewalks
- Highly livable, mixed-Use neighborhoods
- Circulation and parking systems encourage traffic "TO" downtown
- Convenient through routes
- Building densities rather than sprawl

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Downtown's Land Use System...

Key strengths will be integrated into the community and throughout neighborhoods. Market-Driven Integrated Uses:

- Social retail at street level
- Mixed-use residential, cultural, continuing education and recreational facilities (livable)
- Offices that serve Meridian
- Highly livable urban homes
- A Treasure Valley businesstransit village along rail
- A strong, highly visible civic presence
- Network of Open Spaces

Social Retail Downtown District Transit Corridor



Character

- Pocket Parks
- Pedestrian Priority
- Restaurants
- Specialty Retail
- Farmers Market
- Family Activities




















Social Retail Downtown District Transit Corridor



- Urban Theater
- Galleries
- Delis/Coffee Shops
- Office Services





















Residential

- Neighborhoods
- Downtown District
- Transit Corridor

- Single Family
- Small Lots
- Town/Row Houses
- One to Three Stories
- New and Old

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- Mixed Use Retail/Residential
- Historic/Adaptive Reuse
- Two to Three Stories (Up to 42 Feet)

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- Mixed Use Office/Residential
- Newer Buildings
- Transit Orientation
- Four to Six Stories

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- Adaptive Reuse
- Two to Three Stories
- Rear and Side Parking
- Small Offices

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- Historic Renovation
- Up to 42 Feet
- New and Old
- Small Parking Lots at Rear or Side
- Integrated Plazas

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- Regional Offices/ Headquarters
- Government Services
- Four to Six Stories
- Mixed Retail at Ground Floors
- Integrated Plazas

Office

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- Connected Systems
- Pedestrians
- Bicycles
- Paths
- Parks
- Active Spaces

Open Space Neighborhoods Downtown District Transit Corridor







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- Paths
- Plazas
- Passive and Active Spaces

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- Passive Spaces

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Downtown Meridian Marketing Strategy Vision and Action Plan

System of Open Spaces

Existing and Potential Open Spaces

- Plazas
- Pocket Parks
- Play Fields
- Connecting Paths

Vehicular Transit



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 - Play Fields
 - **Connecting Paths**
 - Bicycles
 - Pedestrians
 - 3 Minute Walk
- Vehicular Transit
 - Coexistence
 - Convenient

Culture and Entertainment Downtown District Transit Corridor

Character

- Small Scale Galleries
- Dinner Theater
- Public Events
- Markets
- Art Exhibits
- Ballroom Dancing









Character

- Multiplex Theater
- Museum
- Medium Large Scale Galleries
- Concerts
- Conferences or Private Events





























Final Plan Elements

Executive Summary Downtown Development Vision Market Opportunities Overview **Downtown Market Development Strategy** Includes Target Business/Mix **Recommendations Includes Strategic Development Opportunities Downtown Market Development Action/Work Plan** (Who, What, When, Where, How) **Priorities for Regulatory Structure Refinement** Potential Resources to Support Implementation

Discussion/Questions

