

City of Houston's More Space Program



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Main Street

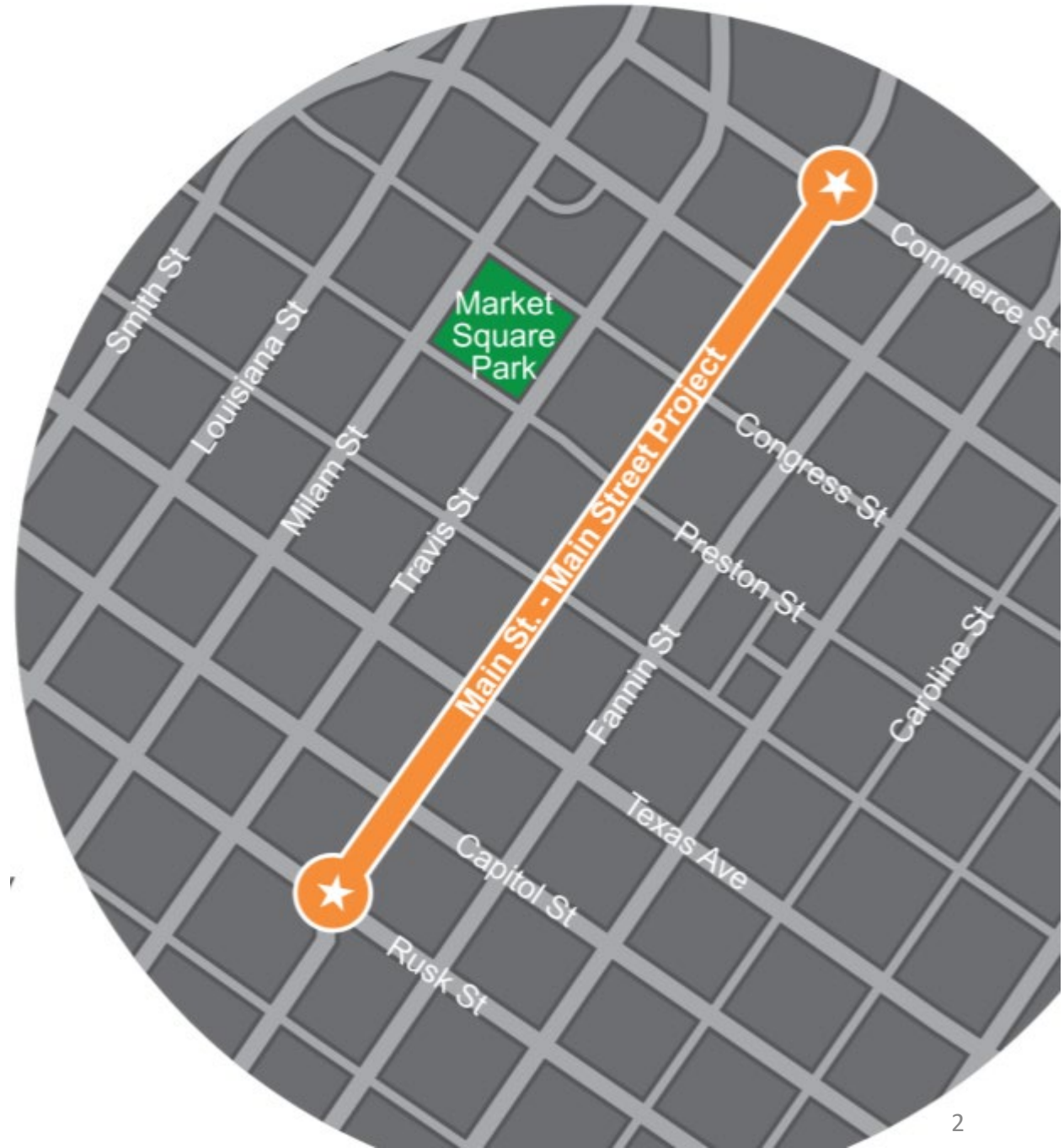


Program Details

- Convert portions of Main Street from Commerce to Rusk
- Use sidewalks for walking
- Use roadway space for tables/seating
- Approved by City Council for November 2020-March 2022

Program Goals

- Support downtown businesses
- Increase economic activity
- Maintain employment





Results

- 45 tables and 154 seats added.
- All participants saw an increase in:
 - Revenue;
 - Customer and employee retention; and
 - Safety due the partial closing of Main Street.
- All participants rated the program as 5 out of 5 stars and have requested an extension for as long as the City will allow.
- Residents confirmed no impacts and support.

Feedback

We love the program. The lack of car traffic makes our store safer, quieter, and helps our guest enjoy our outdoor space.

-Flying Saucer

Great idea. Would love to have it for as long as possible if not permanent.

-Finn Hall

We enjoy Main Street being closed to vehicular traffic. A walkable city is a better city.

-Little Dipper Lounge

Customers and staff love it! This gives downtown a completely different feel in the positive way. Easier for people to visit and walk around.

-Shay McElroy's Irish Pub

Plus more businesses hoping for an extension.

Recommendation

Extend **More Space: Main Street** through either March 2023 or the end of all City-issued COVID directives, whichever is later.

City Council Agenda: February 2, 2022



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For All Program Information

<https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/MoreSpace-MainStreet.html>

- Application Details
- Program and Block-By-Block Guidelines
 - FAQ's

Thank You



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