

To: Mayor Ali and the Peoria City Council

From: Downtown Advisory Commission (DAC)

Date: September 28, 2021

Re: Downtown Peoria One-way to Two-way Restoration

### **Purpose**

The Downtown Advisory Commission (DAC) endorses current plans to restore two-way streets in downtown Peoria and requests the funding needed for completion of this project become a priority.

Research provided by the Congress for New Urbanism indicates that *“Two-way streets prove safer, more walkable, and more supportive of business than one-way streets for Midwestern cities.”* The restoration of two-way streets will **increase economic development**, support the ongoing creation of a **vibrant downtown**, and be an **effective component** of a systems-based solution which will continue to ensure the viability of our city and region.

### **Time Fame and Process of Review**

*December 2020* – presentation by Hanson Professional Services regarding project plans and limits.  
(attachment)

*January 2021* – DAC commissioners reviewed and commented on project plans and limits.  
(attached DAC minutes of January 2021 and comments from commissioners and public)

*March 2021* – DAC commissioners made recommendations on two-way restoration.  
(attached DAC minutes of March 2021)

*April 2021* – DAC commissioners reviewed summary of recommendations  
(attached DAC minutes of April 2021)

### **Recommendations** (in order of importance)

- 1) Implement project as soon as possible
- 2) Prioritize safety of pedestrians
- 3) Communicate with impacted business owners
- 4) Communicate with impacted residents
- 5) Communicate with public
- 6) Ensure public art inclusion
- 7) Coordinate with Wayfinding effort
- 8) Ensure compliance with Combined Sewer Overflow plan