

Downtown Restoration: Five-Year Plan Timetable

SMPDD has created a five-year plan and timetable for the restoration of Downtown Biloxi by gaining vital information through meetings with the Biloxi City Council, the Downtown Restoration Planning Team, and the public.

City of Biloxi Downtown Restoration Timeline	
Year(s)	Brief Description
2017 - 2018	Return Howard Avenue (Reynoir to redone MLK east intersection) to two-way vehicular traffic.
2017 - 2022	Create Downtown TIF District and Downtown 70% Tourism Sales Tax Rebate District; establish grant/loan program for façade and building restorations on Howard Avenue on condition of lower rental rates for new businesses.
2017 - 2018	Complete restoration of the Saenger Theatre and Saenger Alley.
2017 - 2018	Restoration of the Barq Building on Howard Avenue to become a multi-use building and incent live, work, small business uses.
2017 - 2018	Implement a small business grant/loan program for the Division Street Historic District Restoration; the focus will be on the intersection of Division St. and Main St.
2017 - 2018	Hwy 90 crosswalks at MGM Park and Small Craft Harbor.
2017 - 2018	Enhance the Biloxi Farmers Market area and orient it to Howard Avenue for pedestrian entrance.
2017 - 2020	Public-private partnerships to build three, camouflaged parking garages with facades and spaces for commercial on first floor and residential above. Potential locations include: old federal building parking lot; existing parking lot north and east of Saenger; between Magnolia and Ohr south of Howard.
2018 - 2019	Return Water Street to two-way vehicular traffic.
2018 - 2019	Sound and visual barriers for Merit Hospital at Rue Magnolia.
2018 - 2022	Implement a small business grant/loan program for the Division Street Historic District Restoration; the focus will be Division St. from Lee St. to Bohn St.
2019 - 2020	Return Rue Magnolia between Howard Ave. and MLK Blvd. to two-way vehicular traffic.
2019 - 2020	Update Rue Magnolia between Howard Ave. and Hwy 90
2019 - 2020	Enhance Rue Magnolia Park
2020 - 2021	Update and enhance Rue Magnolia Welcome Plaza
2020 - 2021	Waterfront boardwalks from Small Craft Harbor to Biloxi Lighthouse.
2021 - 2022	Enhance Howard Ave. from Porter Ave. to Oak Street

*Timeline continued on the following page.

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Year(s)	Brief Description
2017 - 2022	Enhance Wi-Fi throughout the Downtown District.
2017 - 2022	Lighting, underground utilities for all of the Downtown District.
2017 - 2022	Implement a solution for the homeless population; Homeless Transition Center.
2017 - 2022	Enhance all streets in grid south of Division St. from I-110 to Lee Street.
2017 - 2022	Increase and update way finding/signage throughout the Downtown District.
2017 - 2022	Create a furnishings plan to be used in the Downtown District.
2017 - 2022	Thirty-year tree planting and native flowers restoration plan for Downtown District.
2017 - 2022	Update the roadway striping throughout the entire Downtown District.

TABLE 1: CITY OF BILOXI – FIVE-YEAR DOWNTOWN RESTORATION TIMELINE

*The items in the above timeline are based on a fiscal-year-timeframe for the City of Biloxi. Some items in the above table are multi-year or overlapping projects and are reflected as such.