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City asks public to take survey for master plan

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Downtown master plan project area. City of Livingston The City of Livingston is asking for public input as officials begin the process of developing a master plan for the downtown area.

"The following short (2-minute) survey is intended to gather initial input from the community, and visitors to Downtown Livingston, about the parts of Downtown that they cherish and enjoy, and those that they'd like to see positive change made to in the future," reads the survey preamble that went live in recent days.

The Downtown Master Plan Survey can be found at www.downtownlivingston.org/plan. At the bottom of that page is a form for people to sign up to receive information about the master planning process.

The master planning process begins this summer and will be complete in spring 2024, according to the survey preamble.

The city inked a contract in recent days with Colorado-based Crescendo Planning+Design to develop a master plan, parking plan and housing study for all of the downtown area. City commissioners unanimously approved the \$114,640 contract at their July 7 meeting. The public and the Commission will be presented with more information about the planning process at a meeting in August, according to city officials.

According to the city, the Downtown Master Plan also will include:

• A Wayfinding Plan to help visitors navigate downtown more easily

• A Streetscape Improvement Plan that includes projects such as public art displays and street furniture throughout the planning area

• Recommendations for plan implementation, including identifying key partners and stakeholders

• Identify priority and transformative development/redevelopment projects in the planning area that include both short- and long-range opportunities

• A summary of potential funding resources to create and sustain downtown revitalization and economic development identified in the plan.