



# Downtown Stakeholders Forum

February 18, 2025



## Agenda

#### Welcome:

- Michael Walker, VDA
- Chris Harder, City of Vancouver

#### 2025 Survey Results:

Michael Walker, VDA

Disaster Preparedness & Recovery for Small Businesses:

Scott Johnson, CRESA 911

Main Street Promise Construction Update:

Project Team

## 2025 Survey results

Responses

Average Time 08:47

Duration

. In 2025, how do you anticipate participating in Stakeholder Forums?





#### What motivates you to attend these meetings?

I desire to be an active member of the community, my business is located downtown, and many of my clients are located downtown.

Discussion of impactful issues to our business.

I am a member of some special interest communities and work downtown and live in uptown and want to make sure the city is working for all of the community.

Living at Smith Tower, I am very interested in downtown doings and would like the opportunity to provide input on ideas for enhancement of spaces.

Learning what's happening and how to be involved in what's coming up.

Pedestrianizing Main Street and making downtown an enjoyable place to live and recreate.

I like to know what's going on.

As a business owner, it's important to me to stay up to date.

I live and work downtown.

To make sure that the voices of small business owners in Vancouver are heard.

News and updates on businesses, housing, events, parking, transportation and construction projects.



## 2025 Survey results

Responses

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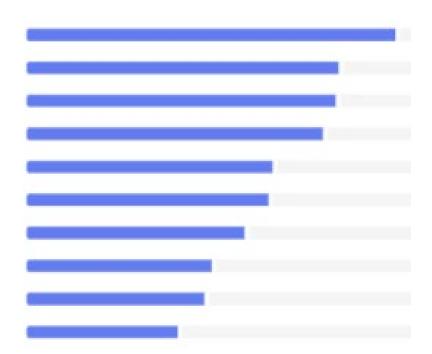
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24 Days

- 1 Homelessness & community/public safety
- 2 Community conversation: strategies for handling rapid change in a growing city
- 3 I-5 Bridge Project
- 4 Main Street business assistance and mitigation efforts during Main Street Promise construction
- 5 Updates on the implementation of the City's Parking Plan, shared in 2024
- 6 Crime and drugs
- 7 Updates on the implementation of the City's Economic Development Plan, shared in 2024
- 8 Business support, technical training, and other business resources
- 9 City actions that are reducing impact on the environment
- Disaster recovery loans and strategies for your business/building









# CRESA-911 Agency



U.S. Small Business Administration



# SBA Disaster Resources

**Clark County 02/18/25** 

## **Topics for Today's Presentation:**

Disaster Loan Program Overview

Common Declaration Types



## **SBA Disaster Loan Limits**

Types of Loans	<b>Borrowers</b>	<u>Purpose</u>	Max. Amount				
Business Loans	Businesses and private nonprofits	Repair or replace real estate, inventory, equipment, etc.	\$2 million *				
Economic Injury Loans for disaster caused working capital needs	Small businesses and private nonprofits	Working capital loans	\$2 million *				
Home Loans	Homeowners	Repair or replace <b>primary</b> residence	\$500,000				
Home Loans	Homeowners and renters	Repair or replace <b>personal property</b>	\$100,000				
Mitigation	Businesses, private nonprofits and homeowners	Mitigate / prevent future disaster losses	20% of verified physical damage. Homeowners limited to <b>\$500,000</b>				

<sup>\*</sup>The maximum business loan is \$2 million, unless the business qualifies as a Major Source of Employment (MSE).



## **FEMA Presidential Declarations**

## Individual Assistance Public Assistance

- SBA's disaster loan program is automatically activated for uncompensated physical losses
- Economic injury disaster loans also available to meet working capital needs
- SBA's disaster loan program is activated <u>only</u> for eligible private nonprofit organizations who provide non-critical services of a governmental nature
- Rural Agency available with additional requirements



## **Physical Injury Declarations**

#### **Requirements:**

 At least <u>25 homes and/or businesses</u> in a county with uninsured losses of 40% or more of their estimated fair market value (categorized as Major damage)

State has 60 days to submit a request to the SBA Administrator for an Agency Declaration

Can be pursued by State if denied a Presidential Declaration





## **Economic Injury Declarations**

#### **Requirements:**

• At least <u>5 businesses</u> in a county with substantial economic loss

 State has 120 days to submit a request to the SBA Administrator for an Agency Declaration

Governor submits written request with supporting economic loss information



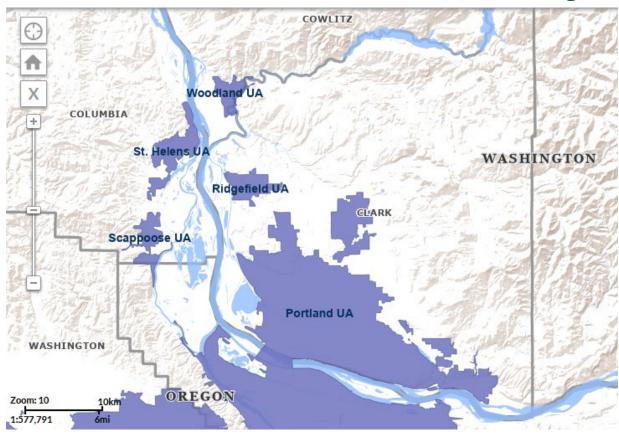


### **Disaster Assistance for Rural Communities Act**

- Public Law 117-249 signed December 20, 2022.
- SBA is authorized to declare a new disaster in a "Rural Area" upon request by the Governor of the State or the Chief Executive of the Indian Tribal government in which the rural area is located if the following conditions are met:
  - (1) the rural area has received a major disaster declaration (Based on Public Assistance Declarations from the President under the Stafford Act)
  - (2) individual assistance (IA) was NOT authorized for the rural area, and
  - (3) any ONE home, small business concern, private nonprofit organization, or small agricultural cooperative in a rural area has incurred "significant damage" (40% uninsured losses).
  - (4) the property used as the basis of a request is documented to be in a rural (non-urban)
    area in the request



## **Rural Areas in Clark County**



Online at:

https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerweb/

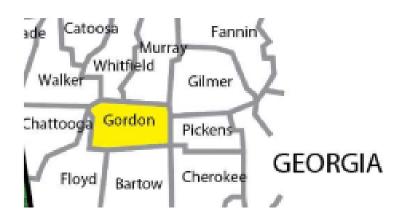


## SBA Agency Declaration vs. Agency Rural Area Declaration

#### SBA Agency Declaration



#### SBA Agency Rural Declaration



(In these examples Gordon is the primary damaged county where the PDA showed damages)

**SBA Agency Declarations:** If twenty-five (25) damaged properties are significantly damaged, this declaration provides physical and economic injury disaster loans in the primary AND contiguous counties or parishes.

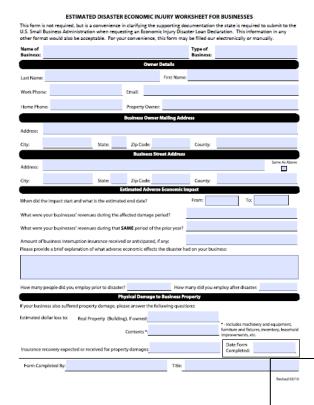
**SBA Agency Rural Declarations:** If one (1) damaged property is significantly damaged, this declaration provides physical and economic injury disaster loans in **the primary county only.** Contiguous counties or parishes are not eligible in this declaration type.



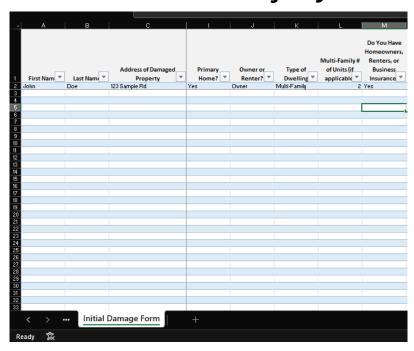


## **How to Report Damages**

Physical Injury



Economic Injury



Online at:

https://mil.wa.gov/for-individuals-households-businesses



## **Questions?**

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# **Main Street Promise Progress & Process**











## **Block Captain - volunteers**

- 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Streets: Marcus Griffith/VDA
- 7<sup>th</sup> St: Marianne/Dandelion Teahouse
- 8<sup>th</sup> St: Dean Irvin
- 9th St: Brett & Makayla/Clash Beauty
- 10<sup>th</sup> St: Crystal/Eryngium Papeterie
- 11<sup>th</sup> St: Janet/Greater Vancouver Chamber
- 12<sup>th</sup> St: Elise Chelack
- Upper blocks: Brad/Clark Co Historical Museum







#### **Main Street Promise**

Tentative Construction Schedule as of 2/13/2025





#### \*Schedule subject to change \*

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500 Block (5th St to 6th St)	13-Feb	14-Feb	SAT	SUN	17-Feb	18-Feb	19-Feb	20-Feb	21-Feb	SAT	SUN	24-Feb	25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	SAT
Install sewer laterals																	
Install water piping																	
Patch up street and trenches																	
Final road patching; re-open road to traffic																	
6th St INTERSECTION	13-Feb	14-Feb	SAT	SUN	17-Feb	18-Feb	19-Feb	20-Feb	21-Feb	SAT	SUN	24-Feb	25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	SAT
Nutter notifies 6th Street business owners																	
Traffic control signage - set up																	
Sawcut ashphalt and prep manhole																	
Install water line from hydrant																	

#### 500 Block Notes:

- 2/17: Nutter crews working on President's Day holiday Monday, February 17.
- Nutter anticipates completing this block on FRI 2/21.

#### 6th St Intersection:

- Nutter plans to start this work zone on TUE 2/25. They may post Road Closed signs day before to slowly move parked cars out of area.
- This small zone should be complete within 8-10 business days. Intersection will be closed for this work; some sidewalk space may need to close.

#### Looking Ahead:

• 600 block + 700 block + 7th Street intersection: Nutter anticipates starting this work zone in early March. Work in this larger zone will take 4-6 weeks.

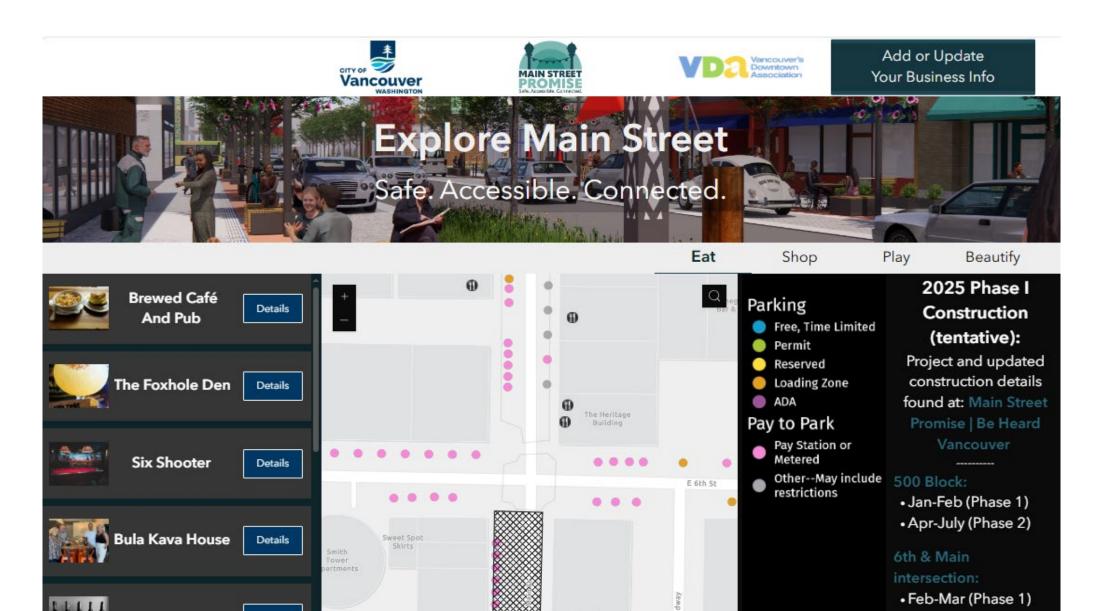




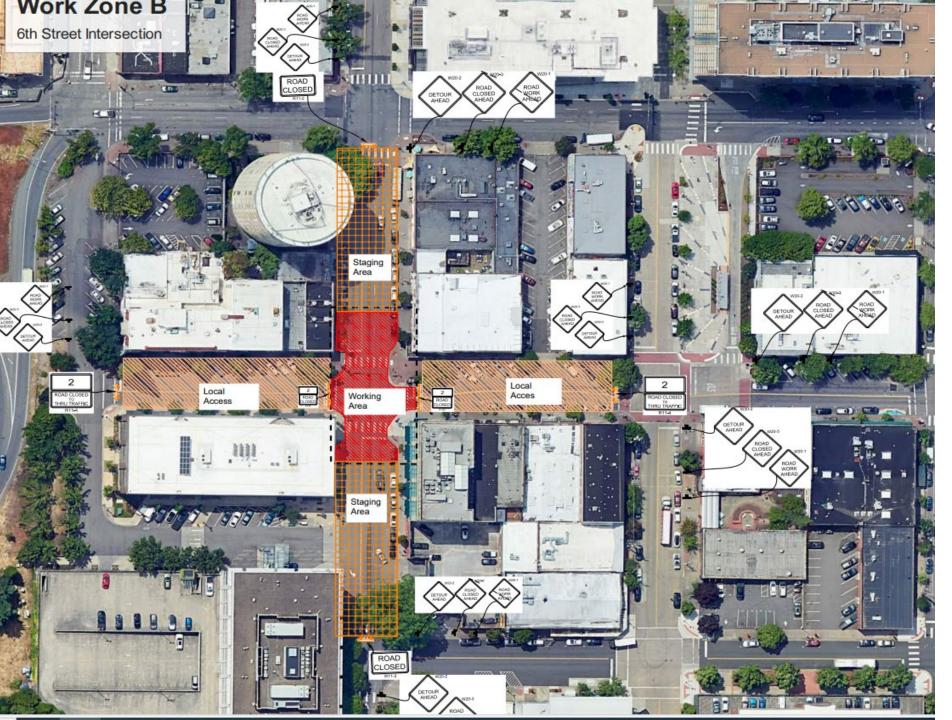
## **Business Feedback**

- Schedule Updates
- Noise Concerns
- Hours of Operation
- Delivery Drop-offs
- Level of Sales
- Gratitude
- Parking

## Explore Main Street – Support Local, Parking







Jeff Daly Project Mgr. Nutter Corp.











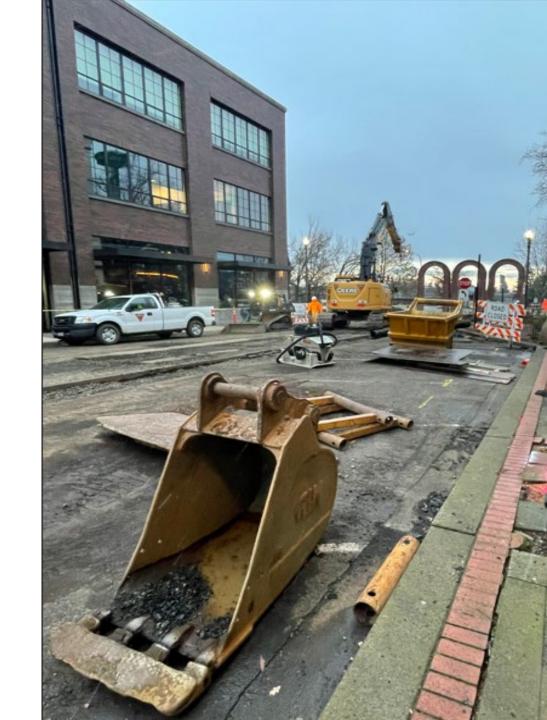
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## **Word on the Street**

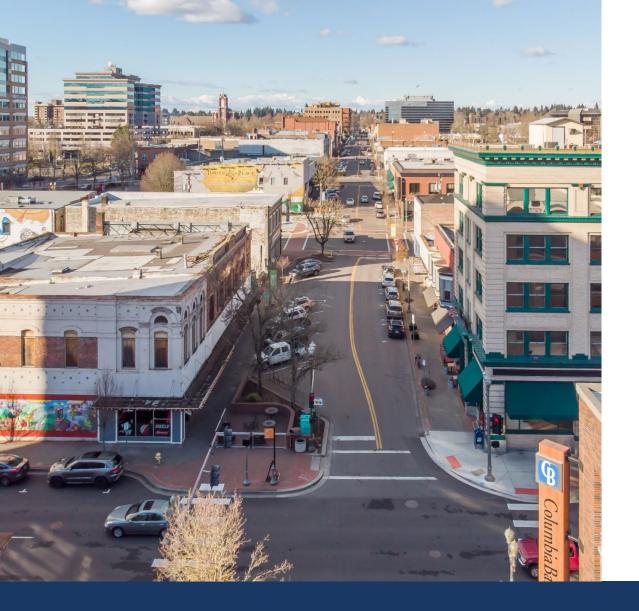
- I'm feeling cared for.
- I appreciate all the touches and being informed.
- My Block Captain is doing a very good job at keeping me informed.
- Thank you for making the downtown I love even better!



# **Open Discussion & Questions**







## **Upcoming Meetings**

- 2/21 Coffee Corner @ 1pm
  - La Fiesta on Main
- 3/7 Coffee Corner AM @ TBD
- 4/15 Downtown Stakeholders @ 1pm
  - City Hall, Aspen Room



## Thank You!



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## **Bee City Opportunity:**

