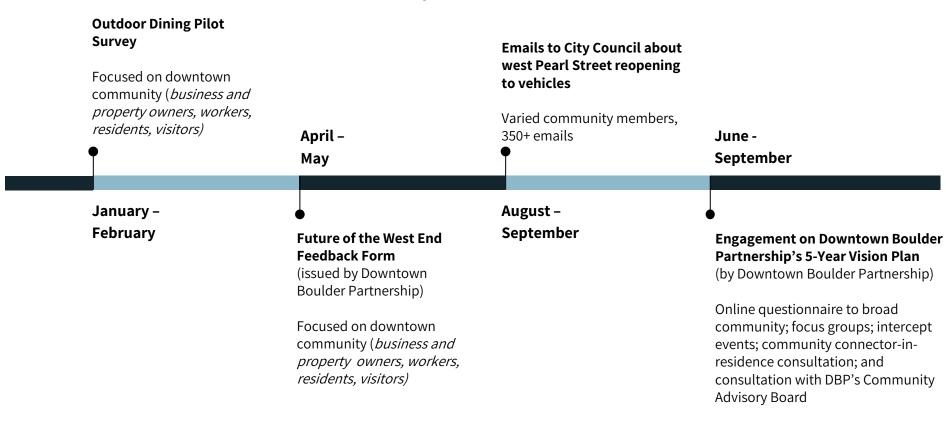
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#### **Outdoor Dining Pilot Survey** (Jan. - Feb. 2022)

- 836 responses from the downtown community
- Most respondents felt the city's temporary outdoor dining expansion had a positive impact on vibrancy of downtown; many indicated an improvement to their experience living, working and visiting downtown
- Survey participants generally indicated the most important potential benefits of expanded outdoor dining programs were:
  - Helps keep restaurants in business
  - Increases vibrancy of downtown and walkability
  - Positive impact on nearby businesses

## Future of west Pearl Feedback Form issued by

Downtown Boulder Partnership (April - May 2022)

- 177 responses from the downtown community
- West End <u>restaurants</u> do not support a permanent year-round closure of west Pearl
- West End <u>retail businesses</u> and the broader downtown business community expressed significantly more support for a permanent yearround vehicular closure than West End restaurants

# **Emails to City Council about west Pearl reopening to vehicles** (Aug. - Sept. 2022)

- Approximately 350 emails
- Many expressed that West Pearl was a great gathering space and felt more welcoming without vehicles; many comments about kid-friendly space and enjoying people-centric and fun spaces
- Some expressed a need to listen to what businesses want; parking concerns for those with mobility limitations; dislike of the aesthetics; and concerns about parking and traffic pattern changes

Various engagement on Downtown Boulder Partnership's 5-Year Vision Plan issued by Downtown Boulder Partnership (June – Sept. 2022)

- Responses: the best thing about Downtown Boulder is Mobility (#1),
  Programming (#2), Character (#3), Sustainability (#4) and Safety (#5)
- In favor of increased public gathering spaces; pedestrian-friendly east end streetscaping; activated alley and facades
- Feedback about bias of downtown workers leads to people of color feeling unwelcome; need to increase partnering with diverse organizations for inclusive programming