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Downtown Plan Progress Update

In September and October 2025, the Consultant Team hosted two Downtown Plan Summits — an in-person session with key Downtown partners and a virtual session open to the public. These sessions provided valuable insight into how partners and residents perceive Downtown London's strengths, challenges, and opportunities, helping to ensure the plan reflects a shared vision for its future. A recording of the virtual summit held on October 2nd can be accessed on the [GetInvolved page](#).

Feedback has been grouped under four main themes - Public Space and Resilient Infrastructure, Land Use and Development, Transportation, Access and Equity, and Economic and Cultural Resilience - with a cross-cutting theme of Engagement and Collaboration.

Key Insights

- **Public Space & Resilient Infrastructure:** Participants emphasized the need for safe, inclusive, and well-maintained public spaces that support everyday use as well as community events. There is a desire for improved public amenities, year-round accessibility, and more consistent activation to build vibrancy and belonging.
- **Land Use & Development:** There is broad recognition that Downtown's role is shifting beyond its traditional office core toward a more mixed, residential, and creative district. Participants encouraged policies that promote housing diversity, adaptive reuse, and stronger coordination to sustain cultural and economic growth.
- **Transportation, Access & Equity:** Improving safety, affordability, and reliability across all modes of travel was a key priority. Participants highlighted the need for better late-night transit, integrated cycling connections, and more accessible and inclusive public spaces.
- **Economic & Cultural Resilience:** Revitalizing Downtown's image and strengthening its cultural identity emerged as central to economic renewal. Participants saw opportunities in storytelling, local entrepreneurship, and more frequent, smaller-scale activations that encourage people to linger and return.
- **Engagement & Collaboration:** Ongoing collaboration across City departments, community organizations, and the private sector was viewed as essential to sustaining momentum and delivering meaningful change.

Future engagement opportunities will be available in the next phase of work in early 2026, focusing on developing the Downtown Plan. If you require any accommodation to fully participate in the engagement process, or have a comment or question regarding this project, please contact the Downtown Plan project team using the contact information below.

The completed Background Study will be available for review on November 12, 2025, on the City's [Council and Committee webpage](#), and presented to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee on **November 18, 2025**, and to City Council on **November 25, 2025**. The Background Study will also be made available on the [GetInvolved page](#) following its release.

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