

Our Approach

Why Study Parking Downtown?



It has been almost a decade since the City holistically studied parking Downtown.

Multiple **parking lots have redeveloped** and the City has reconfigured several **streets** since the latest parking study in 2016.

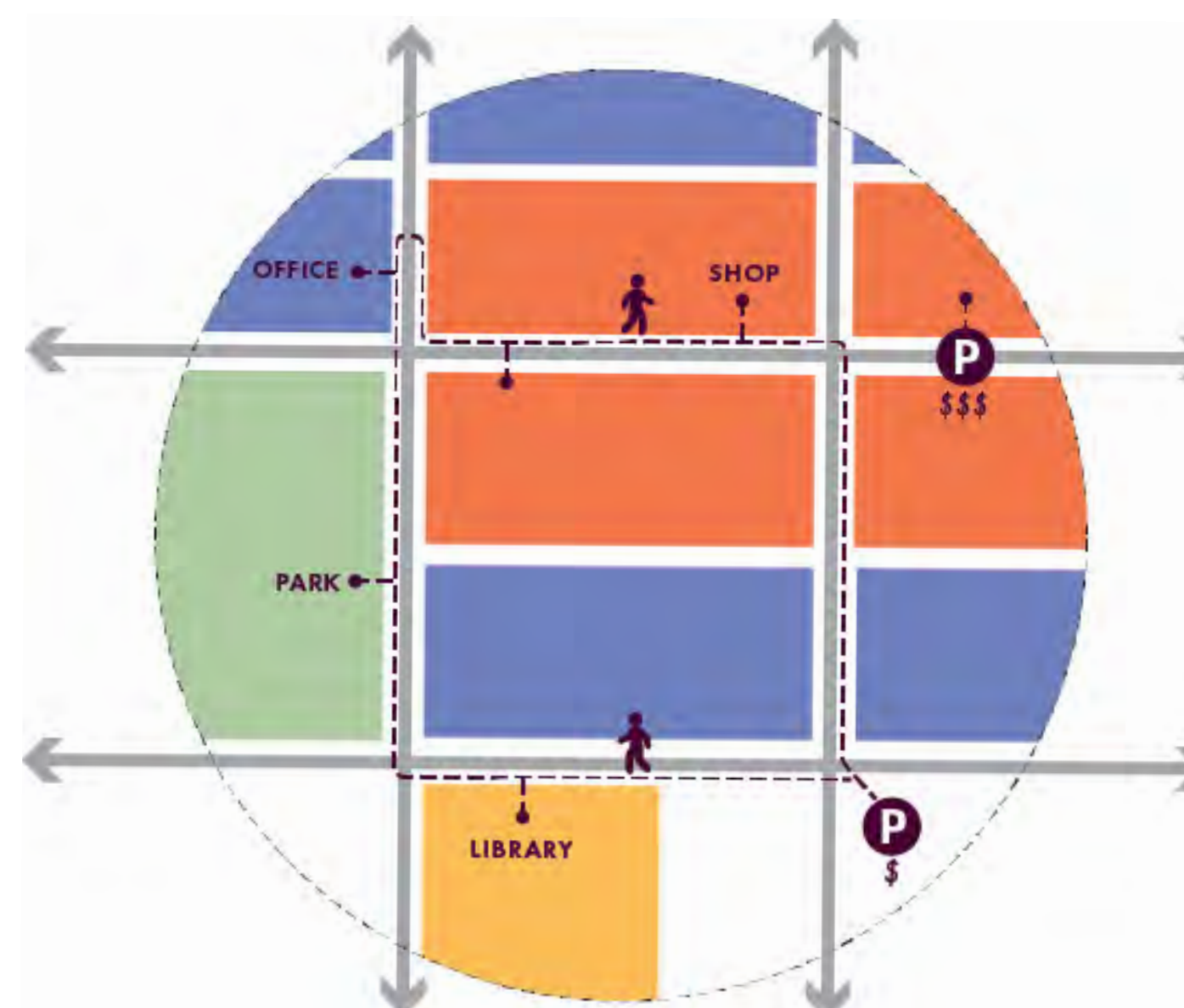
The **Covid-19 pandemic** shuttered cities across the globe and changed how Downtowns operate, but Albuquerque is **bouncing back**.

The *Downtown 2050* plan calls for a **unified and agile parking strategy**, and envisions a district where people **park once** and walk between destinations.



Central Ave

August 2025



Park Once
Strategy
Conceptual
Diagram

Downtown 2050, May 2025

Parking is *Personal*

People from **across the region** travel and park Downtown, and Burqueños want and **expect different things** from the parking system.



Visitors

may be **unfamiliar** with parking options and typically look for parking **at or near their destination**.



Employees

use parking on a near-daily basis and want to park for the **duration of their shift or workday**.



Residents

want to be able to park on the street directly **in front of their home**.



Business Owners

see **curbside parking and loading** as essential to the success of their business.



Not Everyone Parks A Car

or drives for every trip. **On-street parking** typically makes streets **more comfortable** for people walking, but off-street parking **lots and garages** increase the time it takes to walk between destinations and can create an **unappealing environment** for pedestrians.

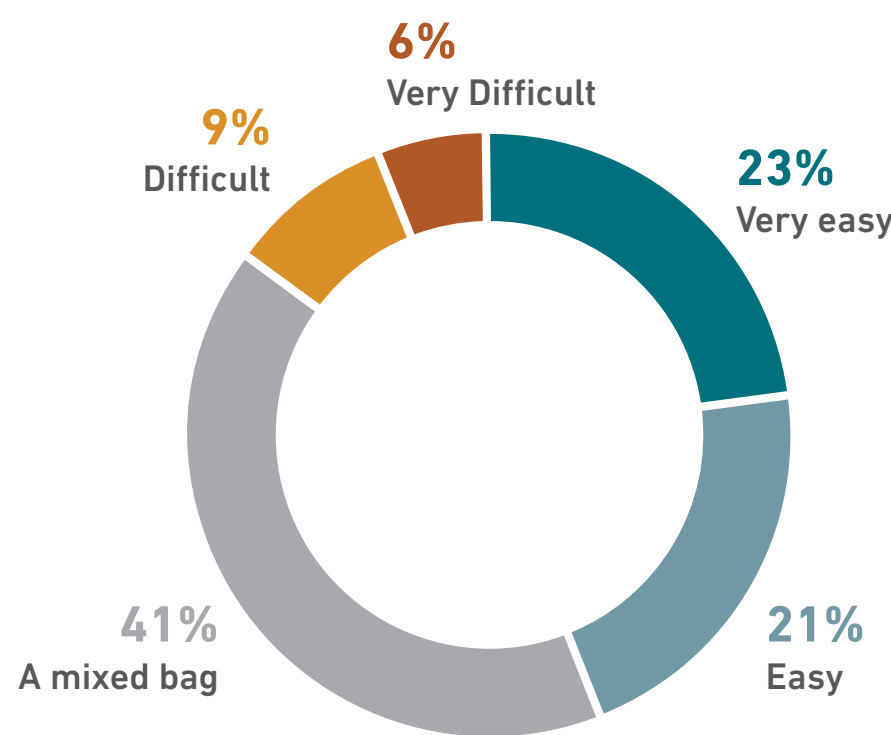
What We've Heard



Parking Downtown is not especially difficult, but it's **a mixed bag**.

Only **15% of survey respondents** say **parking is difficult** when asked about Downtown in general.

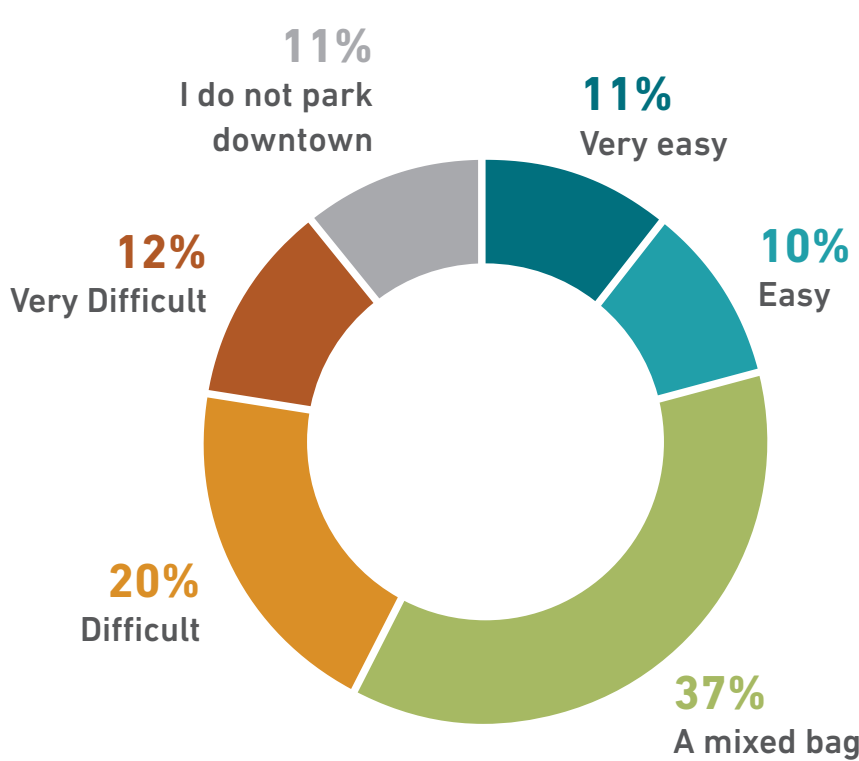
How easy or difficult is it to find **parking Downtown?**



Winter 2024 Survey

People find it **harder to park at events** like the Growers Market.

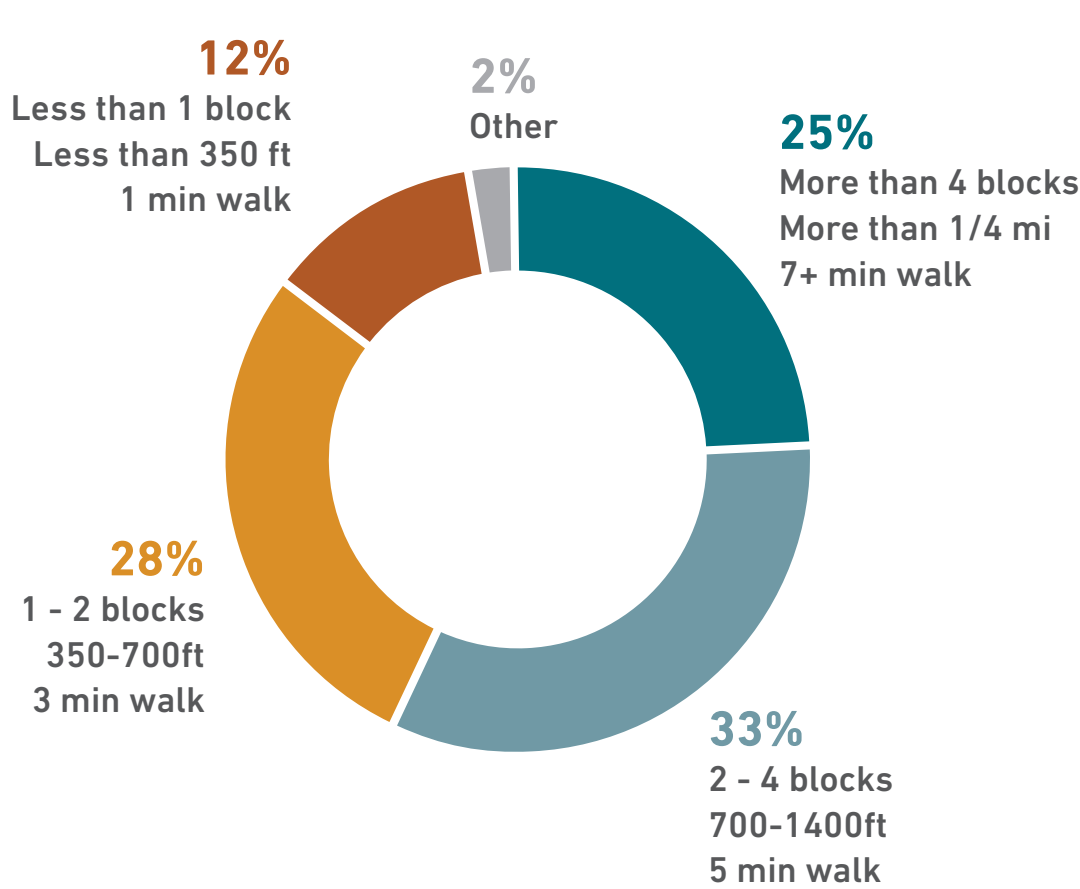
How easy or difficult is it to find parking **at the Growers Market?**



Summer 2025 Survey

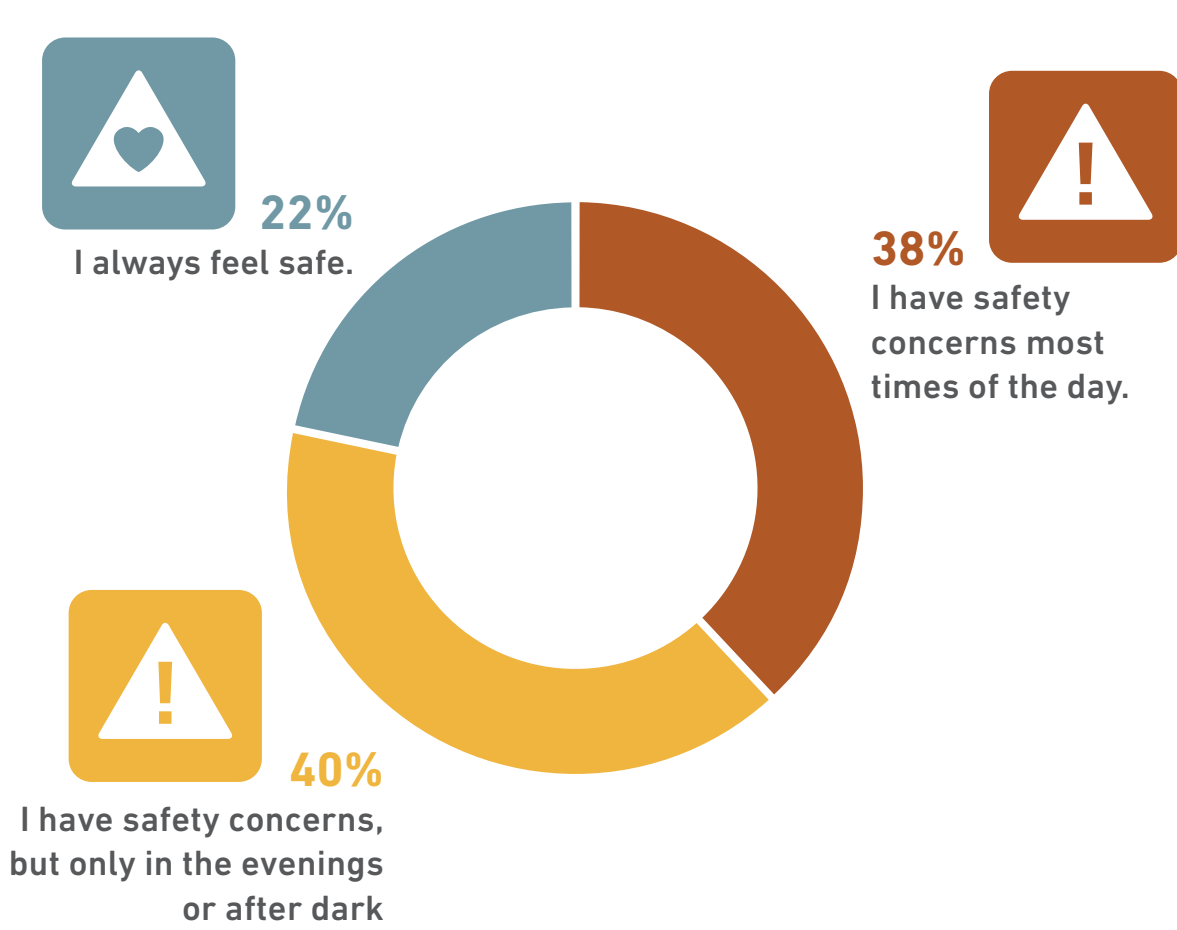
Most people are **willing to walk** a few blocks to and from parking, but they have **safety concerns** about parking and walking.

How far are you willing to **walk** from a parking spot to your **destination?**



Winter 2024 Survey

Do you have any **safety concerns** related to **parking** downtown or **walking** between parking and your destination?



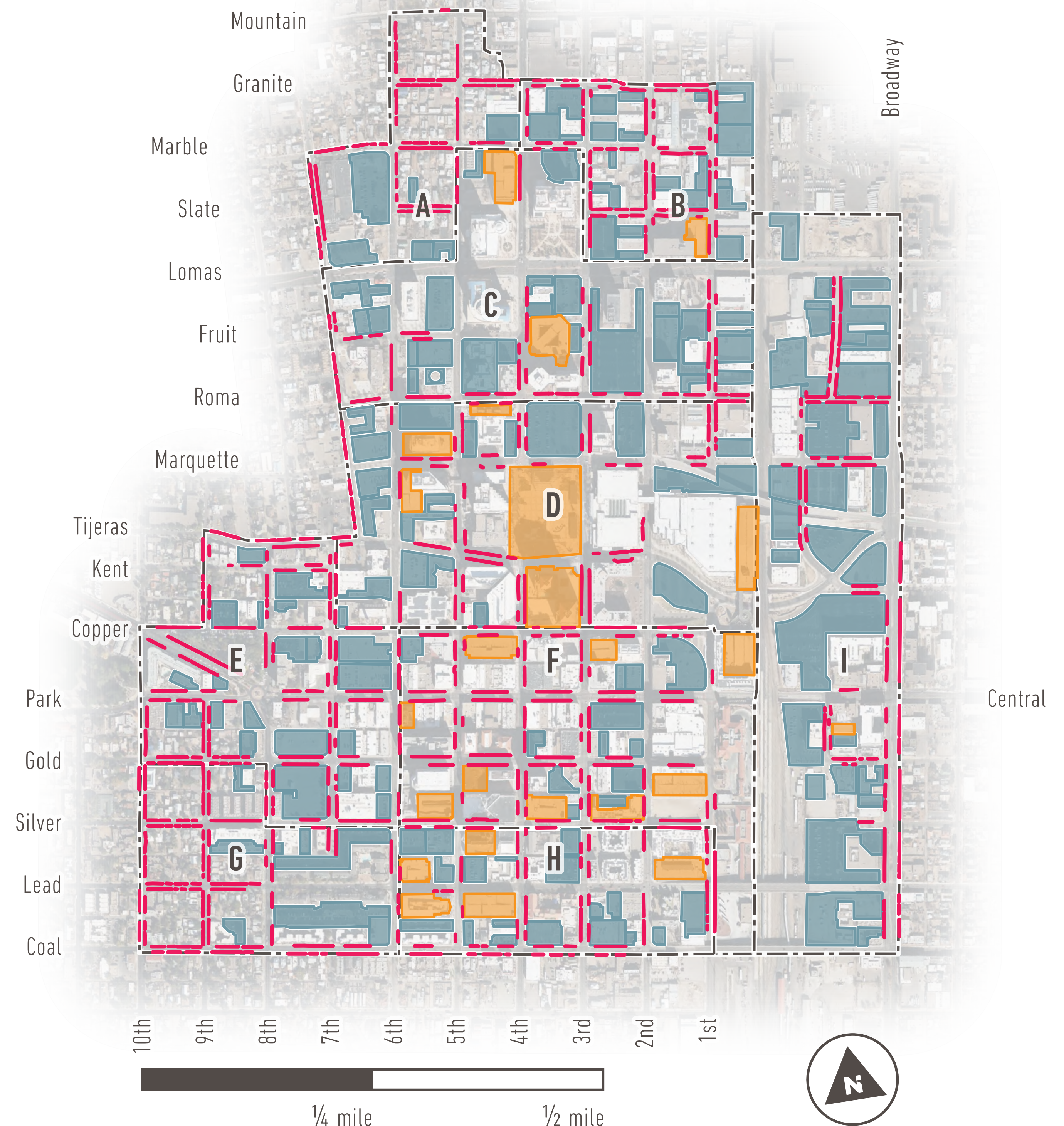
Winter 2024 Survey

What We've Found

Parking Supply

Downtown has parking capacity for over **21,000** cars, and parking lots make up **32%** of real estate.

- On-Street Parking:
2,700 spaces
- Parking Lots:
9,100 spaces
- Parking Structures:
9,700 spaces



What We've Found

On-Street Parking

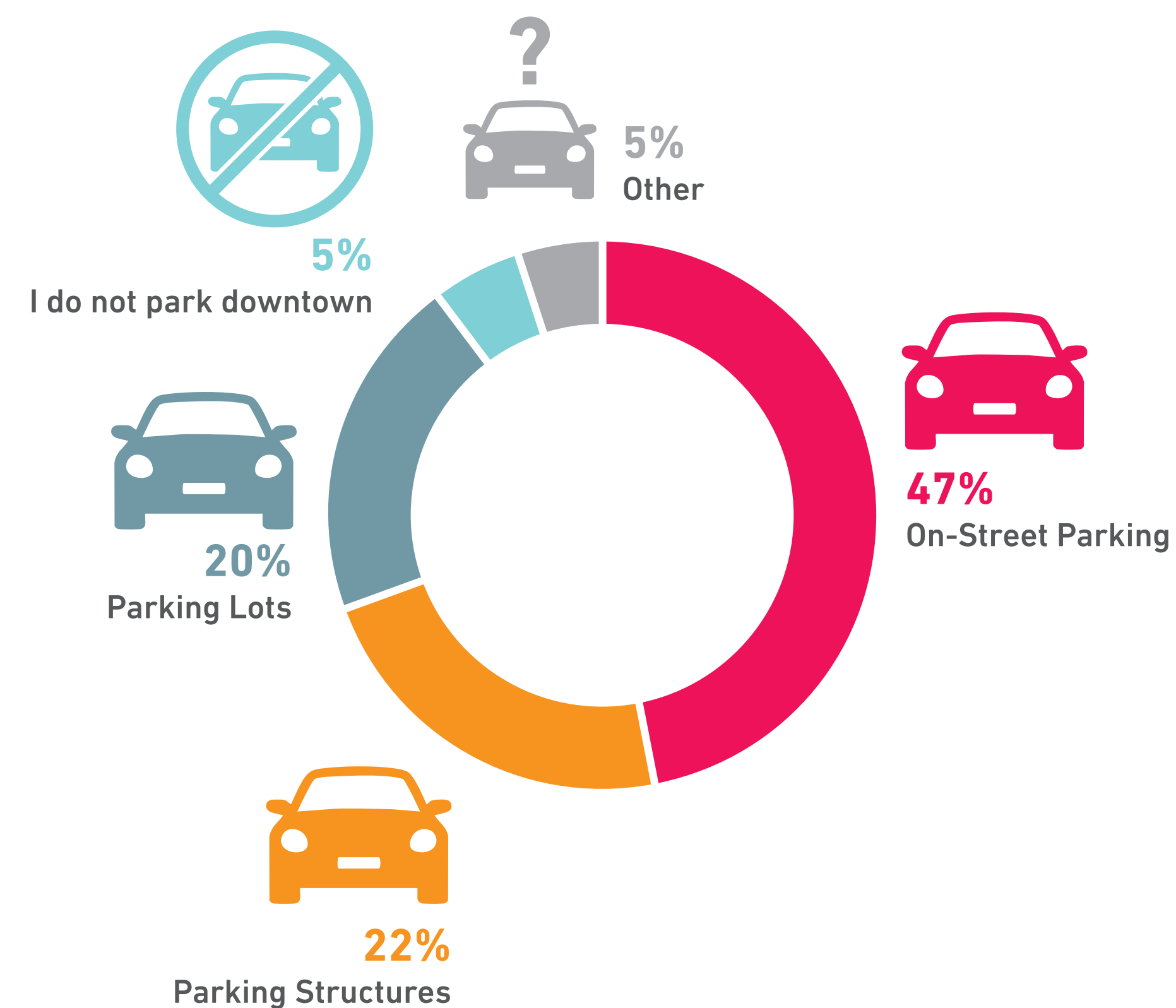


On-street parking is in high demand.

On-street parking accounts for only an **eighth of Downtown's parking**, but almost **half of survey respondents** say they typically park on the street.

On-street parking along and near **Central Ave** is highly utilized, especially on **weekends** and during special **events**.

What **type of parking** do you typically use Downtown?



Winter 2024 Survey



Central Ave & Copper Ave/10th St

Saturday, 8 AM
August 2025



Central Ave & 7th St

Sunday, 7 PM
September 2025

What We've Found

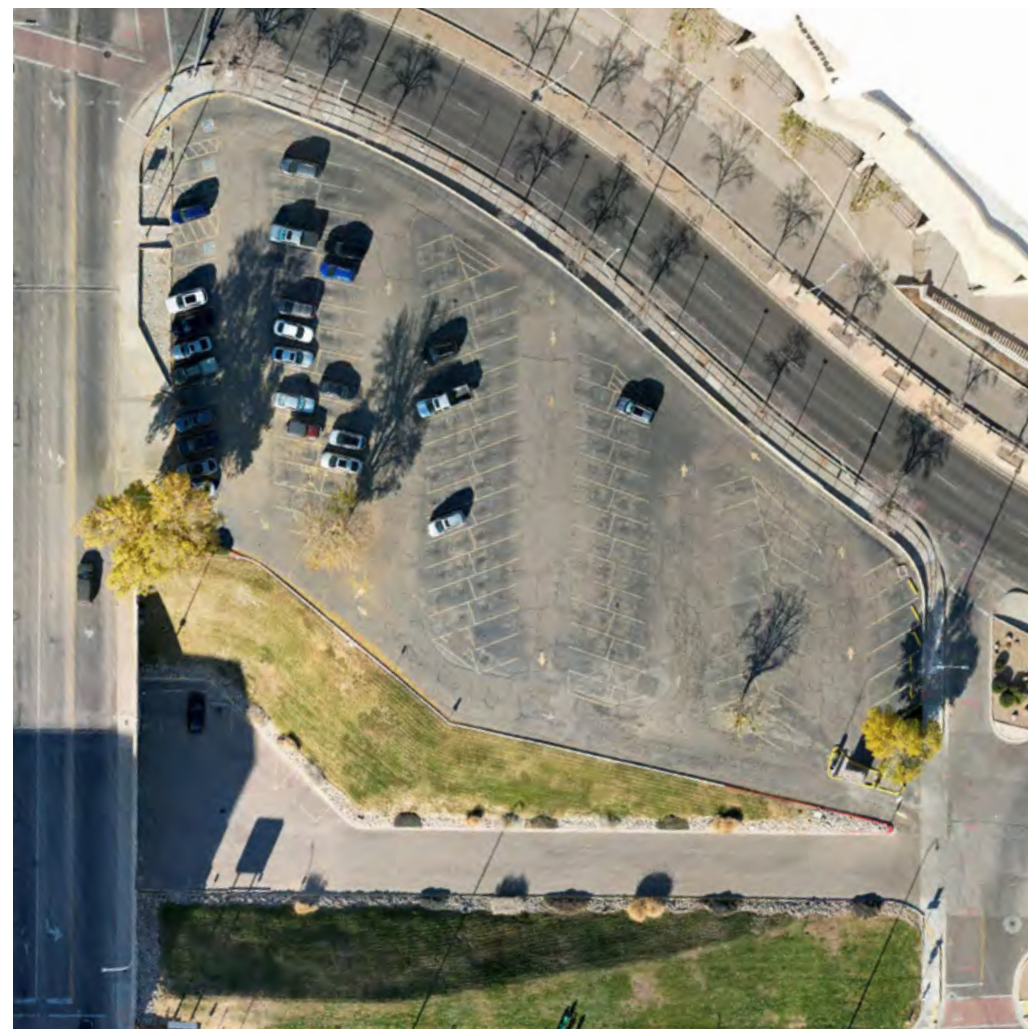
Surface Parking Lots



Many parking lots have spaces available, even at the busiest times.

Weekdays at 2 PM is the peak hour for parking. Not all lots are full.

Parking directly adjacent to **destinations** is highly utilized...



1st St & Tijeras Ave, 2 PM



2nd St & Roma Ave, 2 PM



3rd St & Marquette Ave, 2 PM



Commercial St & Tijeras Ave, 2 PM



Central Ave & 7th St, 12 PM



...but there are usually **spaces available** within a short walk.

Tuesday–Thursday, December 2024

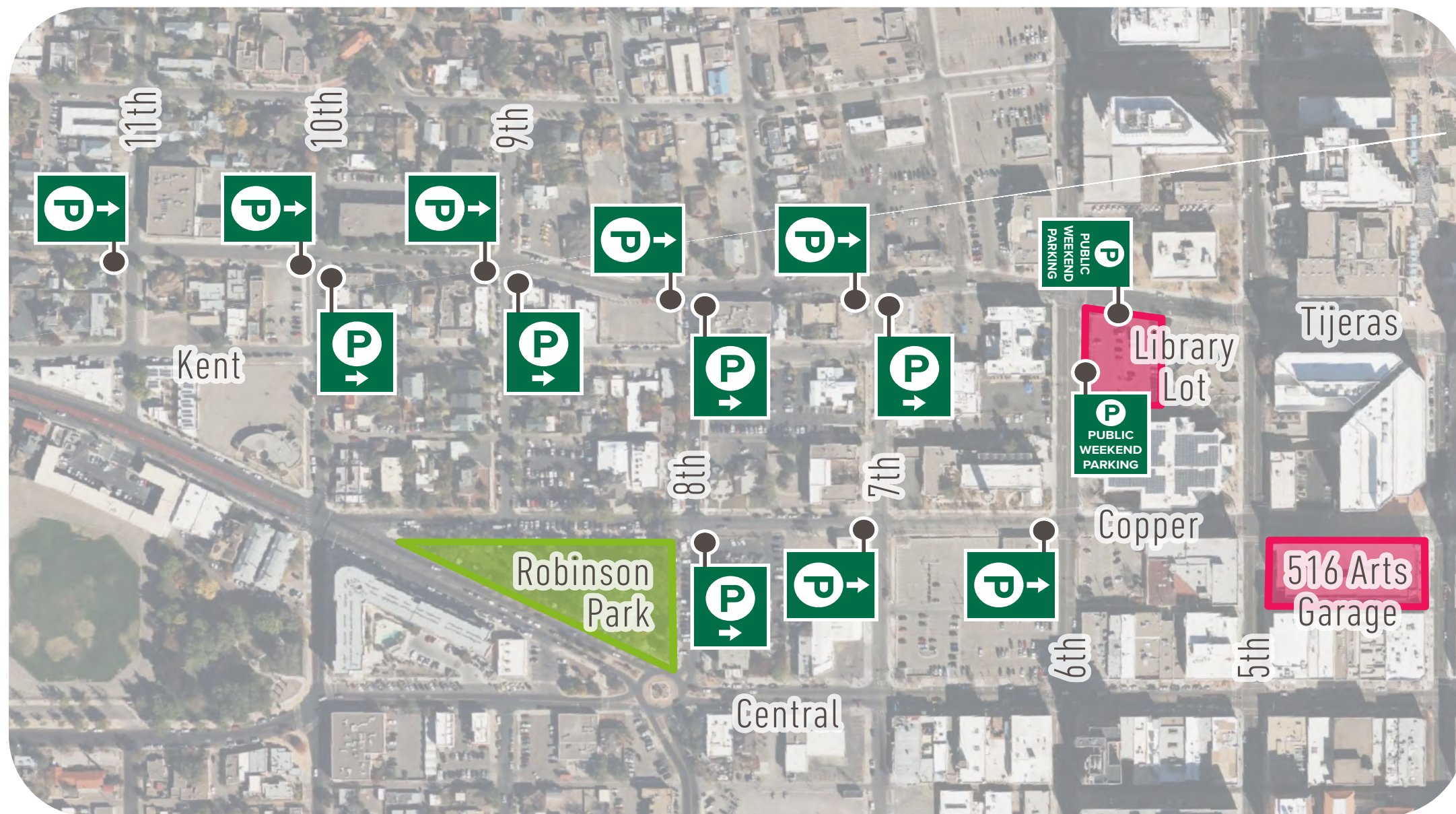
We're Experimenting!

Parking at the Growers Market

The City implemented a **pilot project** to help people find parking near the Growers Market.

The City's Parking Division opened the Library Lot at Tijeras Ave and 6th St for **hourly public parking on weekends** to provide more options.

The City's Metropolitan Development Agency installed **wayfinding signs** directing drivers to City parking facilities, as well as signs pointing pedestrians to the Growers Market.



The Parking Study will recommend more ideas for **quick wins**.

Let's Talk About

On-Street Parking



Where would you like to see:



More on-street parking



Permitted parking for residents

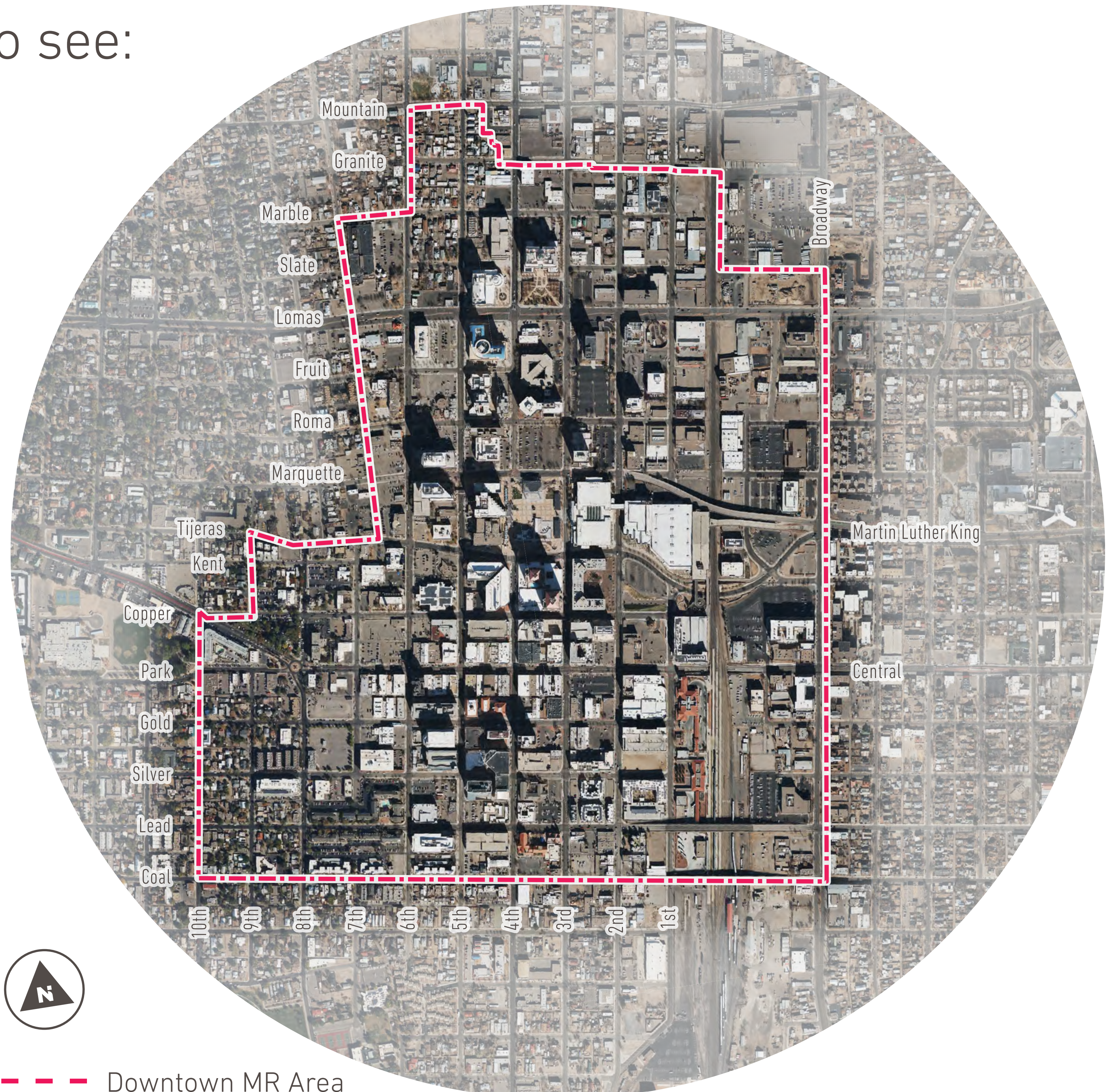


Loading zones for businesses



A safer and more comfortable walking environment

Place stickers on the map and let us know!



--- Downtown MR Area

Let's Talk About

Parking & Destinations

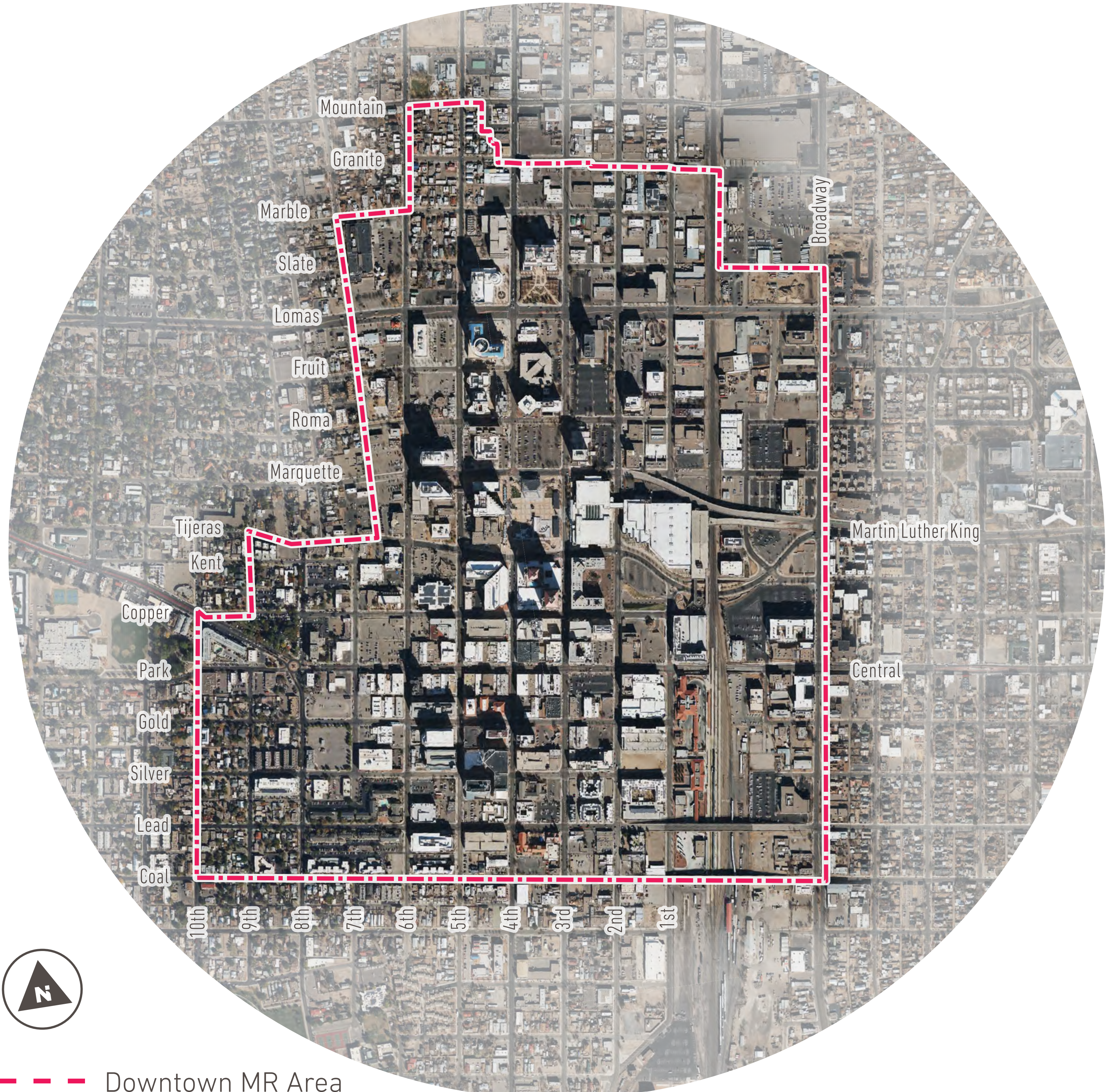


Where do you
park Downtown?



Where do you
walk Downtown?

*Place stickers on the map
and let us know!*



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Let's Talk About

Street Design



What would you like to see more of on **Downtown streets**?

Place stickers and let us know!

 <p>As many parking spaces as possible!</p>	 <p>Comfortable bicycle facilities along a connected network</p>	 <p>Bike parking and designated places for scooters</p>
 <p>A mix of bus stops, loading zones, and parking</p>	 <p>Outdoor dining and commercial patio space</p>	 <p>What else?</p>
 <p>Wider sidewalks and safe pedestrian crossings</p>	 <p>Enhanced public spaces with landscaping and places to sit</p>	

Let's Talk About

Investing in Downtown



If you could reinvest revenue generated from paid parking back into Downtown, what **types of improvements** would you pursue?

Place stickers and let us know!

 <p>Attractive streetscapes, with furnishings, benches, planters, and trees</p>	 <p>Incremental capital improvements, like enhancing sidewalks and crossings</p>	 <p>Incentives to attract new development</p>
 <p>Wayfinding signage directing people to and from destinations and parking</p>	 <p>More programs and events</p>	 <p>Purchasing property to create new public spaces Downtown</p>
 <p>Major capital projects like street reconstruction and trails</p>	 <p>Lighting and emergency call buttons to help people feel safe</p>	 <p>More community ambassadors to keep streets clean, attractive, and safe</p>