

Issues and Responses: DMC Heart of the City Public Space Design Request for Proposals

1) There is a discrepancy with the scope on the RFQ and RFP:

The scope of services described in RFP is accurate

2) Anticipated Timeline:

August 15, 2016, Interviews with finalist teams

August 2016, Team Selected

September 2016, Contract

October 2016, Project Initiation

June 2017, Project Completion

3) Chateau Theatre Timeline

June 2016, Reuse Study Initiated

August 2016, Market Study Completed

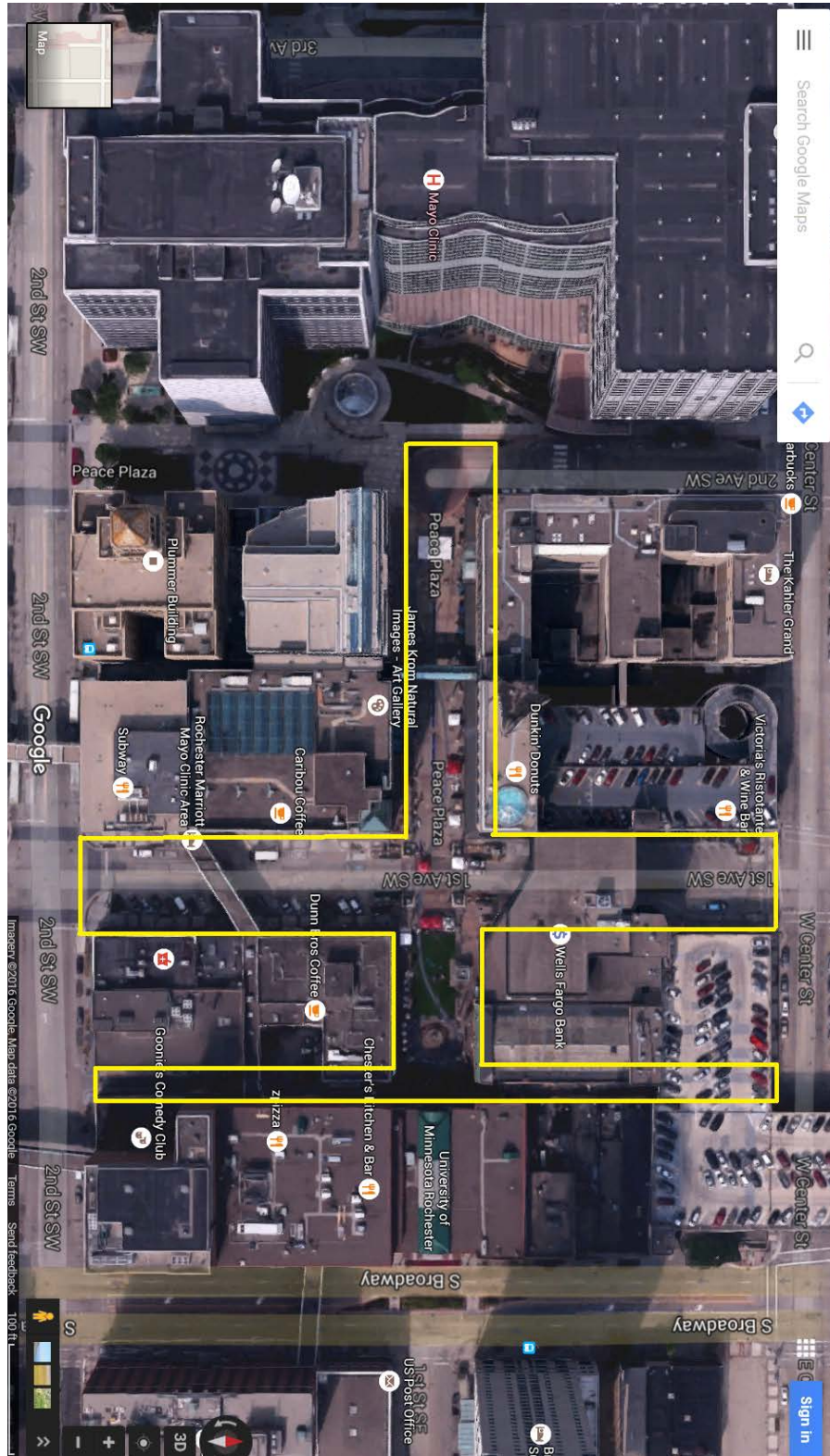
September 2016, Concept Design

4) Attendance statistics from Rochester Downtown Alliance (RDA) for RDA-hosted events:

Statistics are being compiled

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5) Map of public area focus (Gonda Building to UMR, 1st Ave to 2nd St, and the Alleys):



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Questions Asked & Answers Provided at Pre-Proposal Meeting:

1) What changes were made to 1st Avenue recently?

Pedestrian lights and zero clearance

2) Design Guidelines Link?

<https://www.rochestermn.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=10867>

3) Who is Managing the RFP Process?

- DMC EDA manages logistics
- City of Rochester issues the contract

4) Who Owns Which Properties?

- Peace Plaza and alleys: City of Rochester
- East end: Kahler Hospitality Group, though the City has a pedestrian and Plaza use easement over the area from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- West end: Mayo Clinic, though the City has a pedestrian and Plaza use easement over the area from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- Subways: Mayo Clinic

5) Has Mayo Clinic made any commitment to change West end near the circle drive?

- Mayo has been hands on and can be counted on to be involved and open to change

6) What maintenance issues are faced on Peace Plaza currently?

- In ground lighting is outdated
- Blue walk on the ground is faded
- Blue walk through grass is not big enough

7) Where can we find right of way and public utility information?

- Selected team can expect to receive this information from the City of Rochester

8) What are likely funding sources for this project?

- Public funding, possible private funding, state and federal dollars