

CENTRAL MAIN AND A NEW “FRONT DOOR”: AERIAL VIEW



Catalyst 2: Central Main and a new “front door”

The extension of College Avenue offers an opportunity to create a **public plaza** and **community gathering space** at the most prominent location in Downtown Blacksburg. After the creation of structured parking nearby, the few pull-in spaces on College Avenue will no longer be needed. Surface parking behind the buildings will provide business loading zones.

Improvements to the alley system will connect Faculty Street to Jackson Street, eliminating the need for a vehicular connection via College Avenue.

PROGRESS STREET TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES: VIEW NORTH ON PROGRESS



Catalyst 3: Progress Street Transportation

The current municipal lot on Progress Street is positioned to accommodate a new **structured parking facility**, fronted on two sides by a **liner with residential uses**.

A **rebuild of Progress Street**, combined with appropriately scaled **redevelopment on its west side**, could transform the street into a more **pedestrian and bicycle-friendly street**. This plan envisions a **wide shared-use path** on the west side of the street, buffered from the curb with landscaping where space allows.

ACTIVE ALLEYS: VIEW FROM JACKSON



Progress Street provides a **critical north-south connection** for Blacksburg. A new **bike and pedestrian path**, and a new **parking garage (lined with residential development)** will improve mobility to and through Downtown.