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Mr. Cole Hendrix City Manager City Hall Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Dear Cole,

This will serve to introduce the following graphic documents illustrating the proposed Service and Delivery Plan for Charlottesville's City Center area.

This proposal stresses solution of service and delivery, and access to parking rather than secondary considerations, such as which cross streets to leave open to unrestricted automobile usage.

Reference to the side street cross-section diagram will illustrate the necessity for the side streets to be one-way and have no automobile parking. It is essential that one lane always be open to service vehicle movement and that one lane always be available for service parking.

We feel that no automobile traffic across the Mall is necessary for either traffic movement reasons or for successful merchandising. We feel that in any event special cases can be allowed for by Special City Permits, allowing certain private vehicles to occasionally use and temporarily park on what would otherwise be exclusive service and delivery streets and alleys. It is our proposal that taxicabs be considered limited service and delivery vehicles insofar as they can use any cross (side) street to pick up and leave off passengers. Parking for taxicabs would be strictly limited or prohibited on side streets. This special allowance for taxicabs should solve most needs of the especially handicapped or feeble.

We propose that the City traffic consultants consider the possibility that no traffic regulating devices, other than stop signs, be required at intersections of cross streets and the Mall where only service vehicles cross the Mall. And that at intersections where private automobiles are temporarily allowed to cross the Mall that only signal equipment requiring a minimum City expenditure be provided. In all events, intersections of the Mall by cross streets will be designed with a change of grade (and paving materials, etc.) or driveway type configuration to warn motorists, slow traffic, and otherwise indicate that the intersection is essentially a pedestrian oriented space.

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The City traffic consultants should review the proposed directions of one-way streets. We have attempted to minimize and simplify the looping or weaving that may be required of delivery or service vehicles that serve more than one establishment. It should be noted that many City Center businesses are served by carriers such as U.P.S. These carriers presently, more often than not, park on side streets and hand-truck parcels to nearby establishments. This will function even better with the construction of the Mall and the exclusion of automobiles and/or automobile parking from the side streets. Special once-a-year type deliveries by large truck-tractor vehicles could be allowed by special one-use-only permits on the Mall itself during early morning off-hours.

If cross streets must be left open temporarily for private automobile usage, consideration can be given to First, Third and Fifth Streets.

Very truly yours,

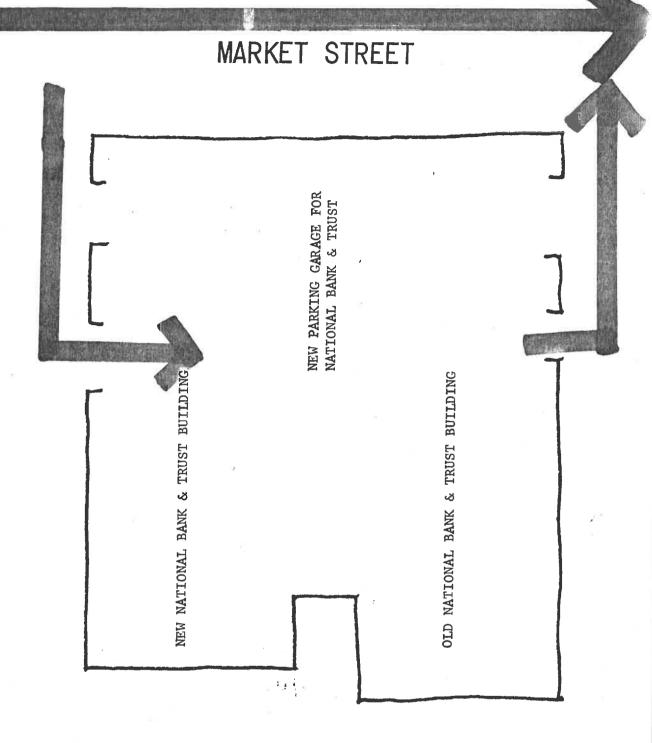
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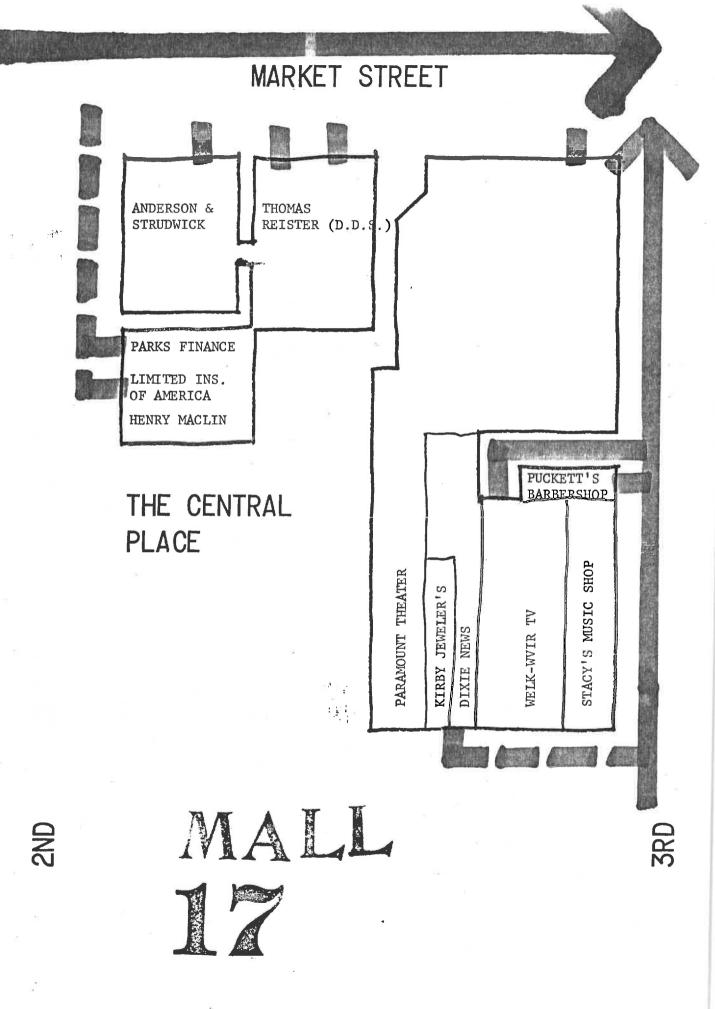
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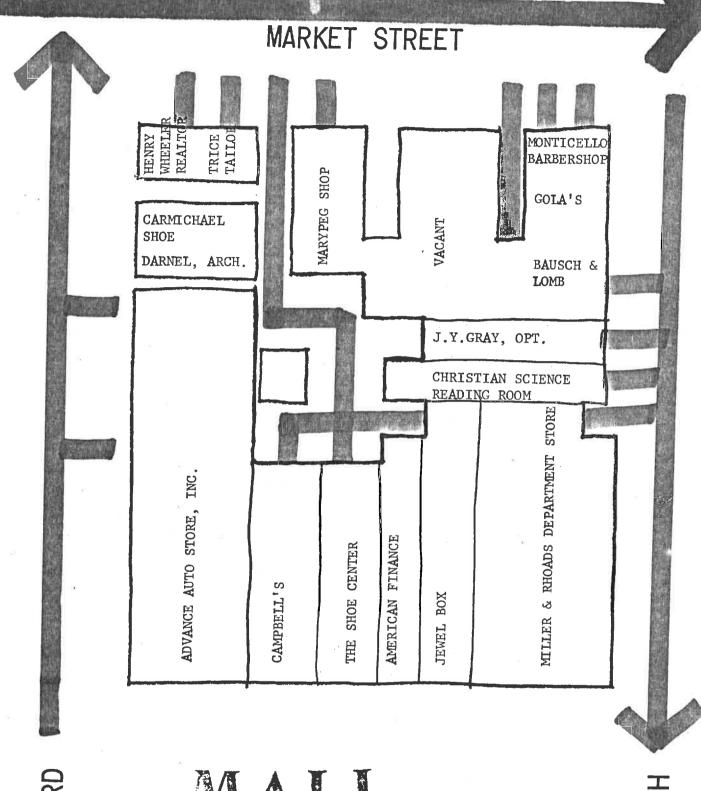
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2ND WEST



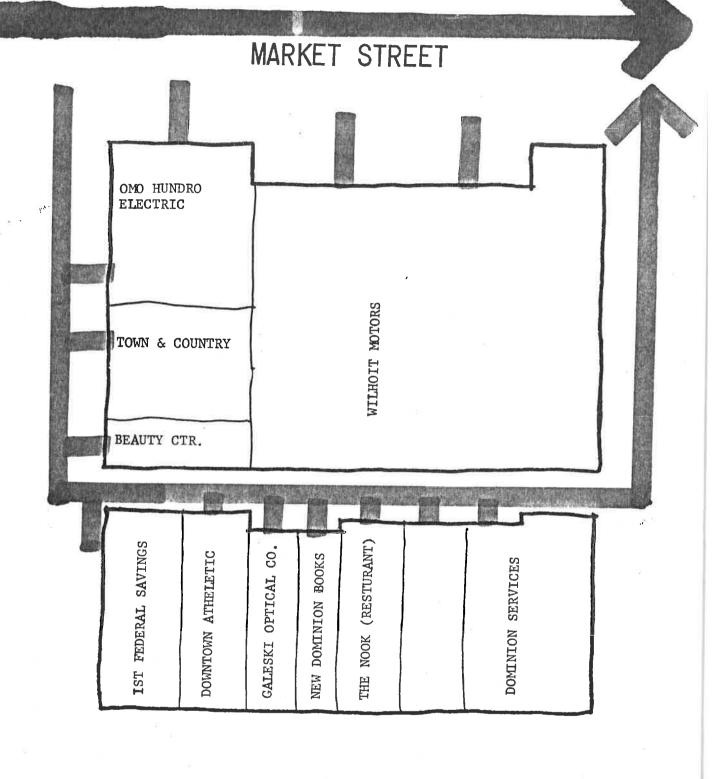
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MALL



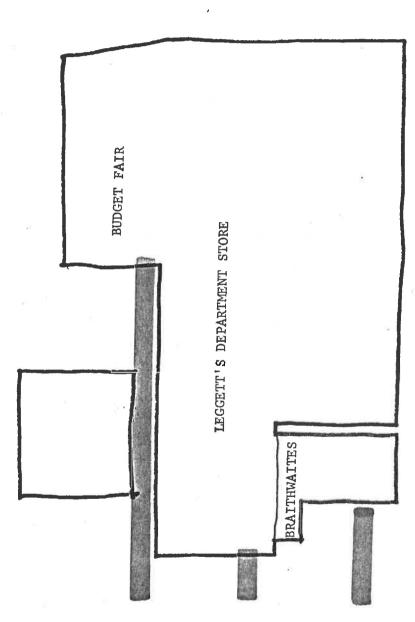
4TH

MALL



5TH





WATER STREET

ROSE'S DEPARTMENT STORE YOUNG MEN'S SHOP WOOLWORTH'S COZY KITCHEN SCHUBERT'S HAIR STYLES RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH JEFF'S BARBER SHOP

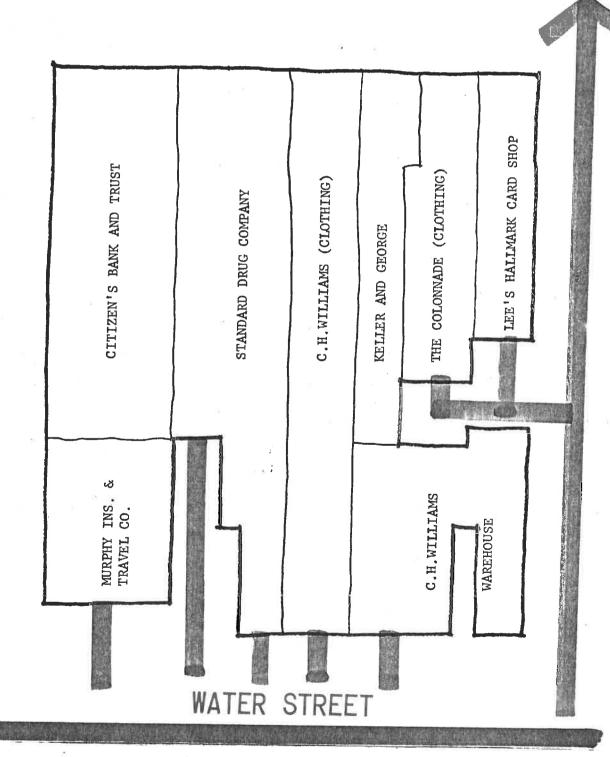
WATER STREET

IST



PAGE FOSTER (CLOTHING ELEANOR SHOPS (DRESS) GLASSNER'S JEWELERS THE SLACK SHACK WISE DISCOUNT WALTER'S CLEANERS VIRGINIA BARBERSHOP TUEL'S JEWELERS DOWNTOWN JEAN'S HAIR STYLES BEAUTY SALON CINEMA THEATRE OWELL'S ARDINAL UNIFORMS ONTICELLO FLORAL DESIGN WATER STREET

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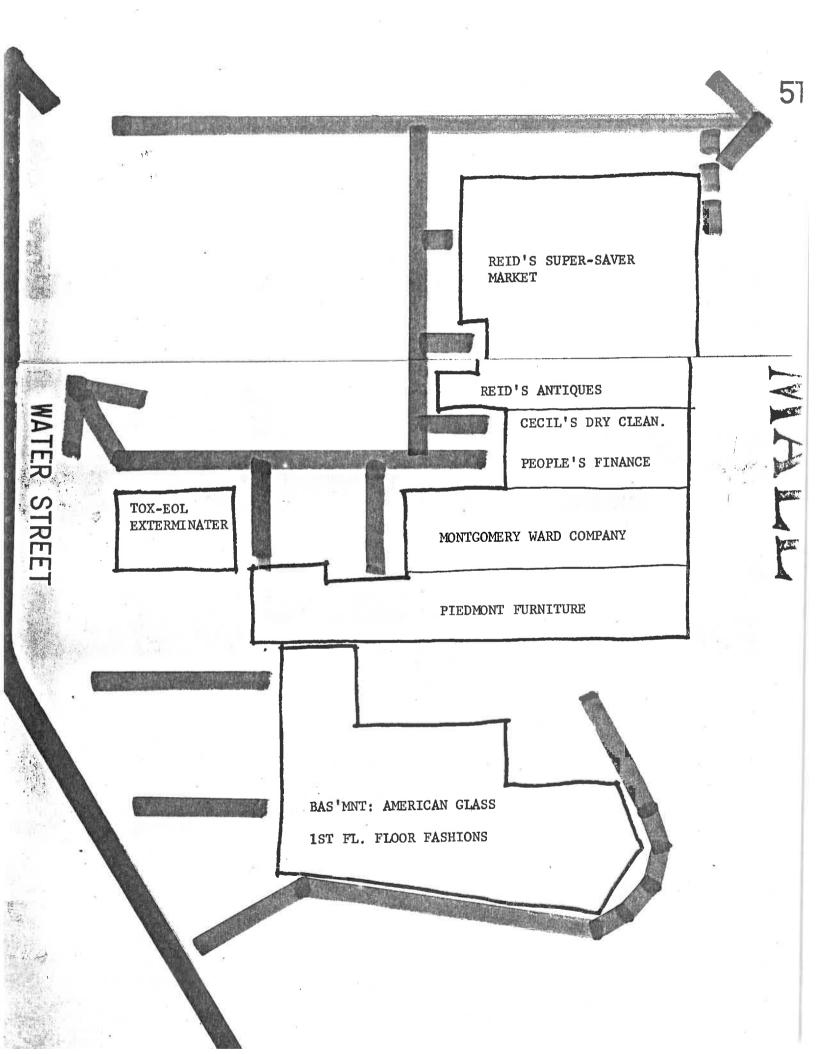


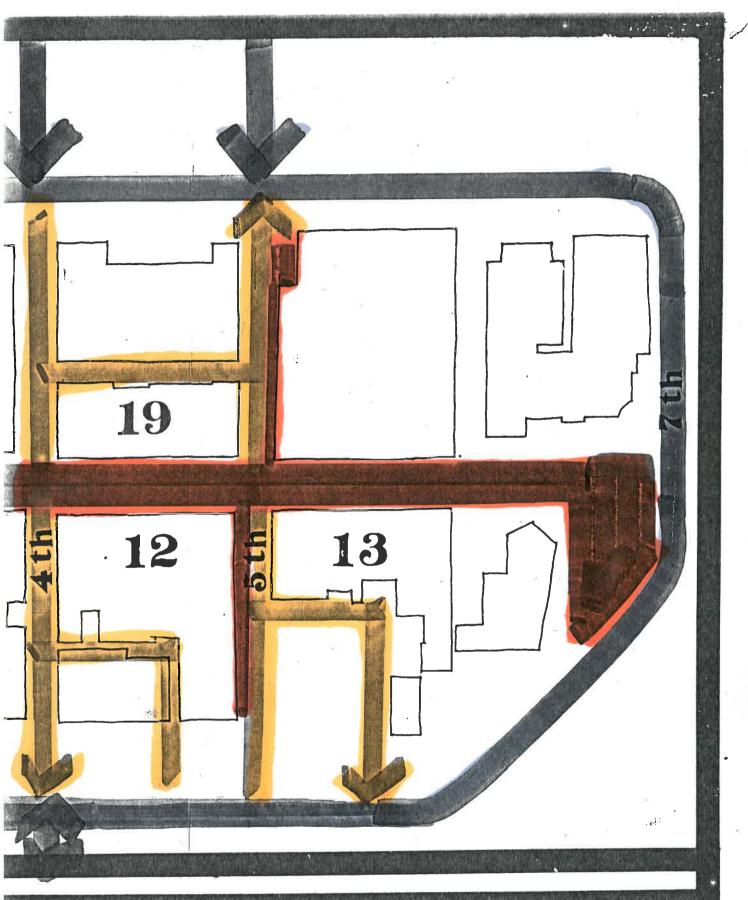
MALL

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VIRGINIA NATIONAL BANK (NEW ADDITION) TIMBERLAKE'S DRUG STORE GILMORE, HAMM, AND SYNDER TILMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE CHARLOTTESVILLE HARDWARE VIRGINIA NATIONAL BANK

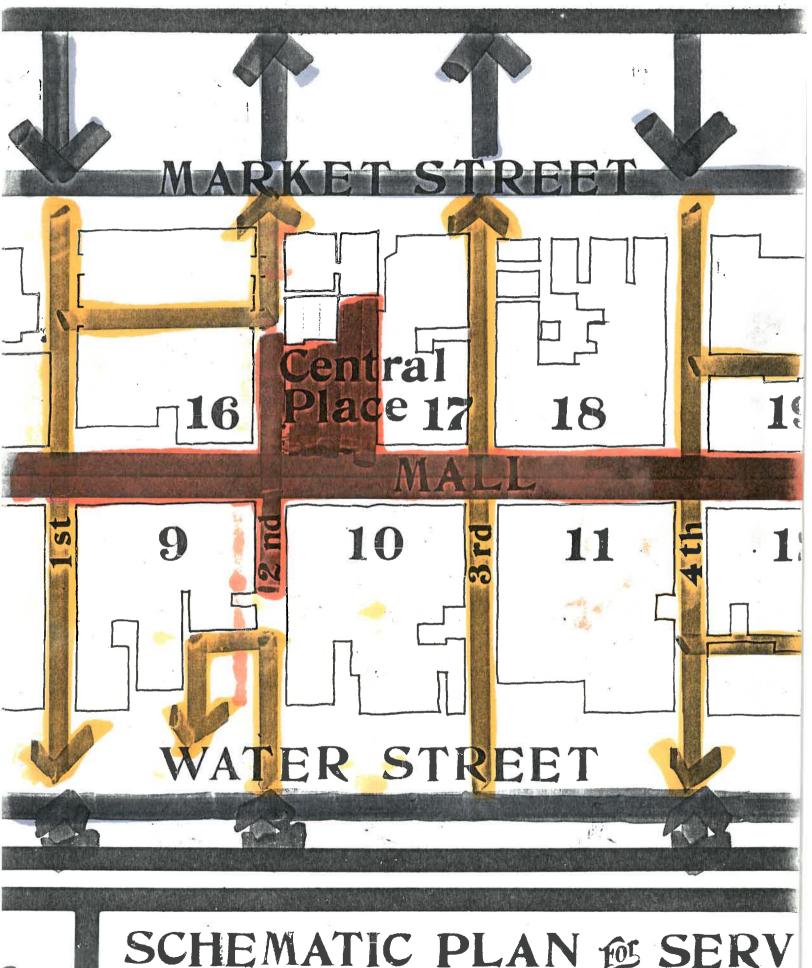
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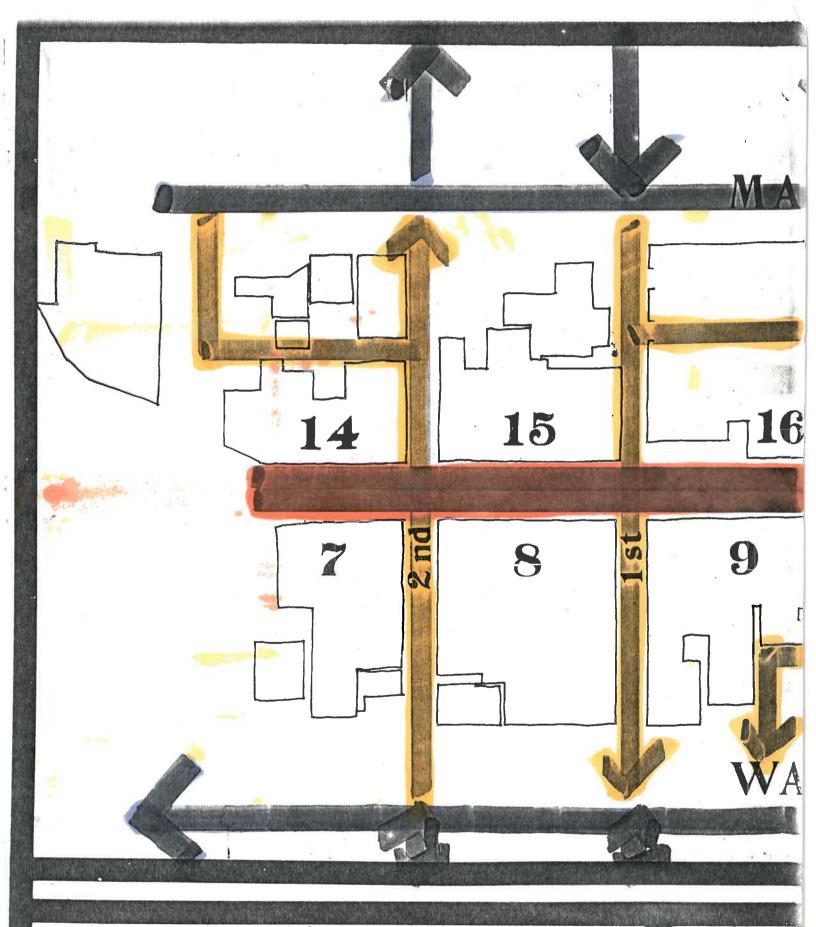


SERVICE DELIVERY DOWNTOWN MALL





SCHEMATIC PLAN @ SERV DOWN



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