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### **Zionsville selected to be part of workshop for mayors**

Today the Columbus Design Institute will begin Indiana Main Street: Mayors' Workshop Post COVID-19. Mayor Emily Styron was selected as one of the five Indiana mayors participating in the workshop this year.

This free, invitation-only workshop will focus on the challenges cities and towns are experiencing on their main streets and in their downtowns during COVID-19, while looking towards a safe, post-COVID-19 next summer. Throughout the workshop, the mayors will engage with a team of design and transportation experts and learn about current trends across the county. Mayors will then present their community and its particular challenges.

Other participants include Mayor Jim Lienhoop, Columbus; Mayor Rod Roberson, Elkhart; Mayor Tom DeBaun, Shelbyville; and Mayor Joseph Thallemer, Warsaw.

"It is vital that we continue to plan for the impact of COVID-19 on Zionsville's village business district and shopping corridors and generate creative solutions to complex issues," said Mayor Emily Styron. "I am excited to participate in this workshop with my fellow mayors and take in all the information I can from the talented team of design experts. We have already begun listening sessions and stakeholder interviews for the gateway into Zionsville as part of the Zionsville Gateway Plan and this workshop will give us more tools for planning optimistically for the future."

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