



SANTA FE PLAZA & MARKET TRAIL

TEMPLE, TEXAS

GREAT PUBLIC SPACE DESIGNEE—2020

Beginning in 2013, city leaders, property owners, citizens, and stakeholders worked together to create the Downtown Temple Strategic Plan, which identified a vision for future development. As a result of this planning process, a new multi-functional plaza was envisioned to help transform downtown Temple into a thriving citywide destination.

Santa Fe Plaza is a public space with design and function appropriate for the location, and pays tribute to the history of this railway community. This public space is fully accessible to all community members and provides access to Amtrak, Greyhound bus lines, and shared use paths through linear parks. The Plaza is anchored by the Santa Fe Depot and bounded by the new Santa Fe Business Center and Temple ISD's new administrative building.

Certain desirable design elements were identified in the planning process and realized in the development phase. The Plaza's design allows for booth space to promote activities such as farmers' markets and trade events, and the food truck park alongside the Plaza provides space for entrepreneurs and foodies to promote their businesses. The plaza's design also recognizes the value of nature by incorporating the use of conservation technology and green infrastructure.

The Plaza is a space for residents of all ages and incomes to experience cultural offerings through free events and programming, and is a great example of a space designed to provide safe and healthy access to physical activity and recreation. Santa Fe Plaza and Market Trail are the center of transformation and revitalization in Downtown Temple.

