

Dear Members of the Fairfield Cultural Alliance,

The goal we are pursuing is to preserve and repair what remains of the brick roads which once covered all the streets in Fairfield. We want to do this for historical, aesthetic, and practical reasons. The historical and aesthetic reasons are self-evident. The practical reason is that they are far more durable than any other road surfacing in that they have weathered the last 150 years with very little degradation.

There are two remaining segments: one on West Depot Avenue between 4th and 6th street, and another on West Broadway from 6th street to the old train depot.

Any work that is done on these streets in the future should be done with the preservation of the brick road in mind - such as replacing bricks that are lifted during repairs with the same matching bricks. It would also be desirable to replace past cement patches with matching brick. There is only a small area, totaling less than 100 sq. feet, where this needs to be done. This would take a maximum of 600 bricks. At a cost of under \$500 for the bricks should they need to be bought.

The brick road on West Depot Avenue, between 4th and 6th street, is 750 feet long and 30 feet wide.

The brick road on West Broadway in front of the Broadway building is 390 feet long and 40 feet wide.

The total square footage of brick on both streets, including the side areas, is 42,000 sq feet.

If you divide a solitary brick at 24 sq inches per brick into 42,000 sq feet you get 250,000 bricks. These 250,000 bricks are what we hope to save and maintain for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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