

Blackstone remake?

Detroit or Fresno?

Is Mayor Swearingin's goal to remake Blackstone Avenue as a more pedestrian friendly boulevard realistic? Smart & Final's plans for the blighted southwest corner of Blackstone and Clinton avenues were rejected for this reason.

Does she plan on remaking the entirety of Blackstone? Where are the funds? And would she honestly enjoy a stroll down this street during the summer heat?

Fresno already has successful pedestrian friendly areas. Applying this idea to Blackstone is not practical and the city's General Plan plan needs to recognize that. Hearing the "public champion for revitalization" say "these things can take a little time" does nothing to assuage area residents who daily imagine they are looking at the abandoned buildings of boarded-up Detroit.

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