Platt Park
Vision Book: Opportunity Area
Location

Evans Ave from Williams St to Marion St
Current Conditions

Corner of Evans and Gilpin St
Businesses cater to students

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Sidewalks have some cracks

Corner of Evans and Humbolt St
Mostly chain businesses

Corner of Evans and S Franklin St
Vacant buildings

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Opportunity Area

• This area is a good opportunity site because it is a major road with a lot of use but could use some improvement.

• This space is often used by college students, but it has a lot of residential housing around it that isn’t university related and could benefit from more local shops.

• The addition of bike lanes and a median could slow down the traffic and make the street feel more comfortable. This may encourage businesses that serve the larger community, rather than just students, to come in and bring more people into a bustling, enjoyable street.
Future Vision

S Gaylord St and Mississippi St
Nice sidewalks, crosswalks, and plants

S Gaylord near Mississippi St
Community businesses with café seating

S Gaylord near Tennessee St
Café seating, signage, updated sidewalks

S Gaylord and Tennessee St
Nice pedestrian amenities and businesses

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Narrower streets, nice lighting and signs

S Broadway St
Bus only and parking lanes, street trees
Future Vision

• I imagine Evans Avenue as a community friendly, vibrant street like South Broadway or South Gaylord Street. My vision is an area where people from the university and the neighborhood come to spend time and walk around.

• It would be great to have narrower lanes to slow cars as well as and some trees or vegetation. The businesses should be encouraged to have café seating and vacant lots should be filled!

• We can’t control the businesses that come in, but creating a nice pedestrian zone with slower traffic and more pedestrian-oriented might bring more people and a wider array of businesses to the area.