

MASTER PLAN FOR BAY STREET AND DOWNTOWN NASSAU NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND, BAHAMAS

HPE RESPONSIBILITY:

Developed Proposal to Enhance Walkability in the Downtown Area while also Providing for Island-wide Access

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Hall Planning & Engineering, Inc. participated as a subconsultant with EDAW, Inc., providing transportation planning and conceptual design services for the Downtown Nassau/Bay Street Master Plan. Transportation goals for this work were to develop solutions that focused on in-town mobility, through town/cross town mobility, walkability, via slow speeds and connected streets and encouraging use of the other non-automobile modes such as cycling and transit.

Challenges included the following:

- How to enhance an already active downtown by making it more walkable and more accessible
- How to provide fast efficient travel from Nassau International Airport directly to Paradise Island, without adversely impacting downtown
- How to best accommodate commercial traffic, particularly in view of the proposed port relocation
- How to accommodate the travel desires of New Providence Island residents

HPE prepared recommendations for airport access, relocated port access, and Bay Street/Harbour District/Paradise Island access—including improvements to roadways, traffic signalization, bus and jitney utilization and parking. HPE also prepared policy and regulatory recommendations as necessary. Project recommendations were summarized in a project priority matrix.

