Welcome to the Main Street High Side Project Newsletter!

The goal of this newsletter is to keep our community informed about the progress of the Main Street High Side Project. This newsletter will include regular construction updates, answers to frequently asked questions and provide important contacts for those desiring more information.

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What is the High Side Project?

The Main Street High Side Project is a City of Winchester project to make improvements on the High Side of Main Street (the side with steps) between Broadway Street and Lexington Avenue.

The Main Street High Side Project represents a transformative investment in the heart of Downtown Winchester. By revitalizing infrastructure, enhancing pedestrian safety and improving accessibility, this project strengthens the historic charm and economic vitality of the Main Street corridor.

The improvements support local businesses by creating a more inviting and walkable environment, encouraging increased foot traffic and tourism. Additionally, upgraded ramps and sidewalks will contribute to a safer, more attractive public realm for residents and visitors.

NEW PROJECT NOTES

Progress Notes

Work has begun on forming the walls and ADA-accessible ramps on the High Side of Main Street (Broadway side).

Thus far, much of the demolition work has been completed, so crews are now focusing efforts on reconstruction.

According to information provided in a biweekly meeting between Palmer Engineering, The Allen Company and City officials, the temporary access ramp at the Broadway Street entrance will reopen by the end of day Friday, May 2. Other access ramps are to be constructed at the middle of the project area and at the Lexington Avenue entrance, which will result in temporary access closures at these locations during various times.

As the work progresses toward the Lexington Avenue side of the street, additional crews will come behind to begin constructing sidewalks and stairs. The goal is for this work to begin mid-May.

Water and sewer

At this time, sewer laterals throughout the High Side Project area will not be replaced in their entirety. However, the City is committed to maintaining the integrity of essential services and ensuring public health and safety. Therefore, if any sewer laterals are found to be damaged during construction, they will be replaced as necessary.

Additionally, if sewer laterals are exposed during the course of construction and it is determined that the lateral is constructed of outdated or substandard materials it will be evaluated. Based upon condition and serviceability, the sewer lateral may be replaced. This will occur on a case-by-case basis as required. Any sewer laterals that are exposed during construction will be sleeved for additional protection when the concrete walls are poured. However, not all sewer laterals will be exposed during the process of construction.

Replacement of water lines is included in the project, along with installation of new water meters.

If property owners desire replacements or upgrading of their sewer infrastructure prior to placement of any concrete, the City will work with them to allow for upgrades to happen in a timely fashion as not to impede the progress

of the contractor.

Construction check-ins are scheduled to happen every two weeks. Updates will be provided through this newsletter and on the City of Winchester, KY Community Information Facebook page.

Have a question?

Use the button below to access a form to ask questions about the project. Someone will contact you to provide more information.

SUBMIT A QUESTION

Need more information?

Do you desire more information or have concerns about the project?Contact City Manager Bruce Manley at bmanley@winchesterky.com.

Are you a downtown business or property owner who desires an in-person meeting to discuss the project? Contact Whitney Leggett, director of strategic communications and downtown development, at wleggett@winchesterky.com.

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