

MAIN STREET HIGH SIDE PROJECT UPDATES



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 project will provide many benefits to the community, including access for all users, improved safety, mobility, business enhancement, historic enhancement, support of downtown activities, beautification and a destination area.

NEW PROJECT NOTES

Project permits from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet were received Nov. 19. With these permits, the project can now go out to bid. Advertisements for bids are expected to go out in December.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the new design meet ADA guidelines?

The new design will comply with all current ADA guidelines for accessibility.

Where will handicapped parking spots be located?

Handicapped parking spaces will be situated near the ends of the diagonal parking rows, adjacent to crosswalks and ramps to ensure accessibility.

Will the iconic lampposts be preserved?

The iconic lampposts will remain. While locations may shift slightly to accommodate the new design, they will generally stay in their current positions.

Will trees be planted after construction is complete?

The City is exploring possible tree locations on the High Side of Main Street, but due to funding limitations and material costs, tree planting will not be included in the current project budget. However, the City is considering adding trees in the next budget cycle.

Why was the decision made to move parking to only one side of Main Street and make it diagonal?

The shift to diagonal, one-sided parking allows for the expansion of the High Side of the street, making space for outdoor seating and potential outdoor dining areas.

More FAQs will be included in subsequent newsletters. Do you have a question? Email your questions to wleggett@winchesterky.com.

Need more information?

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

Are you a downtown business that 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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