

# 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 goal of the project is to improve access for all users and enhance safety, mobility and the appearance of downtown Winchester.

## NEW PROJECT NOTES

### Demolition begins on High Side, reconstruction to start this week

With work underway on the Main Street High Side project, city officials met with representatives from Palmer Engineering and The Allen Company for updates on the project.

So far, demolition on the high side of the street has been progressing quickly. As of Thursday morning, about 90% of the high side had been removed, according to The Allen Company. That process involved tearing down most of the sidewalk, steps and walls from the storefronts on that side of the street to the roadway and then cleanup efforts.

Last week, crews were working to finish removing the remaining portion of the sidewalk – about five feet wide abutting the store fronts from Hamilton Brooks Design to Lexington Avenue. The portions of the sidewalk abutting the store fronts from Broadway Street to The Hall were completed earlier in the week.

After sidewalk removal, DGA gravel, also known as Dense-Graded Aggregate, which is a crushed stone blend commonly used in construction, was placed to reconstruct a walkway. Additionally, a wooden access ramp was constructed at Broadway and Main with plans to do the same on the Lexington Avenue side of the project.

Crews will continue work on relocating water meters to the curb line along Main Street.

The intent is to start forming operations for the new wall and ramps beginning the week of April 21. This should allow the contractor to begin reconstruction of some of the sidewalk areas in the next two weeks (April 21 to May 2).

Other notes from the meeting included:

- The group discussed benches and trees to be installed during the final stages of construction. The project budget allows for benches to be installed along the High Side corridor. The City and Palmer Engineering will also work with the landscape architect to find appropriate locations for trees that include an approved species.
- The group discussed pedestrian safety with various options being considered. Safety is a priority and ideas were discussed to best make walkways safe.
- The group also noted the confusion about traffic flow entering the project area. With the current striping arrangement, some motorists are attempting to proceed straight onto Main Street from the left turn lane (intended for turning left onto Lexington Avenue). Construction officials will work with the state transportation cabinet and explore additional options to better guide motorists to proceed straight from the right lane

and only use the turn lane to turn left onto Lexington Avenue.

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.

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## 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](#)

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## Need more information?

Do you desire more information or have concerns about the project? Contact City Manager Bruce Manley at [bmanley@winchesterky.com](mailto: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](mailto:wleggett@winchesterky.com).

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