

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 Main Street 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

Momentum Builds on Main Street Improvement Project

The Main Street High Side Project is beginning to take shape.

During a biweekly construction update, The Allen Company reported that all sewer laterals on the High Side of the project have been completed, and the clean-out access points have been installed or replaced.

A hydroexcavator was expected on site at the end of the week to begin locating the water services on the Low Side of the project. Crews will also begin evaluating how many water service lines run across the project area (from the High Side to the Low Side) and determine whether those lines are made of copper or another material. If any of the materials are found to be substandard, the lines will need to be replaced.

Crews are actively pouring walls and performing brickwork, progressing from the Broadway Street side of the project toward Lexington Avenue. The ramp at the center of the project remains under construction, but access is currently open to all businesses in the project area.

Work on installing curbs is beginning. Within the next two weeks, crews expect to be closer to Lexington Avenue with the retaining wall work and to begin placing some sidewalk concrete on the Broadway side.

Additionally, electrical work to reinstall the decorative lampposts has begun.

Surveyors are scheduled to be on-site to examine the area for the sidewalk at the corner of Lexington Avenue and Main Street, which borders a private property that is also currently under construction. DAM Holdings, which owns the property, has agreed to work with the City to align elements of their project's aesthetic with the High Side project for a more seamless appearance.

Also at the corner of Main Street and Lexington Avenue, crews will assess how the existing signal pole will integrate into the project design and determine the best approach regarding the pre-existing ramp at that location.

Following the meeting, City representatives visited the job site to select a variety of materials for the finished project. Colors were chosen for pavers, stamped brick, decorative brick, and concrete throughout the area. In the coming weeks, handrails will also be selected.

The City meets with representatives from The Allen Company and Palmer Engineering on a biweekly basis. Updates will be shared 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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