

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



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Main Street High Side Project Reaches New Milestones as Work Expands to Low Side

Steady progress continues on the Main Street High Side Project.

During a recent update meeting between the City of Winchester, The Allen Company, and Palmer Engineering, The Allen Company reported that the final retaining wall has been poured on the High Side, near the Lexington Avenue end of the project area. With that phase complete, the concrete company will begin cleaning the area in preparation for the next stages of work.

Concrete continues to be poured for sidewalks, pedestrian stairs and social stairs, all located on the High Side of the project. Following this, brick work is progressing throughout the site.

Crews are busy removing the remaining sections of sidewalk on the High Side and replacing them with dense-grade gravel, which is the final step in completing excavation on that side of the street.

After the Fourth of July holiday, daily concrete pours will begin for new sidewalks on the High Side. The City of Winchester and The Allen Company will continue coordinating with individual business owners about any temporary closures that may be required.

Meanwhile, work has started on the Low Side of the project. Sidewalks near the Broadway Street and Main Street intersection have been demolished, and asphalt backfill is being used for the footer curb. Water meters along this section — between The Happy Corner and High Speed Collectibles — have been relocated. All sewer laterals crossing Main Street in this area have been inspected. These laterals are made of copper and are in good condition, so they will not need replacement.

Next week, curb bump-outs will be installed between Broadway Street and Cleveland Avenue. In this same area, new sidewalks will be poured. Temporary business closures may be necessary during these pours to allow the concrete to cure, which takes approximately 24 hours. The City and The Allen Company will notify business owners in advance.

As this work begins, drivers will notice a shift in traffic flow. Vehicles will follow an S-shaped pattern toward the previously closed section of the road near the Broadway end of the project. This adjustment is expected to reduce the need for ongoing traffic flagging in the area.

On the Lexington Avenue end of the project, 14 water meter boxes will be relocated, and the sewer laterals in that area will be inspected. Any lines made from outdated or damaged materials will be replaced. Once this work is complete, crews can begin demolishing sidewalks between Court Street and Lexington Avenue.

Currently, construction has not yet begun on the section of the project directly in front of the Clark County Courthouse, between Court Street and Cleveland Avenue.

Frequently used terms:

- **High Side/Low Side:** Refers to the two sides of Main Street under construction.
- **Retaining Wall:** A structure that holds back soil or rock from a building or area to prevent erosion or collapse.
- **Social Stairs:** Staircases designed with seating for gathering.
- **Dense-grade gravel:** A compacted mix of stone and fine particles used to create a solid base for pavement or sidewalks.
- **Footer curb:** The base or foundation for a curb, often laid before the curb itself.
- **Sewer laterals:** Pipes that connect individual buildings or properties to the main public sewer line.
- **Curb bump-outs:** Extensions of the sidewalk into the street at intersections, used to slow traffic and shorten pedestrian crossings.
- **Concrete curing:** The process by which concrete hardens and gains strength over time.
- **Traffic flagging:** The use of workers or signs to control vehicle flow in a construction area.

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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