

2023 Downtown Improvements

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Construction Progress Update

Sections of North Meridian and Church St are anticipated to have the first lift of bituminous pavement paved on Monday, July 24th. The current target is to re-open these four blocks to vehicle traffic by the end of the day on Friday, July 28th. The two street segments of E Main St east of Chestnut Street are anticipated to have the new concrete curb and gutter poured on Tuesday, July 25th. Concrete sidewalk and driveway aprons will follow placement of the concrete curb and gutter.



Next Up

- July 24th - S Meridian Street from Main St to the end of the commercial district will close.
 - Prior to this closure, the intersection of Main & Meridian will re-open to east-west traffic under gravel surfacing. Main St from Willow St to Chestnut St will remain open until N Meridian St and Church St are re-opened.
- July 31st - the alley north of Main Street on either side of Meridian Street will close to allow Centerpoint to replace gas mains. This work is anticipated to take four weeks to complete.
- August 7th - E Main St from Meridian to Chestnut St will close for underground utility construction.



Target Dates

The contractor's schedule provides targeted dates for the following major milestones. Ancillary work will continue beyond the dates listed with minor impacts to be expected. These dates are subject to change based on circumstances experienced during the course of work as well as impacts due to weather and material availability:

July 24	Road Closure S Meridian St & Begin Townsend Park Improvements
July 28	Re-opening of N Meridian & Church Street
Sep 1	Re-opening of W Main St & E Main St east of Chestnut & Block 91 Alley
Oct 6	Re-opening of S Meridian & 100 Block E Main Street & Block 92 Alley & Block 103 Alley
Mid-Oct	Intermittent intersection closures to allow for crosswalk installations
Oct 31	Final wear course paving & punchlist



Weekly Construction Meeting

Weekly construction meetings will be held in person every Wednesday at 8:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 218 Meridian St N. The first part of each meeting is open to the public for discussion on schedule and construction concerns.