

Well-said, Marcial.

I have wondered why there have been no more meetings of the businesses effected by the downtown project since the very initial one where, according to the report, everyone expressed support for the project and the City assured everyone that they would respect their rights as business owners throughout the process. Instead, we are treated to weekly rosy reports of the contractor's "progress" with no opportunity to raise issues (except through this email chain, which appears to be largely ignored by the powers that be).

With kindest regards,

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"I Can Do Things You Cannot, You Can Do Things I Cannot; Together We Can Do Great Things."  
Mother Theresa

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I recommend to the council that they do not accept the project as complete and that the collected retention is not issued until the sidewalks are repaired, especially the west side where water accumulates and or goes into buildings. There are very

unhappy property and business owners that now have to deal with issues they did not have before the project was started and now “completed”.

I also understand that there is litigation and insurance claims pending. I hope the city council is aware of the damages to the buildings and the poor job performance by the contractor.

These buildings are historical and we need them to be here for many generations to come.

Best Regards,

Property owner

On Fri, Sep 6, 2024 at 3:44 PM Eric Powell <[Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net](mailto:Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net)> wrote:

This is your Friday update for the 300\400 block of N Washington Streetscape Project.

We are down to the final items of the project which are the placing of the original streetlights back on their new foundations. That work was started yesterday and continued today. The crew will return next week to continue with the wiring connections, bulb installations and overall testing of the fixtures.

As we get the end of the project the next step is to complete a thorough walkthrough with the design engineer, the accessibility inspector from the State and myself. This will occur next week and creates the punchlist for the contractor to address. Once that is complete the project will be deemed substantially complete and the Council will consider accepting the project and releasing the collected retainage which makes the project officially completed. That Council action is expected to occur as soon as September 26<sup>th</sup> but most likely the first meeting in October.

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