

Re: Weekly Update

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Mr. Powell,

Below is your response to my query re: why this past Friday there was no work going on in the 300 block of North Washington.

Probably had gotten everything wrapped up for the week and prepped for next week. It will happen at this point in that block where a day will have no work.

I try not to complain too much when I don't have a solution to a problem and street construction is one of those areas that is not part of my bailiwick. However, your response to my question highlights and exacerbates my biggest concerns. To have any workdays off to me indicates that no one involved in this project has a nephew who is trying to run a barbershop, a daughter who is trying to sell dresses, a brother trying to sell varsity jackets, a sister trying to sell soap or a father trying to sell some boots. And every day a crew takes a day off fails to fill the City's coffers with any sales tax revenue that would be generated by these folks.

It's Tuesday morning. No one has worked since Thursday. The lack of urgency and empathy to me (I don't know about others) is problematic.

All Aboard on 92-3 The Depot!

No Bad Days!

92-3 The Depot Means Business!

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On Friday, May 10, 2024 at 04:11:39 PM CDT, Eric Powell <powell.eric@marshalltexas.net> wrote:

Welcome to another Friday update for the Streetscape Project.

Had another productive week with the following highlights:

- Completed the concrete for the light pole foundations and tree wells.
- Resolved a couple of water service issues
- Prepped the trench with limestone rock between the new gutter and existing roadway for asphalt next week
- Delivered the pallets of brick pavers and staged them for installation work to begin next week
- Continued to sweep and clean the area.

The look ahead for next week:

- Delivering sand for the brick pavers on Monday morning (timing dependent on trucking company)
- Paver crew is likely to begin on Tuesday placing the sand and beginning to set the brick pavers
- Installation of the asphalt along the new concrete gutter towards the end of the week
- Finishing up any remaining concrete work (other than the two large areas)

We are getting close to having the crews move to the 400 block to begin demolition. I will be preparing a detour map for when that happens so all business and property owners will be able to post the information to their respective social medias and we will post the same plan to our City-wide social media. As always these schedules are subject to change and delays due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. The last few weeks have shown significant progress and I am hopeful that will continue.

As always if there are any questions or concerns please send me an email and I will address them as quickly as I can. Thank you.

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