

# FAQs

## *Downtown Corridor Improvements*



### *Why are we improving downtown?*

- Downtown is an important part of Longview's history and a great place for community events. This project improves safety, recreates that small town charm, and will help revitalize the downtown core.



### *What's been done so far?*

- Four blocks of Commerce were reconstructed in 2015-2016 to add or improve lighting, sidewalk, crosswalk, furnishings, landscaping, raingardens, bulb-outs, street trees and permanent artwork.



### *When does the next project start?*

- Construction will start in the 1200 of Commerce between Hudson and Hemlock this spring, 2017. Weather permitting, the work is expected to take three months to complete.



### *How much does all this cost?*

- It cost \$2.9M to improve the 1300 - 1600 blocks of Commerce. The 1200 block adds another \$1.2M. In all, the City will contribute \$930k; The rest is made possible with \$3.1M in local, state & federal grants.



### *Will businesses be open during construction?*

- Yes! Don't be intimidated by the noise or appearance. We want you to visit and shop downtown. Avoid wet concrete but don't hesitate to flag someone down to help you get where you want to go!



### *Can I still drive down Commerce?*

- Yes. The 1200 block of Commerce will temporarily be converted to one lane, one-way traffic going southbound but it will stay open during construction. You can also use 12th and 14th to get in/out.



### *Where do I park?*

- Free 3-hour parking is available in City parking lots on 12th and 14th Avenue. During construction, free parking will be available to the public in the Stylemaster parking lot in the 1200 block of Commerce.



### *How long will construction take?*

- Construction is expected to take 3 months to complete but weather impacts can lead to delays because of the number of concrete pours involved. Construction is expected to start in April, 2017.



### *Who is the contractor?*

- We won't know who the contractor will be until we open bids in March, 2017. Both contractors for the Phase 1 and 2 projects were local - RC Northwest and Advanced Excavating Specialists.



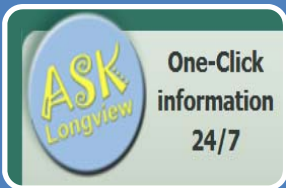
### *What is the point of the raingardens?*

- The raingardens collect and treat run-off before it enters the stormwater system. By incorporating low-impact development measures, we were able to obtain funding from Dept of Ecology.



### *Does my opinion count?*

- Absolutely! The project drew heavily from opinions shared during development of the 2011 Downtown Action Agenda. Local residents and businesses also shared idea during a two day public workshop.



### *Where do I go for more information?*

- More information about the project is available online at [www.mylongview.com](http://www.mylongview.com) (look for Downtown Longview under Popular Requests). You can also contact the City's project manager directly.



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