



Downtown Corridor Improvements



Why are we improving downtown?

• Downtown is important to Longview's history and a great place for community events. This project improves safety and stormwater quality, recreates small town charm and helps revitalize downtown.



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?

• If the Phase 3 project is awarded, Construction will start in the 1200 of Commerce between Hudson and Hemlock in April, 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 will cost another \$1.4M. The City will contribute \$1.2M; 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 hestitate 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. During construction, free 3-hour parking will also 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?

Both contractors for the Phase 1 and 2 projects were local - RC
 Northwest and Advanced Excavating Specialists (AES). AES was also awarded the Phase 3 contract and brings back their experience.



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 the 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 ideas 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 (look for Downtown Longview under Popular Requests). You can also contact the City's project manager directly.







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