

Progress on Current Projects and Initiatives

A. Street improvements on 21st from Waco to Market: 21st Street will be converted to three travel lanes in order to create a more pedestrian-friendly retail environment. Improvements will include additional street lighting, street trees, landscaping and wider sidewalks. Construction is expected to be completed by May 2010.

B. Two-way transition of Market and Park Place: To improve traffic flow throughout the area, both Market Street and Park Place will be converted from one-way to two-way traffic streets. Work is expected to be completed by May 2010. Additionally, Market Street will be realigned at the 21st Street intersection. The realignment will eliminate the southbound right turn lane and provide for a pedestrian/plaza area.

C. Transit plaza and bus shelter: Work is underway to design and build the transit plaza north of 21st Street on the west side of Market. The landscaped plaza will include a customized bus shelter and information kiosk, lighting, and bike racks. Work should be completed by May, 2010.

D. Nomar International Market: Work is underway to design and build the Nomar International Market at 21st between Market and Broadway. The NOMAR Community Development Corporation, in partnership with the City, will operate a seasonal, outdoor international market at the site, as well as host community celebrations throughout the year. Design work is underway and construction will be completed in 2010.

E. International Marketplace streetscape improvements: Pedestrian lighting, wider sidewalks, street trees and landscaping improvements (including benches and trash receptacles) will be integrated throughout the area. Work should be completed by May 2010.

F. Intersection at 21st Street and Broadway: The intersection will be reconstructed to provide for left turn lanes on all approaches. Decorative brick/gateway features, along with crosswalk enhancements, will be included. Work should be completed by May 2010.

G. El Paso (former Coastal Derby Refinery) Site: Demolition of the refinery plant has already occurred and the site has been cleared. Environmental remediation efforts by the current owner are underway to prepare this site for future development.

H. I-135 to K-96 Bike Path: Conceptual drawings and plans have been completed for a trail from McAdams Park (south of 17th Street) to Grove Park (north of 25th Street). Design elements include "pause points" with benches, lighting, and trash receptacles, along with landscaping elements designed to enhance and improve the area. Final designs and commencement of construction dates to be determined.

I. Streetscape improvements on 21st Street from I-135 to Grove: Pedestrian street lighting, street trees, special landscaping and a gateway feature will be constructed early this year. They will create a unique and fresh identity for the east 21st Street corridor.

J. Bus shelter art: Students from three area high schools are painting murals on the panels of bus shelters along 21st Street. Three shelters have been completed, and five more should be finished by July, 2009.

K. Rail corridor bypass: Planning is underway to identify options for alleviating traffic delays due to railroads along the 21st Street Industrial Corridor. Preliminary plans have been developed for a bypass over the Union Pacific lines and some rail spurs.



In January 2005, following extensive community involvement, the Wichita City Council adopted the 21st Street North Corridor Revitalization Plan. This Plan is a 20-year blueprint of projects and initiatives intended to bring about the long-term economic renewal, vitality and sustainability of the area located between Hillside and Amidon. The Plan can be viewed at www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/NR/

In order to make the Plan a reality, the Wichita City Council has initiated several projects and initiatives. This brochure has been created to inform you of their progress and locations.

If you have questions or would like more information on these various projects and initiatives, contact Lesa Lank, Redevelopment Project Coordinator, City of Wichita, at 268-4694 or llank@wichita.gov.



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