

RAMP UP RIDGWAY!

PROJECT UPDATE: *Specific to Ridgway Businesses*
June 2015

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The information here remains a work in progress; however, the community and businesses need to plan well in advance of when these details will be final. This is an attempt to help local businesses begin planning and preparing for the construction period. We will work hard to insure changes and updates are shared as quickly as possible.

1) What is the planned detour as of today?

Keep it on the highway. In response to public feedback, the Design Team is trying to keep traffic on Hwy 62 for the duration of the construction period, and not detour onto Town side streets. As we move ahead with finalizing the design, this may change, but this is the priority we heard from the community, and we are working toward it now.

2) What is the project timing as of today?

Mar 2016- Jun 2017. As we get closer to wrapping up the design, it became clear that the project could not be constructed in 2016 alone. We are working toward starting construction in March 2016, and finishing by June 30, 2017. We will not know the final timeframe until bids are opened and construction is happening. Our goal is to try to avoid construction over 2 summer seasons. We understand how critical this is for the Ridgway community.

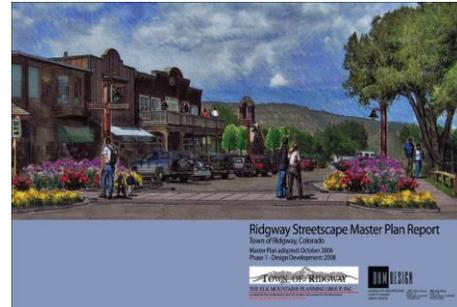
3) What is the project phasing as of today?

Downtown First. In follow up to public feedback, we are working to construct much of the downtown area first (Lena, Cora, Laura, Clinton), moving most of the construction to the highway corridor for the summer months, and back to downtown in late summer 2016.

4) Will my business have pedestrian access during the construction period?

Yes. CDOT's contractor is required to provide pedestrian access to all businesses during construction.

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5) **Is the design changing since the December 2014 public meeting?**

Yes, Some. Overall, the design looks very similar to the plan reviewed at the December 9, 2014 public meeting. We have had to make some modifications based on budget, engineering, federal clearances, etc. We will present these design changes at the August 2015 public meeting.

Recently there was a request to the Town and CDOT to modify a section of the sidewalk and parking along the south side of Clinton Street, from Cora Street to the alley west of Cora. We cannot incorporate this design change at this late stage. There is potential to impact other design elements, and it could delay the project. Clinton Street received significant community input over the past decade, and unfortunately there is not enough time for additional public process to inform these design changes. There is also a chance that additional public process and redesign may delay the construction start and end dates, resulting in increased impacts for Ridgway.

6) **Will the road in front of my business be closed entirely and for how long?**

Not Entirely. We are working on this detail now. Based on feedback from the Ridgway community, the goal of the Design Team is to not exceed a 3 week period for any full road closure. Obviously the more the road can be closed, the quicker the construction can be completed so we are balancing competing priorities. We hope to be able to provide more detail on this at the August public meeting.

7) **What's Next?**

A Lot. We will have a public meeting in August to present the 90% design plan. We will also present the proposed timeline and construction phasing at this meeting. The Community and Business Support Task Force will be contacting businesses asking what type of support is needed during construction.

8) **Where do I find project information and sign up to receive project updates?**

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