

WILLOW STREET IMPROVEMENTS Q&A

Q: What does the Willow Street Improvement project include?

A: The project will “finish the roadway” adding sidewalks, curb and gutter, formalized on-street parking and adding bike lanes.

Other features include:

- Enhanced Pedestrian Plaza located at Willow and Linden
- Wider sidewalks for improved pedestrian movement and additional patio seating
- A pedestrian crossing and curb extensions at the intersection of Willow and Pine
- New bus stops on eastbound and westbound Willow Street
- New street trees, grates and irrigation systems
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) sidewalk access improvements
- Sidewalk amenities, decorative brick installations and pedestrian enhancements.
- On-street diagonal parking
- Bike lanes
- Public Art Installations
- Utility Improvements including: Storm drainage, water line and gas line replacements

Q: What is the construction schedule?

A: The Willow Street Project improvements are scheduled to start construction on May 20, 2019. The project will be completed in November of 2019, except for the sidewalks in front of the Willow and Pine apartments, on the southwest side of the project. These improvements will be finished after the construction of the apartments.

Q: Are there phases to the construction?

A: Yes, vehicular and bicycle traffic will be limited to eastbound travel through the work zone for the entire project. Between May and August, we will work on the sidewalks on the North side of Willow Street. In August our work will shift to the south side of the roadway, and traffic will remain in the existing eastbound pattern through the end of October.

Q: Can I access businesses along the corridor?

A: Yes, a major priority for this project is to maintain access to all businesses and residents during construction.

Q: What about parking during construction?

A: On-street parking during construction will be minimal along Willow street. We are working closely with businesses and residents along the corridor to identify alternative parking locations and strategies to ease the disruption during construction.

Q: There seems to be a lot going on Willow Street already, are the projects related and coordinated?

A: The Confluence, the development at Willow and Linden, is currently under construction, and the Willow and Pine apartments are scheduled to be under construction this summer. The project teams from each of these projects are working together to try to reduce the impacts to the general public.

Q: How is the history of the area being celebrated by the project?

A: The River District is home to a rich and diverse community story including the proximity to the original Fort site. Historical uses of the area include residential, flour milling, retailing, farming and ranching, lodging, animal feed production and even the City dump. The Art in Public Places program will celebrate this history through art pieces along the corridor highlighting our community’s rich history.

Q: Can I walk to my favorite coffee shop during construction?

A: Absolutely! Business access will remain open during construction, please come and visit your favorite spots!

Q: How do I get updates during construction?

A: Sign up for the Willow Street Improvement Project Email List to receive notifications of meetings, project progress updates and any changes that occur. For more information visit fcgov.com/engineering/willowstreet.

