

# Downtown Streetscape Project

October 9, 2020



Next week, we'll see the first new sidewalks appear around the courthouse! These smaller sidewalks aren't getting the full treatment that the others will (trees, lights, landscaping, etc.), but they will be slightly wider, smooth, and flat. Progress!

Also, the large pits in the center of State Street will be backfilled in the next week or two, which will make getting around town a bit easier.

Speaking of getting around, we'd love it if people would get around a little more slowly...there are still people speeding through the construction area, which is obviously incredibly dangerous. Please remember that the speed limit through the project area is 15 MPH and that flashing red traffic signals should be treated like stop signs.

## **North Side: Perkins to Henry Street**

Ghilotti Construction will continue working primarily on the sidewalks around the courthouse (but not the business' side), with irrigation and electric conduit being installed in the new sidewalks on State Street.

Monday: New sidewalks will be poured on the courthouse side of Perkins Street.

Tuesday-Friday: New sidewalks will be poured on Standley Street on the courthouse side; new storm drain will be installed at Henry; irrigation and electric conduit will be installed in the new sidewalks on State Street.

During the week, West Smith Street between School and State Streets will be closed.

Work hours are from 6am to 5pm in this area this week; no night work is planned.

## **South Side: Church to Mill Street**

Wahlund Construction continues to install new sewer lines this week between Mill and Church.

Monday: No work will occur due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Tuesday-Friday: General excavation and sewer lateral work will occur between Stephenson and Clay Street. Also, the large pits in the center of the street will be backfilled.

Through traffic will be maintained on State Street, but through traffic on Clay Street (east-west) will be closed due to work in the manhole at the intersection.

Construction work will begin at 7 am in this area this week, and no night work is planned.

### **Streetscape Project Contact Information**

More information can be found online on the City's website at [ukiahstreetscape.com](http://ukiahstreetscape.com), or follow our Facebook page for updates and photos at [facebook.com/UkiahStreetscape/](https://facebook.com/UkiahStreetscape/).

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## Downtown Parking News

**Reminder:** Nearly 175 spaces in the downtown have been converted from 2-hour to 5-hour. These spaces are specifically intended for the employees of the downtown so that we can keep the “front-row” parking available for our customers and clients. Please share this information with your co-workers!

For many years, community members have complained that they can't find parking downtown...with Covid and fires and everything else that's going on these days, the least we can do is make parking easy. Parking in front of your business (or your neighbor's) might save you 30 seconds...but it might also cost you a sale.



## Ukiah Valley Conference Center Parking Lot: 2-hour limit

We have re-posted the Conference Center parking lot with a two-hour time limit. Unfortunately, employees of the downtown were abusing those spaces and monopolizing parking all day long. While large events are still prohibited in the county, the Conference Center remains an essential business that is hosting blood drives, important small meetings, and child care. Please reserve this parking for the Conference Center events and downtown customers.



## Parking Meter Update

Well, we've “read the room,” and it just isn't the right time to install parking meters. Our original plan was to install them with the new sidewalks of the streetscape project...and then Covid happened. We haven't scrapped the plan altogether, but it *has* been put on the back burner for now. Unfortunately, this also means that we won't be able to do some of the beautification projects or re-launch the Façade Improvement Program as we had planned. These, too, are just postponed until we've all had a chance to get back on our feet.

## And finally, food for thought:

*No great city has ever been known for its abundant supply of parking.*  
-- Allan Jacobs