



Independence on a Roll Working Group Project Update

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Background

- In 2018, the Downtown Redevelopment Coordinating Committee was formed.
- It was tasked with reviewing 16 previous plans, including 400 recommendations, and come up with a list of priorities and specific recommendations.



Background (cont.)

- In October 2018, the Downtown Redevelopment Coordinating Committee presented a report to the City Council which included 48 recommendations.
- The On a Roll Working Group was formed to help advance these projects by serving as a “sounding board, advocacy group, and advisory group for Downtown initiatives”.



Summary

Of the 48 Projects and Recommendations included in the DRCC Report, 6 have been completed, 26 have been advanced and scheduled, 2 have been put on hold pending further action by others, and 14 have not advanced beyond the concept phase.



Highlighted Projects

- 24 Highway Improvements
- Englewood Improvements
- Square Streetscape



24 Highway Improvements

24 Highway improvements will include expanding the existing 4 lane section to 5 lanes, adding sidewalks, better lighting, storm water upgrades, retaining walls, trees, bicycle facilities and enhanced transit stops.



24 Highway Improvements

Phase I: from 291 to River

- Design Contract approved by Council on December 9, 2019. Now complete.
- Construction approved by Council April 6, 2020. Work scheduled for 2021 - 2022.



24 Highway Improvements

Phase II, from River to Wilson

- Design Contract approved by Council May 18, 2020
- Construction scheduled for 2023 (subject to Council approval)



24 Highway Improvements

- One of the highlights of this project is the recently completed bridge in front of the Truman Library
- In future, the bridge will have murals and other accents celebrating both Truman and the Trails.





US 24 Bridge over Delaware Street



Englewood Improvements

A considerable amount of progress has already been done in Englewood, with much more on the way.



Englewood Improvements (cont.)

- The Englewood Streetscape, including new sidewalks, was completed in 2019.
- The Englewood CID was successfully formed to provide funding for Streetscape enhancements, including street amenities, events, and public art.



Englewood Improvements (cont.)

- Improvements to come include the Truman Connect Trail, which will link Englewood and the Square.
- Plans are moving forward to convert the former CMH Building into the Englewood Art Center.





Square Streetscape

This project has been identified as a community priority by 90% of respondents in citizen surveys, and is included in the Independence For All Strategic Plan.



Square Streetscape

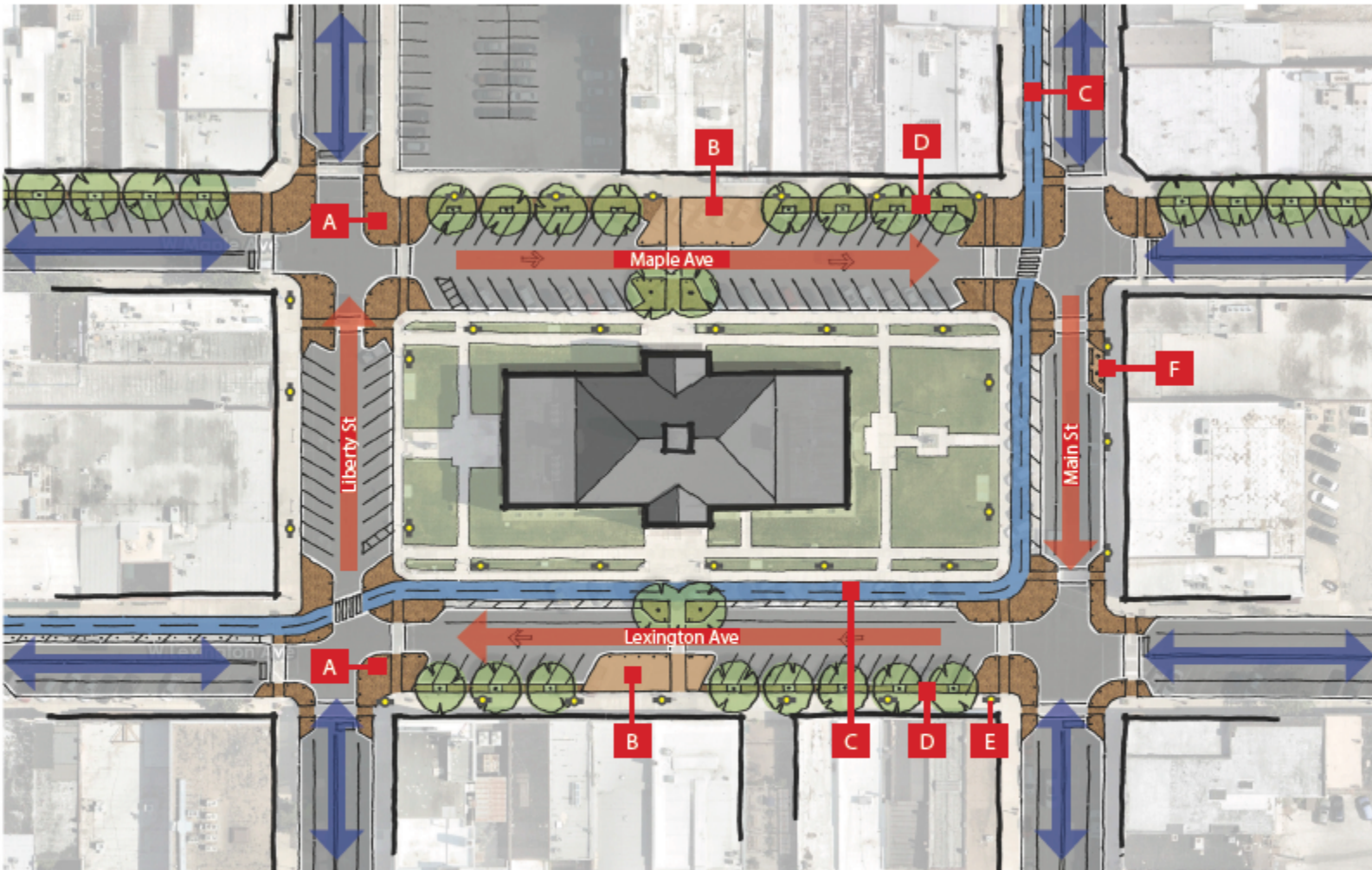
The Square Streetscape and associated Trail/Cycle Track, represent 2 of the top 5 priorities presented to the City Council by the Chamber on April 24, 2017.



Square Streetscape

Working in collaboration with the Design Committee of the Independence Square Association, the City has developed a preliminary schedule and design concept.





CONCEPT PLAN

- A - Install decorative pavements and re-install bollards
- B - Construct mid-block parklets and add planters & seating
- C - Cycle track and buffer

- D - Construct curbed amenity zones & install street trees
- E - Install new light poles with pedestrian-lighting & signage
- F - Parklet



Square Streetscape (cont.)

In addition to new sidewalks, the plan calls for a new traffic flow pattern, improved lighting, and a cycle track through the heart of the Square.



Square Streetscape (cont.)

- Build upon previous work:
 - Concept design
 - Survey and traffic study
- Leverage timing with Truman Connected for funding, design continuity, and construction disruption.



Square Streetscape (cont.)

- A plan of funding has been identified, bringing together a variety of sources for a \$3 million construction project total.
- 46% of total cost will come from leveraged funds.
- The new Square CID, will work with the ISA, Square Benefit District, and private individuals, to help maintain the new Streetscape and enhance it with landscaping, street amenities and art.



Funding Summary

	DESIGN/ENGINEERING	CONSTRUCTION	TOTAL
FY 2019-2020 CDBG	\$194,000	\$0	\$194,000
FY 2020-21 CDBG	\$136,000	\$224,000	\$360,000
FY 2021-22 CDBG	\$0	\$330,000	\$330,000
2019-20 General Fund	\$19,000	\$0	\$19,000
Street Sales Tax	\$0	\$1,436,000	\$1,436,000
Water	\$3,000	\$60,000	\$63,000
Stormwater	\$3,000	\$60,000	\$63,000
IPL	\$5,000	\$60,000	\$65,000
Truman Connect	\$50,000	\$450,000	\$500,000
TOTAL FUNDING	\$410,000	\$2,620,000	\$3,030,000
Leveraged Dollars = \$1,384,000 (46% of total). Sources and amounts used to leverage local dollars appear in bold above.			

Square Streetscape (cont.)

Economic Benefits and Financial Impact

– Jeff Rogers, Executive Director,
Independence Square Association



Square Streetscape (cont.)

Next Steps

On October 19, 2020, the City Council will be asked to consider a Resolution directing City staff to prepare a CDBG Action Plan Amendment, and to develop a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for Streetscape Design Services.



In Conclusion

- 2 years after the DRCC Report was submitted to the City Council, substantial progress has been made on 2/3 of the 48 recommendations contained in the report.
- Those wishing to see a status update on all 48 project can do so by going to the City website and clicking on the Council Agenda Report attached to this presentation.



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Questions?

