

November 29, 2021

UPDATE: [ENH-49\(46\) Tecumseh Historic Square Project; C.N. 13214](#)

Residents of Tecumseh:

The Federal Highway Administration, City of Tecumseh, and your local Committees consisting of the Tecumseh Architectural Review Board, the Tecumseh Historic Square Committee, and the Downtown Steering Committee, have been diligently working on plans to revitalize the Tecumseh Historic Square. This project has progressed over time and we wish the Public to be up to date of changes that have been made.

Enclosed is a basic draft of activities that would occur during the project and plans have been made to address these. Changes include the estimated timeline for Bid Letting and construction, the need for Temporary Construction Easements, and the change involving the use of new "like existing" brick pavers along city streets within the Tecumseh Historic District. As was previously planned, some detour activities during construction would be necessary for the duration of the project and measures would be taken to minimize disruption to business activities. Additional information would be published on this matter by the way of pre-construction meetings and public notices.

Preliminary design activities have established that to achieve the best long-term result in preserving the integrity of the existing brick streets that new brick pavers would be installed. The new brick pavers would mimic the existing brick pavers in both color, shape, and size to the extent possible. Every effort will be taken to ensure the historic value of the existing streetscape will be preserved. The Nebraska Department of Transportation has been working with the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office to avoid an adverse effect on the Tecumseh Historic District. It has also been identified that Temporary Construction Easements would be needed to fill voids located under the sidewalk areas around the project area. A representative will be in contact with owners affected to discuss these terms more extensively in the future.

The City of Tecumseh and Olsson are available for any public comments or concerns on the proposed project. Please refer to the contact information on the attached sheet. Project leadership understands that construction activities can cause temporary inconvenience and hardship, but we are all committed to improving the Tecumseh Historic District and with your help we will achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

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PROJECT UPDATE: April 26, 2021

Tecumseh Historic Square Preservation; Project Number ENH-49(46) Control Number: 13214

Location: The proposed Tecumseh Historic Square Preservation project includes the rehabilitation of infrastructure and provides Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements on Broadway and Clay streets from 2nd Street to 5th Street and 3rd Street and 4th Street from Webster Street to Jackson Street (approximately 12 blocks), on the historic town square around the Johnson County Courthouse in downtown Tecumseh.

Purpose and Need: The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate the street, sidewalk and utility infrastructure to perpetuate the mobility of pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The need for this proposed project is based on the deteriorated condition of the existing infrastructure.

Scope of Work: The proposed improvements would consist of reconstructing existing brick streets and existing concrete walkways, improved street lighting, along with ADA improvements. All new bricks of similar shape and color match the existing bricks will be utilized. Additional work in the area would include water and storm sewer improvements.

Construction Schedule: New construction dates have not yet been set, but estimates indicate that Bid letting is anticipated in the fall of 2023, so Construction is anticipated in the spring of 2024. The public will be notified of the upcoming schedule once established. The proposed project would be constructed with segments of temporary roadway closures. A pre-construction meeting would be planned to occur in the near future, and additional construction related closures/phasing/detour information will be shared at that time.

Accommodation of Traffic: The proposed paving improvement would require detouring. A designated detour would be provided, utilizing 5th Street, Jackson Street, and 2nd Street, or Clay Street, 1st Street, Calhoun Street and 5th Street.

Right-of-Way: The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include the addition of new right-of-way (ROW), Control access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and /or temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this proposed project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprints has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements of the construction.

Impacts: As a result of the proposed project, impacts are anticipated to the Tecumseh Historic District. Historically significant items would be preserved including, brick streets, window wells, and exterior staircases. Items such as coal chutes and underground vaults, which are not Historically significant would be filled in. The Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office has been working with NDOT to avoid an adverse effect to the Tecumseh Historic District.

Estimated Cost: The cost of the proposed project is approximately \$9 million and would be funded from federal and local sources.

Any questions or comments, or requests should be submitted to Shayne Huxoll, Olsson Associates, 601 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 shuxoll@olsson.com. For additional information regarding the proposed project refer to the City of Tecumseh website, at <http://www.tecumsehne.com/> For those without internet access,

information may be obtained through the contact listed above or at Tecumseh City Office, 122 South 4th Street, Tecumseh, NE or by calling (402) 335-3570

