

### Every day, residents and visitors step along Malvern Avenue, a major Hot Springs gateway.

Taking steps on Malvern also refers to actions being made to fund the improvements described in the visioning plan developed by the University of Arkansas Community Design Center (UACDC). That plan includes bike lanes, safer crosswalks, trees, landscaping, lighting, traffic calming pedestrian areas, underground utilities, and transit stops.

The plan will start becoming a reality when construction begins later this year on Phase 1, the two-block area from Grove to Gulpha which includes an enhanced pedestrian area in front of the National Baptist (Woodman of Union) building.

**Malvern Steps** to date include the following.

- **Public presentation of the UACDC plan** will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 31 at Visitor's Chapel AME.
- **City funds now available.** In 2017, the city's Street, Stormwater, and Urban Forestry divisions budgeted \$167,950 to begin Phase 1. These funds have been carried forward and are available for construction in 2018.
- **The city is planning to leverage those funds** by applying for grants that could yield up to four grant dollars for every city dollar.
- **Phase 1 design is underway.** ALTA Consulting is preparing them. Gateway community residents will be able to participate in the design process.
- **\$97,062 in federal grant funding is awaiting environmental clearance.** The Cultural Resource Study, including approvals from the Osage Tribe and the Department of Arkansas Heritage is complete. Next steps include a public comment period and anticipated final HUD release by Fall 2018.
- **\$331,874 in unallocated federal transit funds** have been requested by the city to be repurposed for Malvern Avenue Phase 1. Approval is anticipated by Fall 2018.
- **More Grant Application Efforts.** The city applied for a \$46,000 grant for Garden Street enhancements as well as a \$200,000 National Endowment for the Arts Grant that would have funded the design of sculptures celebrating the contribution of key African Americans from the Pleasant Street/Malvern area. Although the city was not selected for these grants, it will continue to apply for additional ones to leverage local dollars.
- **Applying for a \$500,000 2018 state grant for Malvern Avenue Phase 2.** The city board approved using \$125,000 of street funds for a 20% match if this grant is awarded in the fall of 2018.



# Malvern Avenue Project Timeline

This timeline shows the city's ongoing commitment to and investment in the advancement of the Malvern Avenue Gateway. Projects are color coded to reflect activity status:

■ = complete    
 ■ = in progress    
 ■ = planned    
 ■ = not awarded

