



# D.I.G. IT 2!

**DOWNTOWN INFORMATION GUIDE PHASE 2**

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# The ABC's & D's OF Success

The Downtown Revitalization Project marks the culmination of over a decade of work by scores of volunteers and advocates pushing for revitalization. All agreed that addressing infrastructure, sidewalks, lighting and streetscape was key for economic development and preservation of the Historic Downtown and their positive **attitude** kept the momentum going. This is the second phase of that goal and one of the most important steps.

Since 2013, City of Macomb Mayor, City Administrator, and city council members have had one thing in mind, reclaiming a successful and vibrant Downtown. With local support, City leaders moved to follow the recommendations of hiring an engineer firm to make recommendations and conduct studies. Hutchison Engineering helped break project goals into **baby-steps** and tackled **bite-sized** projects within the **budget** to move ideas forward. After careful consideration, diligent planning, and thoughtful application of resources, the Downtown Revitalization Project was finally moving forward in May 2017 with the first phase of the Downtown Revitalization Project which addressed the storm sewer drainage, removing and rebuilding the middle islands, and milling/overlaying of the pavement to include one block coming off of the square in each direction which was paid by the City's infrastructure sales tax fund.

Moving into May 2021 the city is able to move forward with the second phase being awarded a \$1.2 million, Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), Grant for the \$2.8 million project. As construction begins, remember that it is not just a construction project; it is the restoration of something even more important...hope. It shows how responsive government and **determined** citizens can prevail over seemingly insurmountable challenges and join forces to improve the quality of life for the entire community.

**Construction** brings inconveniences as well as progress; **dirt, debris** and some **delays**. Engineers, contractors and the City are working together to minimize disruptions to business and community life. The City of Macomb Downtown Development is pleased to provide this construction guidebook as a toolbox for those in the work zone, outlining ways to smooth the construction process. Use it throughout the project and beyond, with more copies available at [www.cityofmacomb.com](http://www.cityofmacomb.com). **Caution** must be taken throughout the entire project. **Cooperation** is required to ensure safety and ample parking for employees, customers and construction workers.



While a positive outlook is the most crucial element to the success of this project, **communication** is vital from start to finish. The project engineer will be the community liaison during the process, communicating with area businesses on the project status and trying to coordinate daily construction work with the needs of business owners and downtown visitors. Regular downtown project meetings provide **Communication** opportunities with project engineers, contractors, public works director, downtown development director, and other city staff. The Downtown Macomb Facebook page, and an email distribution will offer updates on the project. If you would like to receive email updates, please contact Kristin Terry, Downtown Development Director, to be put on that list. Contact 309-575-3015 or [kterry@cityofmacomb.com](mailto:kterry@cityofmacomb.com)

**Communication** is a two-way street: **Coordination** with the business community is vital, as no one can effectively anticipate the needs of business owners and operators without their input. Take advantage of programs described in this guide, and become a partner in the revitalization effort. Together, we can make the successful **completion** of this project be the start of a new era for Downtown Macomb.



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**Construction Notice - West Jackson Street and West Side of Lafayette Street**

To: Business Owner / Resident

Re: ILDOT Contract # 89674 – City of Macomb Historic Downtown Square Street Scaping

Date: May 13, 2021

Dear Business Owner / Resident,

McCarthy Improvement Company will be starting construction activities related to the ILDOT Contract # 89674 on Monday May 17, 2021. These activities will include the removal of existing sidewalk, removal of curb and milling of existing asphalt. This is to accommodate the installation of new sidewalk and street scape. The planned work will start on West Jackson and continue onto the West side of Lafayette Street from Carroll Street to Washing Street. During the planned work on West Jackson, it is requested that traffic follow detours posted to get into the square due to the West Jackson being closed. When work is occurring on the West side of Lafayette Street traffic will be detoured to Randolph when entering from the North Side of the square.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

Contractor:  
Aaron Lubitz  
McCarthy Improvement Company (MCI)  
Phone: 563-344-3738

Engineer:  
Noah Livermore  
Hutchison Engineering  
Phone: 309-299-7999

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this project.

Sincerely,

Aaron Lubitz  
McCarthy Improvement Company (MCI)  
Project Manager  
(563) 344-3738

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## Project Telephone Directory

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Alice Ohrtmann, City of Macomb Public Works Director.....	309-833-2821
Scott Coker, City of Macomb Administrator.....	309-837-0501
Mayor Michael Inman, City of Macomb.....	309-833-2558
Kristin Terry, City of Macomb Marketing & Downtown Development.....	309-575-3015
City of Macomb Fire Department (Non-emergency).....	309-836-7800
City of Macomb Police Department (Non-emergency).....	309-833-4505

**ALL EMERGENCIES.....DIAL 911**

### Transportation Number:

McDonough County Public Transportation.....309-837- RIDE (7433)

## Communications

Weekly meetings with McCarthy Improvement, Hutchison Engineering, and City officials will be taking place every Thursday, at 2:00PM in the Community Room at City Hall until project completion (except when falling on a holiday). Public notices and updates will be recaped and placed on the City website, Downtown Macomb facebook page, and sent to local media.



## Project Timeline

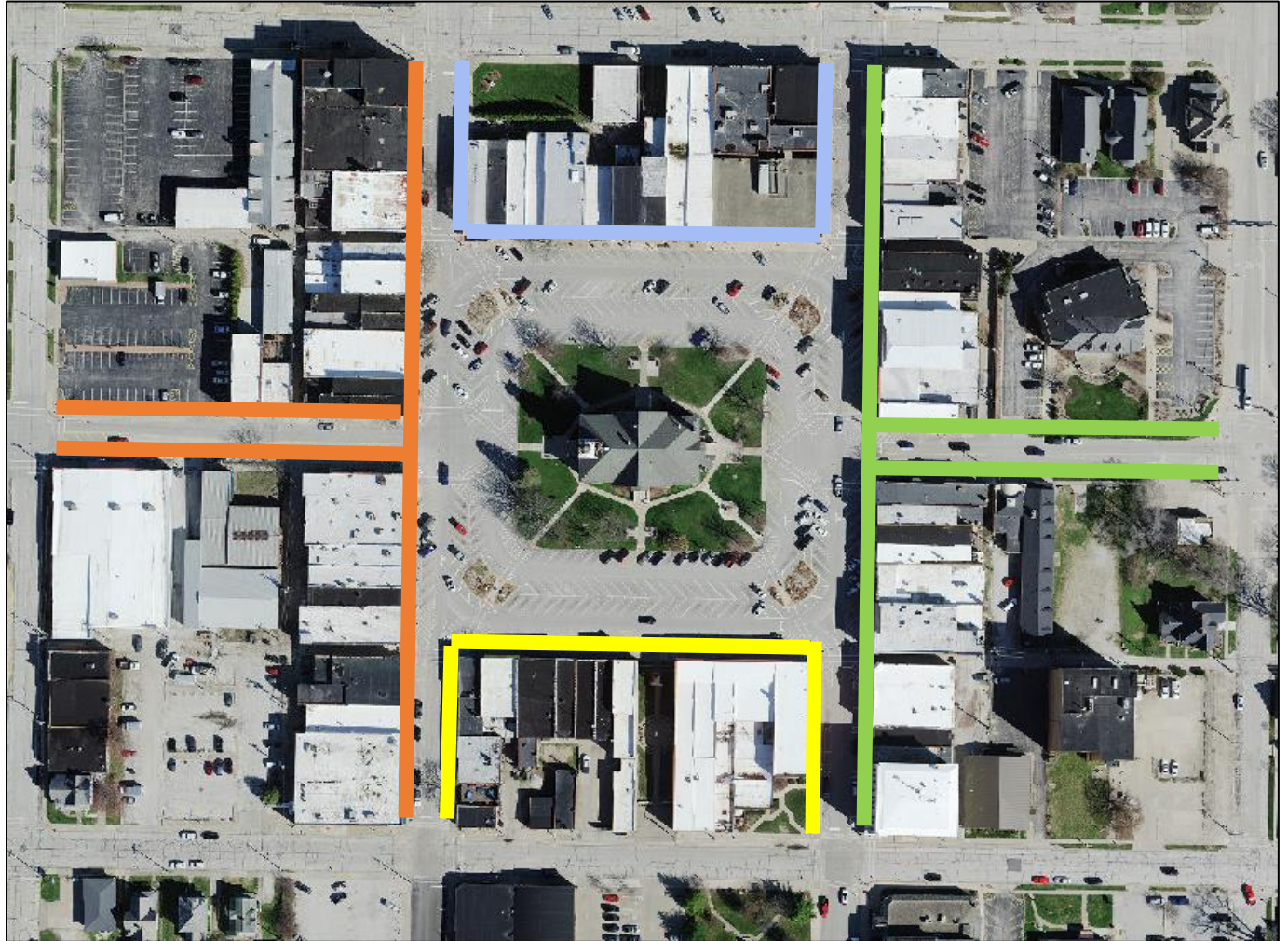
According to the latest information from McCarthy Improvement, Hutchison Engineering, and City officials, this schedule outlines the project scope with a description of work for each stage of the Downtown Revitalization Phase II Project and completion date estimates. It coordinates with the diagram on page 6 of this guide. Use it to better anticipate what to expect downtown, communicate progress to the public, and plan marketing activities. **The information is subject to change**, so be sure check the city's website and Facebook pages to get the latest updates or contact Downtown Development Office.





STAGE	TIMELINE	WORK DESCRIPTION
Stage 1	May 17, 2021 Thru July 16, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sidewalk removal and replacement, lighting work, starting on the Block of 133 West Jackson Street, West Side of N. Lafayette &amp; S. Lafayette St. (130 S. Lafayette – 130 N. Lafayette St.)</li> </ul>
Stage 2	July 15, 2021 Thru September 14, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sidewalk removal and replacement, lighting work, starting on the block of 233 E. Jackson St., East Side of N. Randolph St. &amp; S. Randolph St. (135 N. Randolph St.- 133 S. Randolph St.)</li> </ul>
Stage 3	September 13, 2021 Thru October 8, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sidewalk removal and replacement, lighting work, starting on the South side of the Square, and wrapping around N. Randolph and S. Lafayette St. (127 S. Side Square to 101 S. Side) (East Side of Citizens Bank on N. Randolph and 121 S. Lafayette- 141 S. Lafayette St.).</li> </ul>
Stage 4	October 7, 2021 Thru October 29, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sidewalk removal and replacement, lighting work, starting on the North side of the Square, and wrapping around S. Randolph St. and N. Lafayette St. (130 N. Side Square-100 N. Side Square) (124 N. Randolph St.- East side of MidAmerica National Bank and West Side of Carey Calculations).</li> </ul>
Stage 5	November 1, 2021 Thru December 15, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installing lights, new benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, and other unfinished work.</li> </ul>

*\*Schedule can fluctuate depending on weather and unforeseen circumstances\**

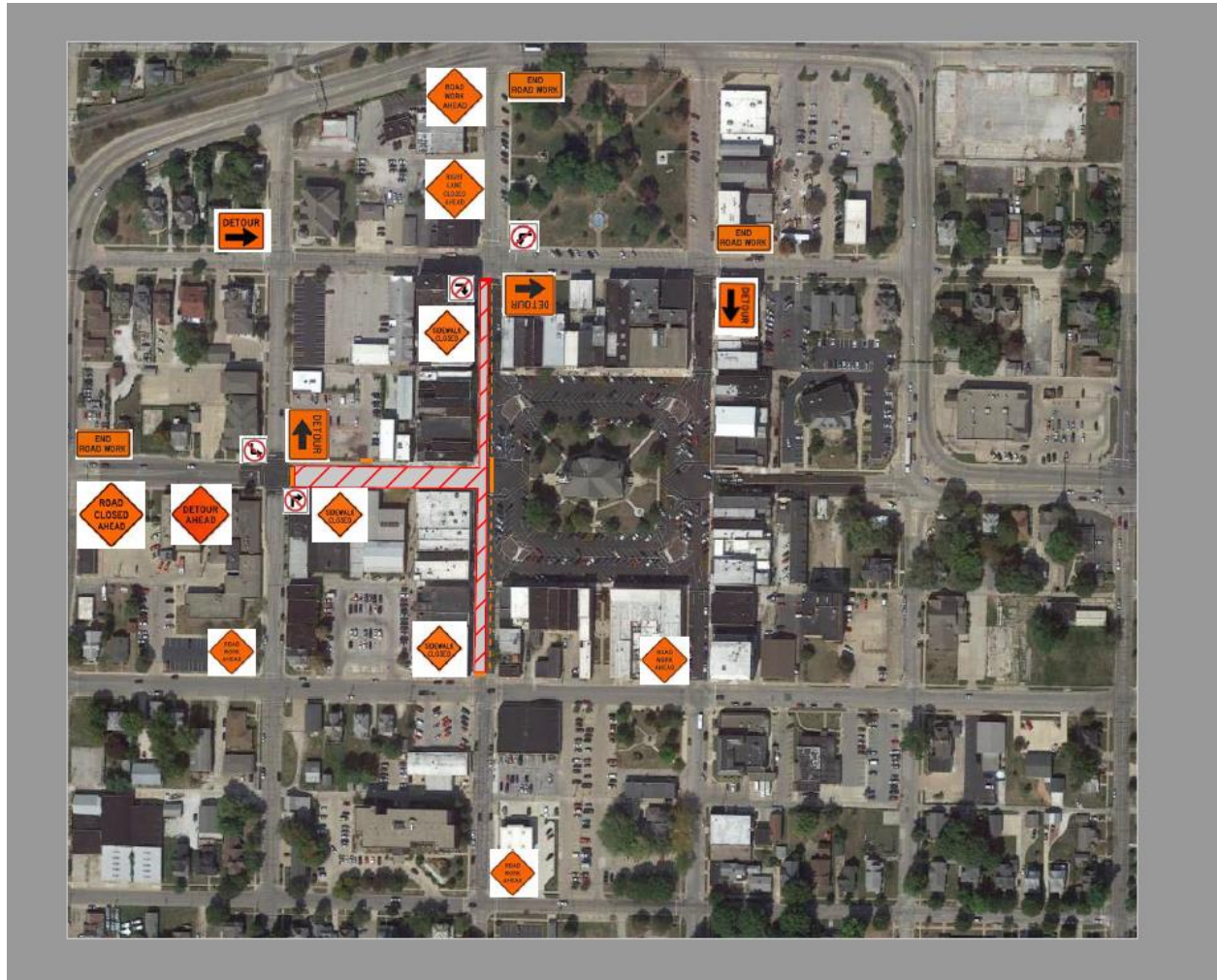


## Project Map



-  Stage 1
-  Stage 2
-  Stage 3
-  Stage 4

## STAGE 1



West Jackson/West Side of N. and S. Lafayette St.



## STAGE 2



East Jackson St./ East Side of N. & S. Randolph St.

## STAGE 3



## South Side Square



## STAGE 4



## North Side Square

## Parking, Traffic & Entry

### Parking and Traffic Management

Many worry about adverse impacts to parking and traffic as work on main routes into downtown and business front parking occurs. Plans to minimize problems through the construction season are in place but cooperation is the key to success. Adaptability to unforeseen issues and factors is vital. The most current plans will be on the city's website ([www.cityofmacomb.com](http://www.cityofmacomb.com)) and Downtown Macomb Facebook page along with any road closures etc.

Parking is another challenge of the Downtown Revitalization Project and daily life in the historic downtown. While the long-time perception has been that parking is limited, there are nearly 250 parking spaces within 1 block of the square. **Employees should always park in the more remote areas, leaving closer spaces for customers to use.** As always, cooperation and consideration are key to parking awareness.

### Backdoor Entry Encouragement

During all phases, project construction will affect sidewalks along all sides of the square. Final sidewalk completion will happen in all 4 stages of the project, requiring extra care for pedestrians throughout the construction season. This work may limit access to front doors of businesses for short periods and provide an uneven walking surface for the period of time listed in the project timeline. Project leaders will make every attempt to coordinate work around business needs.

If possible, businesses should develop alternative access for their customers while this work takes place. Some businesses have backdoor options that may be appropriate. Many business or property owners have already made their rear entries more appealing to customers. Plan now to redirect customer traffic through your back door when possible, clearing rear entry areas from any storage or entry hazards. Spruce up with a fresh coat of paint, rear entry signage, landscaping (flower pots or boxes), and adequate, attractive lighting. Now may be the time for a new set of steps, ramp or backdoor repairs.

Install a bell to alert building entry/exit if the back entrance is not visible from the main area. Consider alternatives for deliveries and garbage removal, including temporary pick-up locations for customers and short-term arrangements with neighboring businesses.