

RECONNECTING

ONE MOBILE: RECONNECTING PEOPLE, WORK AND PLAY THROUGH COMPLETE STREETS



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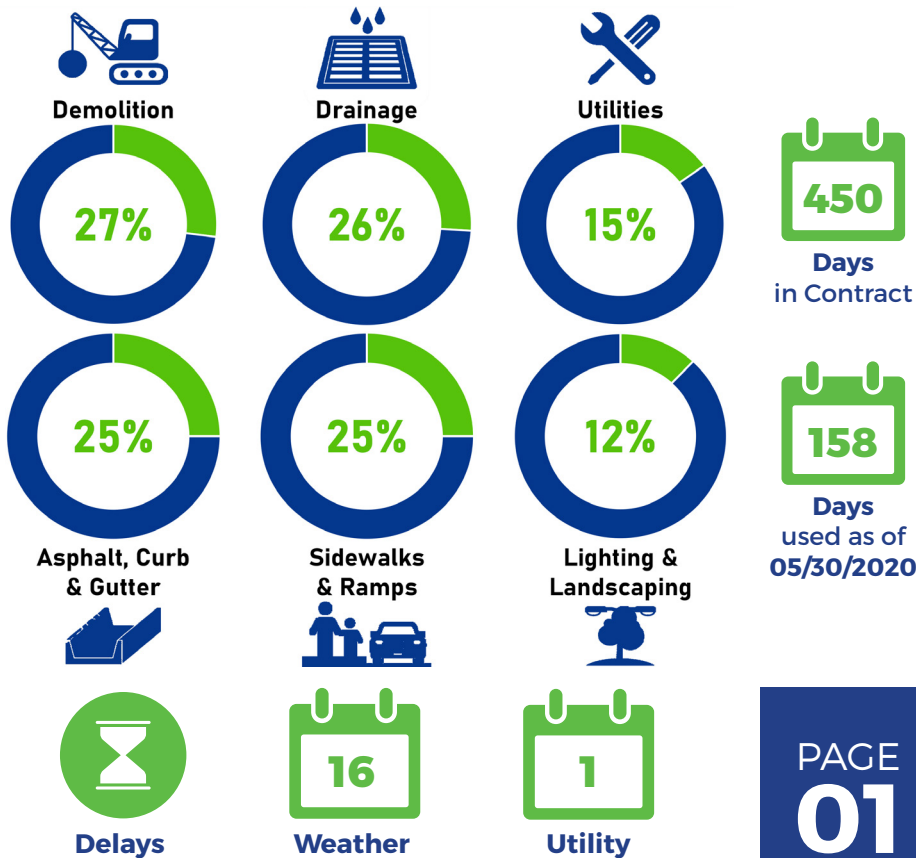
PROJECT NEWS

- Water, sanitary sewer, gas and power lines have been relocated between Lawrence and State streets.
- On the east side of Broad Street, between Congress Street and Lawrence Street, crews have finished the demolition of existing concrete structures, including the roadway, curb and sidewalk.
- The southbound lanes from State Street to Lawrence Street have been completed through the structural layer. The asphalt riding surface or friction course will be placed toward the end of the project. [Read more about Pavement Layers in our April 2020 edition.](#)



New sod gives Broad Street a fresh look.

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Mobile TIGER Grant Broad Street Improvement Project's **RECONNECTING** newsletter. In this issue, you will find news on what is happening now and what comes next, plus discover how sidewalks are reconnecting the city.



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Crews are preparing to close the intersection at Springhill Avenue for utility relocation, drainage rehabilitation, signal upgrade and resurfacing. The closure should last into mid-fall 2020.
- Crews completed the placement of a 16-inch water line along the east side of Broad Street from Lawrence Street to St. Anthony Street. Water and sewer relocation continues southward to Dauphin Street. Placement of concrete for the curb, sidewalk and driveways is expected to begin soon on the northbound lanes that are currently under construction.
- Construction of the roundabout project at Canal Street and Broad Street, which ties into this project, is expected to commence in July.

PHOTO GALLERY



Crews placed fresh grass seed over the area where material and supplies have been stored to prevent sediment transport.



Crews dig a trench for a 16-inch water main.



A new water line and valve are placed on the east side of N. Broad Street to St. Anthony Street.



A truckload of reinforced concrete pipe for storm sewer construction is delivered to the project.

SIDEWALKS

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Pave a Path to Reconnect Neighborhoods

Sidewalks are an important safety feature for the walkability of a city and concrete sidewalks are a big part of the Mobile TIGER grant project along Broad Street. They provide pedestrians with a safe area, away from traffic, to get to where they are going.

According to the Alabama Department of Transportation (AL DOT), about 40% of the state's population is unable to drive or at an age where driving might be a less desirable option.¹ The U.S. Department of Transportation's 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant was awarded to the City of Mobile to rebuild aging infrastructure and reconnect neighborhoods through the creation of bike and pedestrian lanes.



For many, walking isn't just a healthy form of exercise; it might be their only form of transportation.

One of the goals of the TIGER grant project is to support those walking daily in the city of Mobile with safe and reliable pathways. The World Resource Institute's Ross Center for Sustainable Cities has identified eight principles of a good sidewalk, including quality surfaces.

Concrete sidewalks are the most common sidewalks, and for good reason. Concrete, while more expensive than asphalt and other materials, lasts longer, especially in areas with higher heat, making it the better choice in the long run.

For the Mobile TIGER grant project, careful planning of sidewalk design ensures functionality and safety. Engineers have designed sidewalks to include curb ramps for each crosswalk at intersections, connecting these pathways and the city of Mobile. In the next edition, we will discuss a special feature of sidewalks that will enhance safety and walkability throughout the project.

¹(Gresham, Smith and Partners for the Alabama Department of Transportation, 2017)



SAFETY REMINDER:

Please keep in mind, in areas without sidewalks, pedestrians should **walk as far to the right as they can** from traffic.