# RECONNECTING

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



Welcome to the thirteenth edition of the Revitalizing Broad Street Improvement Project's **RECONNECTING** newsletter. In this issue, you will find out what is happening now and what comes next, as well as a celebration of the grand opening of the Broad Street Roundabout.

### GRAND OPENING: BROAD STREET ROUNDABOUT

The newly constructed Roundabout at the intersection of Broad Street and Canal Street is officially opened for traffic. This is the culmination of months of planning, designing and construction and this new traffic feature will be as functional as it is beautiful. Across the country, we've seen modern infrastructure incorporate roundabouts, which data shows enhance safety for vehicles and pedestrians, improve traffic flow and save taxpayer dollars by reducing maintenance costs.

Adding a roundabout will bring great benefits to the area. Improved traffic flow is a major benefit that will be enjoyed by drivers and neighbors alike. Without traffic lights, the roundabout creates fewer backups in traffic. It will also prevent vehicles from idling when they come to the intersection. When vehicles are continuously moving, they produce less carbon dioxide, thus making the air cleaner. Roundabouts also benefit taxpayers because they are a low maintenance option for intersections. Traffic lights tend to have ongoing maintenance needs, whereas a roundabout requires little to no maintenance due to the lack of utilities used. This roundabout at the intersection of Broad and Canal Streets is only a taste of what's to come as part of the Revitalizing Broad Street Improvement Project. It's one of many features that will help reconnect neighborhoods and make our City more pedestrian, bicycle and business friendly.





## WHAT TO **EXPECT**

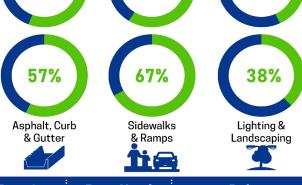
**BROAD STREET:** Crews have started to make large progress in moving south towards Government Street. In the coming weeks, crews will begin removing the concrete to access all the utilities under the road. Crews will be working on water and sewer lines as well as upgrading existing drainage infrastructure.

### **BROAD STREET CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS**

**BROAD STREET PHASES 1-2** 

As of February 28, 2021 Construction Contract Amount: \$16,666,116.02 Change Orders to Date: \$285,660.98





Days in Contract

**Days Used** to Date

Weather

**Delays Other** 

#### **PROJECT NEWS**

- In March, Springhill Avenue reopened after construction crews made many underground utility repairs and added new features above ground as well. New traffic signals and poles were installed, new sidewalks and landscaping were added along with new pavement and striping on the roadway.
- Erosion control devices were replaced due to aging or damage from recent weather events. These devices are called wattles and are typically made of straw that can be molded to the shape needed. The straw allows water to flow through while filtering out any sediment that could potentially cause issues around the area.



Crews finish up the slope paved nose. This is the sloped conrete seen at the end of a median or island



Crews are working to replace any aging or damaged erosion control devices.





