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What's it For?

Welcome to the fifteenth 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 the history that made Broad Street to what we know it as today.

MODERN DAY BROAD STREET

In the early 1960s, planners recognized the potential for Broad Street to contribute to Urban Renewal and the modern ideas of traffic flow; they removed the trolley lines and median and installed a six-lane federal highway. Even though Broad and Bearegard Streets are “gateways” into downtown Mobile, under Urban Renewal, these vital paths became unattractive expanses of uninterrupted pavement — forbidding to pedestrians, and eventually abandoned by residents and businesses alike. With the closure of the Brookley Air Force Base in 1969, Broad Street entered a period of urban decay and economic decline.

Today, Interstate-10 alleviates traffic congestion on Broad Street, eliminating the need for the multiple freeway-width lanes designed during Urban Renewal. Broad Street's role as an underutilized federal highway is disruptive to our Downtown and local economy. Current conditions along the street lack aesthetic appeal, walkability, and functionality and also impact the commercial needs of downtown Mobile and the livability of surrounding neighborhoods.

With the continuing construction on Broad Street, soon the neighborhoods along the street will come back to life with more aesthetic appeal and pedestrian and bike friendly paths.

Archive images of Broad Street at Springhill Avenue in 2014 and in 2021.



Traffic Notice



As Crews continue work on Broad Street, residential cut through streets will have limited access for residents and businesses only. The road closures will be strictly enforced by Mobile Police Department with a no tolerance policy.

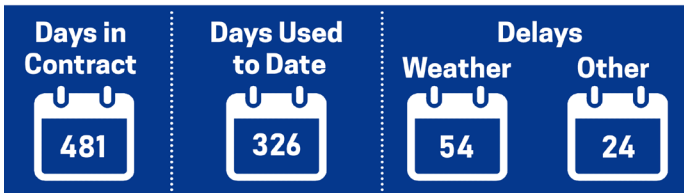
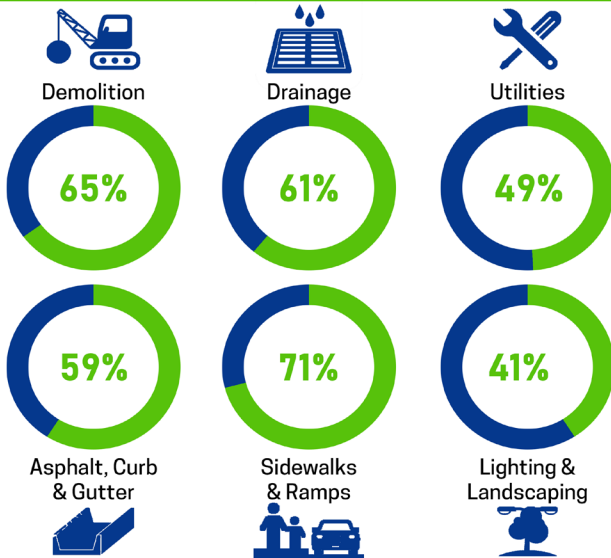
WHAT TO EXPECT

- **BROAD STREET:** Crews continue to demo the concrete and place new sewer lines. In the coming weeks, electrical work for new traffic signals will begin. New water and sewer will move towards Government Street.

BROAD STREET CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

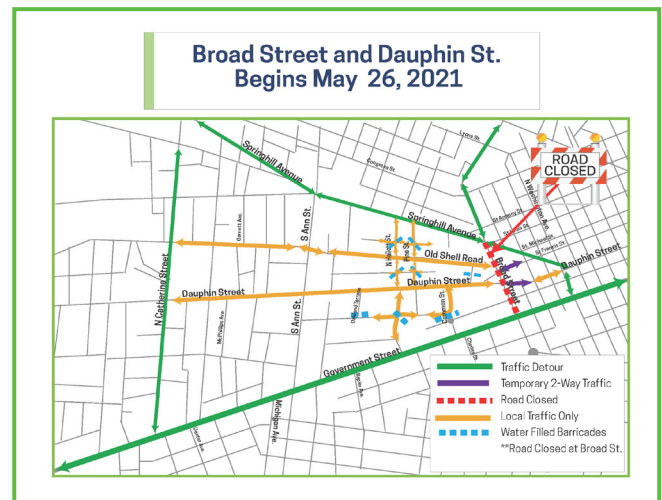
TIGER GRANT BROAD STREET PHASES 1-2 PROJECT PROGRESS APRIL 2021

As of April 30, 2021
Construction Contract Amount: \$16,666,116.02
Change Orders to Date: \$285,660.98



PROJECT NEWS

- Beginning Wednesday, May 26, barricades along side streets impacted the construction at the intersection of Dauphin and Broad streets will be replaced with water filled jersey barriers. These barriers will be located to the interior of the streets, rather than at the intersection of Dauphin Street or Old Shell Road for safety purposes. There will also be traffic signs, warning signs and barriers. The attached detour map will show where the water filled barriers will be placed. Please remember the Mobile Police Department is enforcing the current traffic detour and will continue ticketing anyone who disturbs or destroys traffic barricades or signage (including chaining or tying) and enforcing the posted speed limits.



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