



## Streetscape Phase 2 Open House – Talking Points

### *City of Clermont's Downtown-Waterfront Master Plan*

#### **WHAT?**

The City of Clermont (and local contractor, BESH Halff) are redoing the six square blocks of streetscape in the downtown core as part of the city's award-winning Downtown-Waterfront Master Plan. Soon, we will start on Streetscape Phase 2.

#### **WHEN & WHERE?**

The streetscape improvements are happening in three phases.

All three phases include redoing the roads, sidewalks and street parking, adding new landscaping, improving lighting and expanding utilities and stormwater connections underground for future growth. Some phases also include power lines being relocated underground and added event power plug-in capability (instead of generators).

- Phase 1:
  - Osceola Street between West Ave & 7<sup>th</sup> St. (brick without curbs – completed in 2020)
  - West Avenue between Osceola St. & Montrose St. (asphalt – in progress, to be completed in 2020); doubled parking
  - Legacy Loop Trail (added along Osceola and West, and northern half of 7<sup>th</sup> Street – completed in 2020)
  - Art Walk (brick pathway with tent spaces – completed portion from Montrose St. to Minneola Ave. in 2020)
- Phase 2:
  - Minneola Avenue between West Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> St. (brick with curbs – 2021 construction planned)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Osceola Street and Montrose Street (brick with curbs – 2021 construction planned)
  - Construction is planned to start in Winter 2021 and finish in Fall 2021.

- Legacy Loop Trail on Minneola Ave. (completed eastern half from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Sts. ahead of schedule in 2020; western half from 8<sup>th</sup> to W. Ave. – construction planned for 2021)
- Phase 3:
  - Montrose Street between West Avenue & 7<sup>th</sup> St. (brick without curbs – construction planned for 2022)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Osceola Street and Montrose Street (asphalt – construction planned for 2022)
  - Legacy Loop Trail on 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Minneola Avenue to Montrose St. (construction planned for 2022)

### **What times and days will construction happen?**

- During the week, work can occur from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Working weekends is not part of the regular schedule and would only be done with special permission from the City Manager and if so, only on Saturdays.
- No work is planned to occur from Nov. 25 until Dec. 2 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- No work is planned to occur from Dec. 23 until Jan. 6 for the Christmas and New Year Holiday.

### **WHY?**

- It's what the community wanted. In 2013, City Manager Darren Gray had a series of three visioning sessions and over 1,000 people attended. He asked the community what they wanted for the future of their city and they told him they wanted a revitalized downtown.
- An award-winning, \$22-million Master Plan was created and many of the projects have been implemented.
- The streetscape is one of the last Master Plan projects and gives downtown a fresh, inviting look while fixing many of the old, cracked roads.
- We've already completed Victory Pointe, Clermont Boat Ramp, Clermont Welcome Towers and Kehler Recreation Center.

### **HOW?**

#### **How long will roads be closed?**

Work will be done in phases, not all at once. The city and its contractor will work with neighbors and businesses to minimize impacts. Completing the work in phases allows the contractor to focus on small areas (a half block at a time) and minimize the impacts to the whole area of the project.

### **How will it affect parking?**

The Streetscape projects will add to the existing street parking. In fact, Phase 1 approximately doubled the parking on West Avenue (by making it 90-degree parking and adding parking on the east side of the street) and Phase 2 will approximately double the parking on Minneola Avenue (by converting the parallel parking on the south side of the street to diagonal parking spots).

### **How will I received deliveries as a business?**

The city and its contractor will work together with you to provide a way to receive deliveries and make sure customers can reach your business.

### **How is it being funded?**

The Master Plan projects are being funded by Lake County's Infrastructure Sales Tax, also known as the One Penny Sales Tax; no property tax dollars are being used to fund the Master Plan.

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

### **COMPLETED:**

**Victory Pointe** – Award-winning stormwater filtration system, park and event venue completed in July 2018; brings events closer to our downtown core; serves as a business incentive for cost-savings to connect to city stormwater

**Clermont Boat Ramp** – Larger, safer boat ramp completed in January 2020 in new location east with twice the launch pads, more parking and mooring slips added.

**Kehlor Recreation Center** – Larger senior center completed in November 2019 with expanded senior programming.

**Welcome Towers** – Branded, attractive welcome towers at the east and west entrances of city limits on State Road 50, completed in September 2019.

**Art Walk** – Brick pathway cutting through the heart of downtown to encourage pedestrian traffic and celebrate the arts. Spaces for pop-up vendor tents for events. Portion from Montrose St. to Minneola Ave. completed Fall 2020. Portion from Minneola Ave. to Osceola St. to be determined on timeline.

## **FUTURE:**

**Waterfront Activation Zone** – City’s lakefront property just east of historic village – Three proposals were presented to council; it has been tabled for council discussion to January 2021. Stay tuned.

**Meet Us in the Middle**– Celebrating the halfway point of the Coast-to-Coast trail in Clermont. We held a community meeting, received valuable feedback and are putting a new proposal together. Stay tuned.

**Wi-Fi** – Free public Wi-Fi has been installed in limited locations downtown (Splash Park, Waterfront Park, Boat House, Highlander Pavilion, northern part of Victory Pointe). Additional fiber needs to be installed. Stay tuned.

**City Hall Plaza** – Not yet designed. In concept stage. Stay tuned.