



City Administrator's Report

October 31, 2024

South 169 Employment Overlay District Project Update

Staff is working with the consultant, Synder & Associates, to finalize the public engagement website for the South 169 Employment Overlay District project. This phase will incorporate input from the Economic Development Committee and Planning & Zoning Commission, inviting additional public feedback on the design pattern of the area for both commercial and residential development. The online public comment period will be open for two weeks once it is posted. Staff hope to have the site published in early November.

Website Redesign

The 2025 Budget includes funding for redesign of the website. The RFQ for this work will be posted by the end of this week (Friday, November 1).

Smithville Parade of Hearts

Taking inspiration from the popular Parade of Hearts throughout the metro, Middle School art students have worked to create 3D hearts to be placed in businesses throughout the community. Two eighth grade students are working to design a heart to be on display at City Hall later this winter!

Commercial Street Sidewalk

Staff held a pre-construction meeting with Legacy Construction on Tuesday, October 29.

AT&T has completed installing the new conduit needed to move their communications facilities. AT&T needs releases from other carriers (Verizon and Sprint) before physically moving the other communication fibers. This may take a few weeks. Evergy is scheduled to move their poles in the next few weeks.

With the utility companies needing additional time, the Notice to Proceed with the sidewalk project will not be issued until those utilities are not in conflict with the sidewalk construction. Due to the season and weather this project is most likely to begin in the spring.

Stonebridge Storm Sewer

This project is nearing completion. Remaining work includes seeding, end section and some rip-rap.

Streetscape

The contractor, Mega, is making good progress. Lighting conduit, curb and sidewalk is almost completed on north side of bridge. The storm inlet in the middle of the road is gone!



Update on Project Funding Applications Through MARC

Staff has been working to secure funding for three projects: Wayfinding, Maple Lane Sidewalk, and Eagle Nexus Trail.

Two rounds of applications were submitted earlier this spring/summer. Twenty-one projects were submitted from around the MARC (KC Metro) region, totaling over \$200 million for the STBG (Surface Transportation Program). The STBG program had a total of \$60 million available. The Wayfinding project is included in the recommendation that will go to the TTPC (Total Transportation Program Committee) in November for \$600,000.

Additionally, 29 applications totaling over \$39 million were submitted for TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program). The TAP program had a total of \$12 million available. The Maple Lane Sidewalk is included in the recommendation that will go to the TTPC in November for \$480,000.

The Eagle Nexus Trail is not included in the funding recommendations.

The next step is for the TTPC to release the slate of projects for public comment in December. After the public comment period, the TTPC will make a recommendation for project funding to the MARC Board.

If approved, the Wayfinding and Maple Lane Sidewalk project would be funded in FY2027/2028. The CIP will be adjusted to reflect timing if funding is approved.