

VIBRANT UPTOWN



Design Development Presentation

Steering Committee Meeting

January 13, 2021

Vibrant Uptown Project Hierarchy



- Two Commissioners
- Municipal Manager
- Assistant Manager
- Commercial Districts Manager
- Gateway Engineers
- Mt. Lebanon Partnership Design Committee

- Port Authority
- Municipal Boards (EDC, ESB, HPB, Parking)
- School District
- Property & Business Owners
- Subject Experts
- Community Members

Project Timeline

Project Scoping

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| 1.Funding Secured (Grants and Bond Issue) | 1. Summer 2019 |
| 2.Steering Committee Formed | 2. August 2019 |
| 3.Leadership Committee Formed | 3. November 2019 |

Schematic Design

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| 1.Three Workshop Phases with Committees & Stakeholders | 1. Apr/Aug/Oct 2020 |
| 2.ADA Study | 2. Summer 2020 |

Design Development

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| 1.Utility Coordination, Permitting | 1. Late 2020-Early 2021 |
| 2.Phasing Plan | 2. Early 2021 |
| 3.Final Streetscape Design | 3. Dec 2020/Jan 2021 |

Construction Documents

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| 1.Project Bidding | 1. February 2021 |
| 2.Bid Awards | 2. March 23, 2021 |
| 3.Pre-Construction Phase | 3. April 2021 |

Construction

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| 1.Begin Construction | 1. May 2021 |
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Project Elements Aligned with Funding

Project Component	Funding (Source)	Project Elements	Phase & Timing
Washington Road Streetscape	\$1,054,555 (bond funding) \$1,041,500 (other funds/grants)	Replace Uptown Sidewalk, Light Poles, Conduit and Planters	Phase I – 2021 Construction
Parse Way Renovation	\$553,552 (bond funding)	Replace Sidewalk, Lighting, Signage	Future Phase
Placemaking Plan	\$903,000 (bond funding)	Public Space Activation & Enhancements	Phase I: Clocktower Plaza and Municipal Building Future Phase: Considerations of Alfred Lot, Clearview Commons, etc
Vibrant Uptown Contingency	\$307,153 (bond funding)	Contingency	As Needed

Implementation of Project Principles

Accessibility

- Pedestrian-friendly intersection and sidewalk layouts
- ADA ramps, Sidewalk Design (scoring patters, paver strip near curb line)
- Lighting Features and Design for greater visibility

Connectivity

- Creation of community gathering spaces at Clocktower Plaza and Municipal Building
- Multipurpose design of hardscape for flexible use of space
- Incorporation of seating with green space

Sustainability

- Vision of Uptown as a “Linear Park”
- Material selections designed for reuse
- New trash and recycling containers

Inclusivity

- Leadership Committee, Steering Committee and public input sessions welcomed a variety of input and voices throughout the 18-month planning process.
- “Tabula Rasa” of placemaking design to enable a variety of future uses

Innovation

- Best practices in process and design
- 18-month planning process thinking about current and future uses

Vibrant Uptown Project Components

Vibrant Uptown Phase I

- Complete Sidewalk Replacement
- Planter Replacements
 - Incorporation of seating with greenspace
 - Redesigned planters to create “linear park” and articulate the uniqueness of Uptown
 - Removal of physical barriers
- Street Lighting Replacement and Enhancements
- ADA Compliance
- Intersection Enhancements
- Signal Pole Upgrades
- Basement and Utility Access
- Placemaking designs for Clocktower Plaza and Municipal Building
- Creation of “Blank slate” upon which a variety of future programming options are available