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*Making our community's downtown safer, more attractive, and accessible to all.*

## *Pt. Brown Project FAQs and Facts*

### What is the Pt. Brown Project and how did it start?

The project began in October 2013 in an effort to address safety concerns from the roundabout to the City gates with bike lanes and sidewalks. Today's vision includes an ADA accessible 15-foot shared-use sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, lighted pedestrian crossings, bulb-outs to decrease the crossing distance, on-street parking, pedestrian and street illumination, storm water collection and treatment, and two roundabouts providing both intersection control and necessary calming effects.

### What is the total project cost? Approximately \$15,417,000

### Is there any potential funding?

Currently we have \$683,350 in Federal contributions and \$59,400 from the County. We anticipate two large grants will provide \$4 million and \$1.9 million respectively. That is approximately \$6,645,000 in secured and planned grant funding.

### That's quite a gap between total project cost and grant funding—what are we going to do?

Some federal grants may not be available over the next few years, so we recommended cutting the project in half to get some of the work done now, and plan on the remainder of the work later. The revised project would start at the roundabout and end north of the Shoal / Barnacle intersection and cost about \$7,760,000. That leaves about \$1,115,000 remaining to fully fund the first half of the project.



## Where will the remaining money come from?

Approximately \$132,000 in matching funds will be required from 2018 to 2019 to complete the design and right-of-way phases. The remaining amount will be needed in 2020 and 2021 for construction activities. The team plans to secure the matching funds by asking the legislature for capital appropriations money in 2018-2019, the County for assistance from the County Economic Development grant program, and requesting Council to set aside money annually to show our commitment to the project.

## Why cant we just put sidewalks in and leave the other items out??

Sidewalks at the back of the existing right-of-way would eliminate most of the 210 on-street parking spots. Construction of the recommended alternative would retain 182 of these. Options where parking is not adjacent to the shared use sidewalk is likely to increase the safety hazards this project is working to mitigate.

## What does the project schedule look like?

Engineering/design is underway. Permitting will begin when the design is 30% complete and the right-of-way phase will start around 60% design. These efforts are planned to be complete by the end of 2019. Construction will likely begin in 2020 and end in 2021. We are anticipating a long duration of construction activities due to the need to conduct work at night and/or during off peak times to impact residents, businesses, and visitors as little as possible.



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