8th Avenue Streetscape
December 2022  Project Update

Project Description:
The 8th Avenue Streetscape project will repave 8th Avenue from Lincoln Street to Mill Street, convert the section to a two-way street, construct protected bike lanes from High Street to Lincoln Street, add all-way stops at key intersections, and widen sidewalks and reconstruct sidewalk access ramps.

Motor vehicle parking on the south side of 8th Avenue will be removed and parking on the north side will be relocated away from the curb, to allow for the protected bike lanes. The protected bike lanes will have wide concrete curbs that will separate vehicle traffic and bike traffic (similar to the 13th Avenue Bikeway). The project aims to create a safe travel option for community members of all ages and abilities to access Downtown Eugene and the Riverfront.

Project Scope:
- Repaving of 8th Avenue (Lincoln to Mill Street)
- Two-way conversion of 8th Avenue (Lincoln to Mill Street)
- Protected bike lanes on 8th Avenue (High to Lincoln Street)
- Widened sidewalks and reconstructed sidewalk access ramps on 8th Avenue
- All-way stop signs at key intersections on 8th Avenue (Willamette, Olive and Lincoln Street)
- New traffic signals to accommodate two-way traffic and add bike signals
- Removing parking on the SOUTH side of 8th Avenue
- Moving parking on the NORTH side of 8th Avenue away from the curb to buffer the bike lane
- New stormwater planters to clean runoff from city streets
- Raised intersection in coordination with the Farmers Market Pavilion design (Along the Park Blocks)
- Tree removal, tree planting, & tree pit widening to promote tree health

How was the Project Design Selected?
Community Engagement occurred for the 8th Avenue Streetscape project through the Central Eugene In Motion process in 2019-2020. The Transportation planning team received more than 1,600 responses through the Central Eugene in Motion survey and online map. The City also held stakeholder meetings, several Open Houses, and a series of focus groups with sub-area stakeholders.

After a community process that included stakeholder meetings, two open houses, surveys, online mapping and a series of focus groups with sub-area stakeholders, the selected alternative for Downtown on 8th Avenue was chosen from several options.

What is happening with the project right now, in December 2022?
Utility crews, such as water and electric, have already been in the area adjusting and repairing facilities prior to the project work. Some minor re-designing occurred this fall due to budget constraints from high contractor bids. The project will go out to bid in January 2023 with construction along the park blocks to tentatively begin in spring 2023.

Construction Schedule:
Construction is scheduled for spring 2023 and will continue through the summer of 2024. The raised intersection through the Park Blocks, paving between Willamette St and Pearl St, and associated stormwater planters will be constructed in spring 2023. 8th Avenue between Pearl St and Mill St will be constructed in the
summer of 2023. 8th Avenue between Willamette St and Lincoln St and associated stormwater planters along side streets will be constructed in the spring 2024 through the summer 2024. Utility crews, such as water and electric, have already been in the area adjusting and repairing facilities prior to the project work. Utility crews may continue to adjust and repair facilities until Spring 2023.

Travel Impacts:
- People driving should expect lane closures and lane shifts during construction. People biking should expect to merge with motor vehicle traffic depending on available lane widths during construction.
- People walking should expect detours and some temporary closed crossings.
- On street parking may be restricted to accommodate construction activities.
- Expect equipment and workers in the roadway, with possible congestions and delays during construction.

Project Funding:
- The major sources of funding are from federal grants and the 2017 Street Bond Measure.

For More Information:
- Project Manager: Rachael Love, phone 541-501-0379, RLove@eugene-or.gov
- Online road reports (during construction) at www.eugene-or.gov/traffic.
- On Twitter (during construction) at www.Twitter.com/EugenePW.

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