

Frequently Asked Questions regarding South Old Woodward Reconstruction Phase 3

When and where will the South Old Woodward Reconstruction Phase 3 Project take place?

Phase 3 of downtown infrastructure improvements will span South Old Woodward between Brown and Landon. The project will begin in the late May/early June of 2022 and is expected to be complete within five months.

What improvements are planned for the project?

The reconstruction project will result in new underground infrastructure and new streetscape between Brown and Landon. Similar to the award winning 2018 Old Woodward Reconstruction Project and 2020 Maple Road Reconstruction projects, design features will include:

- Curb bumpouts at each intersection to improve crosswalks for pedestrians. Mid-block crosswalks, raised planter beds and landscape features will also be added.
- Enhancements such as: exposed aggregate concrete, granite bench seating areas, new street lights, and cell phone charging stations.
- Improved on-street accessible parking spaces, each served with an individual sidewalk ramp to improve conditions for those needing accommodations.



Will there be changes to parking along this section of South Old Woodward?

Yes. Parking changes are required to meet the following federal and state design requirements: Michigan Vehicle Code, Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and USDOT Federal Highway Administration. This project area has "tee" intersections at Daines, Hazel, East Frank, Bowers, Haynes and George. At these intersections, bump-outs will be incorporated to improve crosswalk conditions and driver safety, and thereby eliminating some parking spaces that are located opposite of the street approach. Other factors that will contribute to a reduction in parking spaces include ADA accessibility improvements and moving the bus stop for northbound Old Woodward from its current location on Bowers (under the elevated parking deck for the 555 building), to a safer location on South Old Woodward, north of Bowers.

Recent parking meter data was reviewed to see the current daily business utilization of parking spaces in the project area. There are currently 154 current parking spaces in the project area, with an average utilization of 36% (approximately 55 vehicles occupying spaces). Based on the concept plan being developed, 94 parking spaces are proposed (net reduction of 60 spaces). Using the current parking meter data, the proposed parking utilization would be 60% for the conceptual configuration. Our goal for parking space utilization is typically 85% occupancy, so even with the reduced spaces in the proposed concept, the overall utilization shows some excess parking capacity will remain.

How can I share feedback with the city regarding the first two phases of downtown infrastructure improvements?

The city's public engagement platform, [Engage Birmingham](https://engage.bhamgov.org) (engage.bhamgov.org), offers the community an opportunity to share feedback about their experiences as a pedestrian and driver on the previous phases of the project.

How can residents and businesses learn more about the project?

Residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for the South Old Woodward Reconstruction Phase 3 Constant Contact group at bit.ly/bhamnews to receive updates throughout the project. More information about the project can also be found at www.bhamgov.org/oldwoodwardphase3.