

Louisburg Speaks

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Construction season comes to Louisburg

Prepare for progress... and a few traffic detours. That is the theme for summer driving in Louisburg. Two projects will happen simultaneously that will cause some significant detours to major north/south roads in town.

The downtown Broadway construction project began in early April with G-B Construction. The work began with the closure of S. First Street between Mulberry and Peoria streets to upgrade water mains.

Next on the list are improvements to the storm water system in the downtown area. Broadway between Amity and S. First Street is slated to be the first closed. As work progresses south along Broadway the 200 and 300 blocks will be closed. The entire street will be closed during the majority of the work, approximately 90 days.

All businesses along Broadway will be accessible during the entire project either through a rear access or along sidewalks with access off the side streets.

Limited parking will be available along the side streets. Parking will also be available in the lot behind City Hall or near the Farmer's Market location on Mulberry Street between S. First and S. Second streets.

Work to Broadway is to be completed in mid August.

The other project is a joint effort between Miami County, Kansas Department of Transportation and the City. A stoplight will replace the four-way stop at Amity Street and Metcalf Road.

That project is targeted to begin May 1 with the entire project to take 210 calendar days. The project end date is Nov. 26.



Kansas City Power and Light crews reset light poles along Amity Street and Metcalf Road over the winter in preparation for the stoplight project at the intersection.

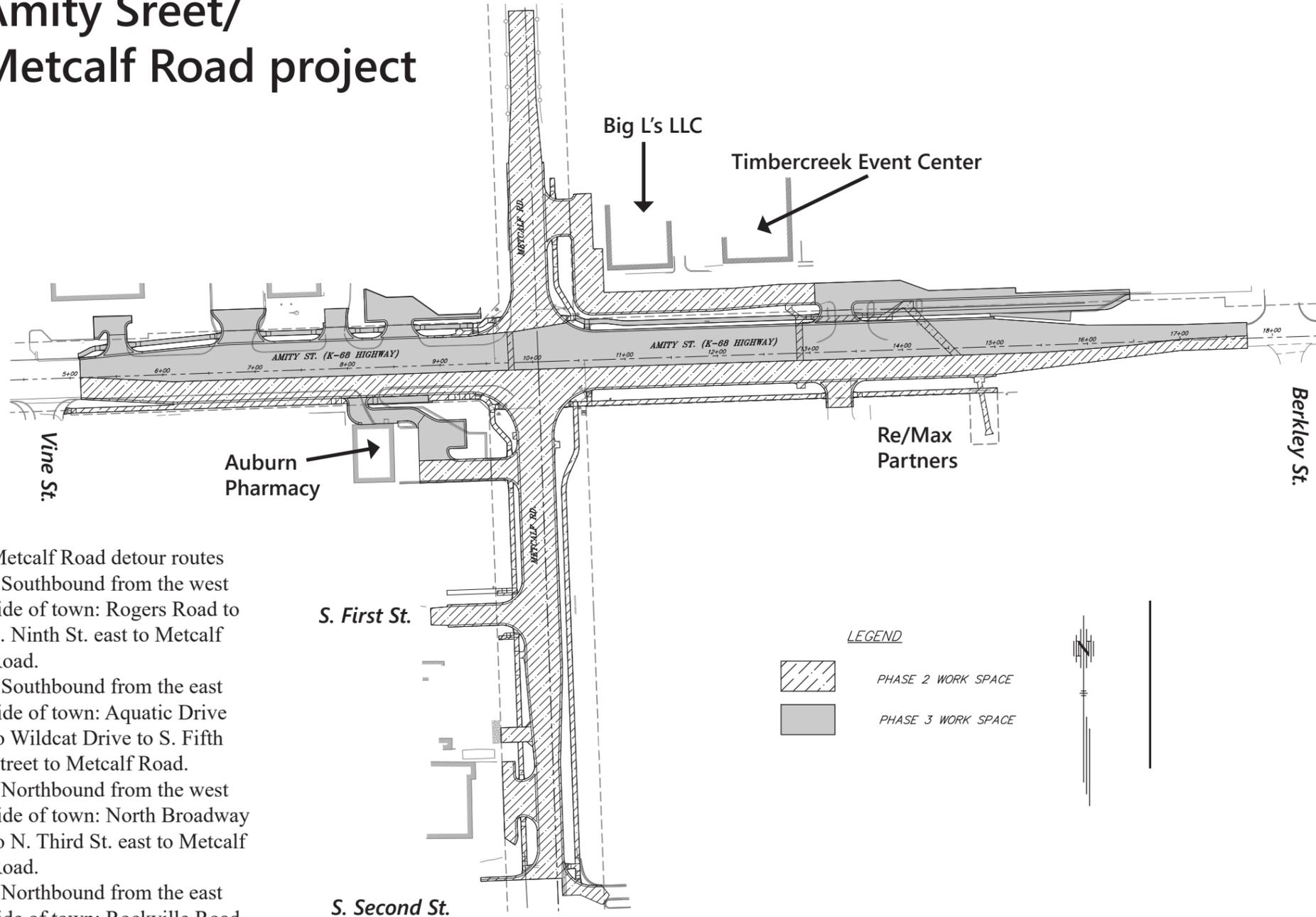
VF Anderson is the contractor and will expedite the project if possible.

Left-hand turn lanes are being added to all four sides of the intersection and an additional drive lane for eastbound and westbound traffic will extend about 450 feet east of Metcalf Road. Metcalf Road north and south of Amity Street will be closed 90 days for the construction. Metcalf Road will be closed to just south of the United Methodist Church driveway and will be closed south of Amity Street almost to S. Second Street.

Independent improvements were made to the parking lot at Neil Spector Motors. Those improvements will allow patients of Louisburg Chiropractic Office to enter the parking lot from Amity Street and park along the north side of the chiropractic office to have easier access to the facility.

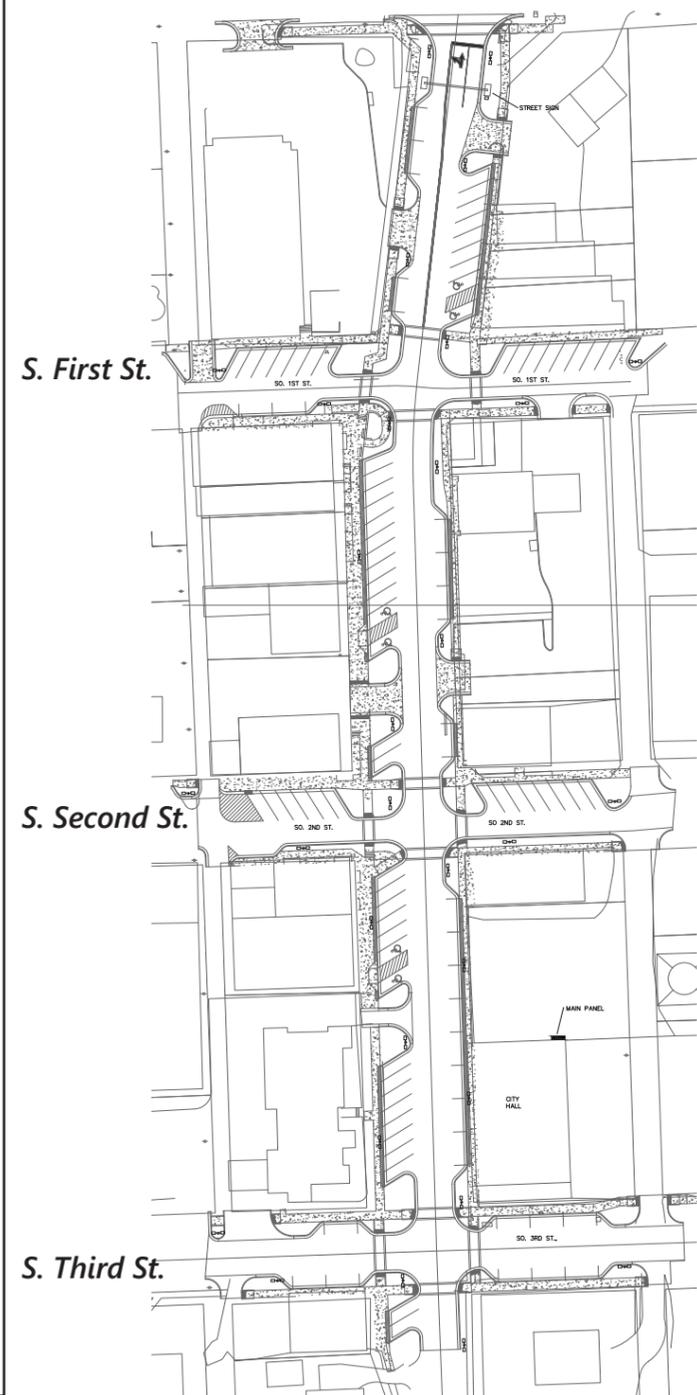
The City's website, www.louisburgkansas.gov or the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/louisburgks will be updated weekly or daily as needed with construction information such as parking, business access and closure information.

Amity Sreet/ Metcalf Road project



- Metcalf Road detour routes
- Southbound from the west side of town: Rogers Road to S. Ninth St. east to Metcalf Road.
 - Southbound from the east side of town: Aquatic Drive to Wildcat Drive to S. Fifth Street to Metcalf Road.
 - Northbound from the west side of town: North Broadway to N. Third St. east to Metcalf Road.
 - Northbound from the east side of town: Rockville Road to W. 271st St. then west to Metcalf Road.

Broadway project



This architect's drawing shows the parking spaces along Broadway as well as the side streets. S. First Street will be one way going east from Mulberry to Peoria streets while S. Second Street will be one way going west from Peoria to Mulberry streets. It also shows the curb extensions at the intersections that improves pedestrian crossing safety.

Man's best friend needs a city tag

Any dog living within the city limits must be registered per city code and receive a city-issued tag.

Dogs should be registered annually with the owner's name, address as well as name, sex and description of the pet. Cost of the tag is \$3 for spayed or neutered pet and \$5 for a non-spayed or non-neutered pet. A copy of the dog's rabies vaccine is also required. No more than three dogs are allowed per household and only five pets total are allowed.

Tags may be purchased at City Hall 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Additionally dogs of pit bull or pit bull mix breed

are prohibited inside the city limits. This includes the bull terrier; Staffordshire bull terrier; American pit bull terrier; American Staffordshire terrier or any dog which has the appearance or characteristics of one of the breeds mentioned above.



Pets that are older than six months should have a city-issued tag.



The Louisburg Aquatic Center opens for the summer at noon Saturday, May 27.

Discounted pool passes

Individual and family pool passes are available at a 10 percent discount through May 15 at City Hall.

A family of four who lives in Miami County can purchase a pool pass for \$90 and \$22.50 for each additional family member added to the pass.

An individual pass can be purchased at the discounted rate of \$52.

Day care provider passes are available although a discount is not offered for these passes.

The season pass form is available on the I Want To section of the city's website.

After two years, mayor reflects on city's growth

As I write this and think about my last two years as mayor, it gives me a time to reflect and think about both where we have been as a city and where we are headed as a city.

We are in the middle of updating the City's comprehensive plan, a plan that looks to Louisburg's future 15 or 20 years down the road. It will be exciting to eventually get the written plan that will provide a road map of what goals we want to accomplish as a community.

It has been fun to listen to the various groups about what they want our city to look like in the future. During this process groups discussed everything from trying to keep as much farm land as possible to trying to bring in a large retailer and a truck stop. The ideas

that come from these brainstorming sessions make for a great starting point for the city to set goals.

We are continuing to move forward with several projects such as the Downtown Broadway project, the joint venture with USD 416 in establishing a Recreation Commission, the Metcalf and Amity/K-68 intersection stoplight project, and we are continuing to work toward building a waste water treatment plant. All of these projects will help Louisburg with future growth.

**Mayor's
Minute**

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