

March 12, 2015

Sally Ellertson
Public Information Officer
141 West Renfro
Burleson, Texas 76028-4261
817-426-9622
F: 817-426-9390
sellertson@burlesontx.com
www.burlesontx.com

Some changes are coming to Old Town Burleson in 2015.

If Burleson City Council members approve the \$1 million-plus contract on March 16, the facelift that would make getting around Old Town easier will begin on March 17. The goal of this project is to make Old Town Burleson more welcoming for visitors and safer for drivers, walkers and bicyclists, while maintaining its character and charm. Signs about the project are already in place on Ellison Street. Project details will be posted to the City of Burleson website at <http://bit.ly/Oldtownimprovements>.

The corner of Wilson and Ellison streets – landmark is Burleson Visitors Center at 124 W. Ellison St. – is the starting point of a project that is expected to be complete in September 2015. That intersection will be closed in all directions, for approximately four weeks, starting March 17.

The project encompasses one block on Ellison (from Wilson to Main Street) and three blocks of Main (Renfro Street to Eldred Street). The construction team will maintain access to all restaurants and stores during the work. Closures will happen in a phased approach to limit the impact on area activities. During construction, please remember to use public parking spaces available off of Warren Street near Burleson City Hall.

Widened sidewalks, one-way traffic, ADA compliant crossings, decorative brick crosswalks, landscaping, planters, benches and trash cans and even one additional parking space are just some of the improvements.

The project list includes:

- ✓ A one-lane elliptical roundabout/center island at the intersection of Main Street and Ellison Street that would allow traffic to move more freely (the three-way stop would be removed);
- ✓ Widening the sidewalks seven feet along Main Street, from Renfro Street to Bufford Street – a wider sidewalk could accommodate street furniture, landscaping, lighting and sidewalk cafes, and, a landscaped sidewalk “bulb-out” at the intersection corners would create shorter and safer crossings for pedestrians;

- ✓ Resurfacing and restriping the existing Main Street parking lot (Renfro Street to Eldred Street) to include one-way parking aisles with angled parking and landscaping improvements;
- ✓ And improving the alley behind Fresco's (on Main Street) west to Wilson Street to provide pedestrian connections to shops, restaurants and parking areas at city hall.