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East Main Street Road Improvements Coming Soon!

Work is expected to begin in the next several weeks on the East Main Street Improvement Project, which will transform a three-quarter of a mile portion of the road between Willow Street and Horning Road. The start time may vary depending on weather and other variables.

The goal of the project is to provide an aesthetically pleasing, less cluttered, stress-free gateway into Kent that meets the current demands of all East Main Street's users, including motorists, transit users, cyclists and pedestrians. The contract was awarded to Kenmore Construction and work is estimated to last three years, with traffic being maintained for the duration of the project.

Congestion and safety improvements will include a tree-lined center boulevard and two roundabouts: one at the intersection of South Willow St., East Main St. and Haymaker Parkway, and the other at the East Main St. and Horning Rd. intersection. There will also be wider sidewalks and tree lawn on the north side of the street, decorative streetlights and new bus pull-offs and shelters. The project also includes the addition of 34 dual-port EV charging stations for the public's use on the north side of the Kent State Campus adjacent to East Main Street.

The project will be built in two sections; the first section will be the eastern half of East Main between Luther Ave. and Horning Rd., the second section will be the western half from Willow St. to Luther Ave. Traffic will be maintained with one eastbound and one westbound lane and a center left turn lane. Access to adjacent businesses and pedestrian access will also be maintained.

More information on the project is available on the [East Main Street website](#). Once construction begins, updates will be posted to the website.

Questions can be directed to Jon Giaquinto in the City Engineering Division at Jon.Giaquinto@KentOhio.gov or 330-678-8106. You can also send your email address to Giaquinto if you would like to receive email updates on the project.

The City of Kent and its partners - the project's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), Kent State University, PARTA (Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority), AMATS (Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study) and ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) developed the \$25.5 million dollar improvement plan.

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