# TOWN BRANCH COMMONS TRAIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Council Work Session May 25, 2021





#### **Construction Update**

- Pace Contracting started construction in March 2020
- Work continued throughout pandemic
  - COVID minimal negative impact to project
  - Reduced traffic on roadways within work zone
- Newtown Pike completed ahead of schedule
- Vine Street and Midland Avenue started ahead of schedule
- Challenges:
  - Downtown utility coordination and unforeseen conflicts underground
    - o Utilities, Archaeological Findings, Town Branch Culvert
  - Overlap of project footprints between Town Branch Commons and Lexington Center renovation project
- Construction progressing steadily
  - On Schedule for Final Completion December 2022



#### Project Details Throughout the Town Branch Commons



#### **Pedestrian & Bike Paths**

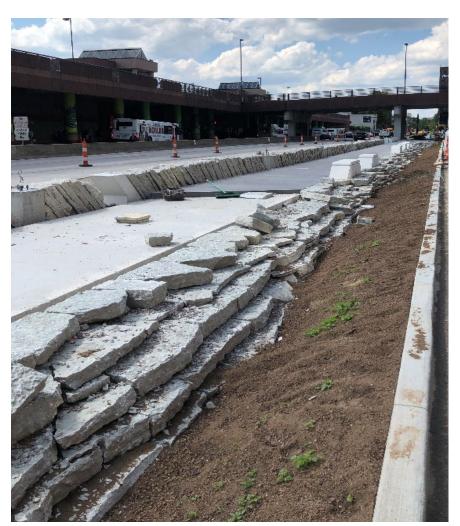








#### **Stone Work**







Karst Embankment along Urban Rain Gardens and Bioswales

Signature Limestone Walls



#### **Benches**



Standalone Precast Bench

Bench Integrated into Stone Wall



#### **Corridor and Accent Lighting**





Street and Trail Lighting

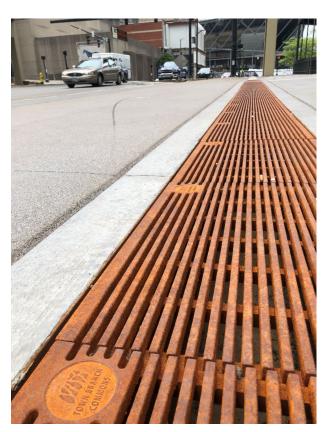
Trail Accent Lighting



#### **Signage and Branding**



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Bike/Ped Path Designation

Bike Path Lane Markers

Storm Drains



#### **Underground Infrastructure**



Soil cells are installed underground to provide a healthy environment for tree roots.



What looks like a normal plant bed above actually contains layers of drainage systems for storm water below.



## **History Uncovered**





Two significant archaeological sites were uncovered: (1) near Triangle Park and (2) in the Phoenix Building Plaza. Both uncovering hidden bits of Lexington's history below ground.

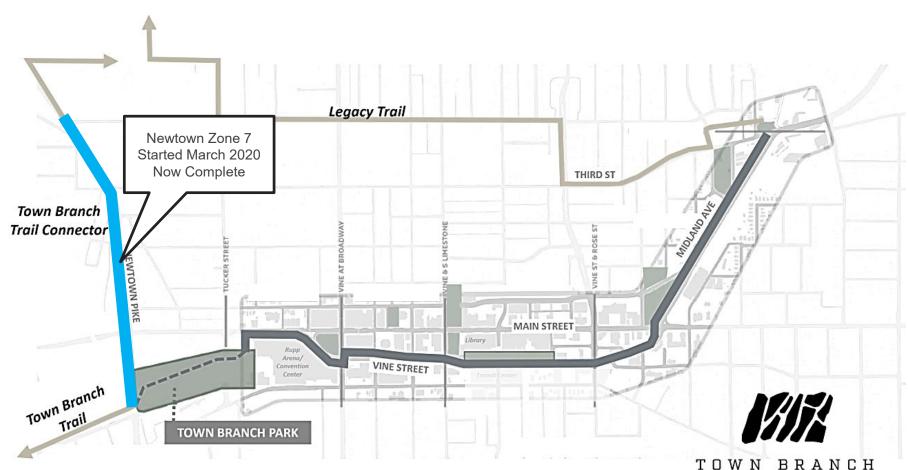


## **Zone by Zone Construction Tour**



#### **Construction Zones**

**TIGER Grant Funded** 





#### **Newtown Pike**

Off Road trail connects from Town Branch Trail to Legacy Trail. Construction is complete

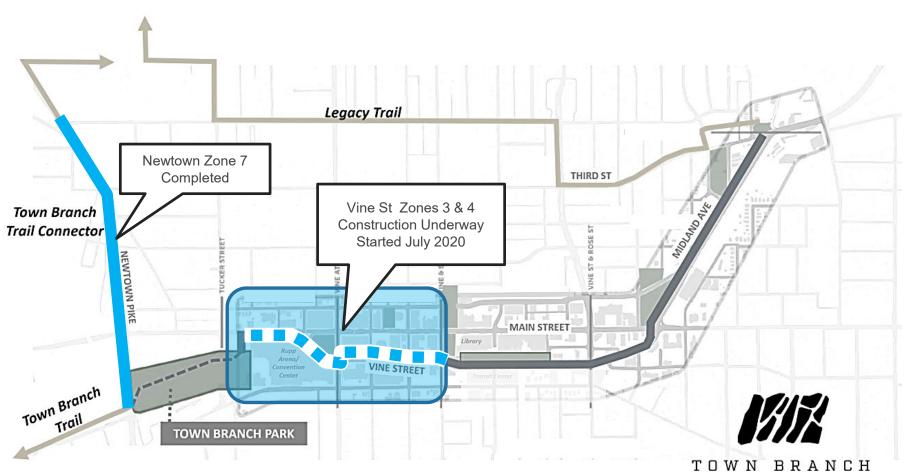


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#### **Along Central Bank Center**

Starting at Mary Todd Lincoln House, the trail runs along the convention center's edge





#### **Along Central Bank Center**

Coordination between the TBC and CBC projects are critical as they share the same project footprint.





#### **At Triangle Park**

Elevated pedway was removed with convention center project, TBC reworked this intersection to install traffic signals to allow for safe pedestrian crossings.





#### At Broadway & Vine St.

The trail changes from the south side to the north side of Vine Street at this intersection.





#### **Vine at Mill Street**

This image reflects the typical separated trail along Vine Street with urban rain gardens and signature walls throughout.





## Vine at Upper St.

Final pavers are being installed around walls and benches.





## Vine between Upper & Limestone

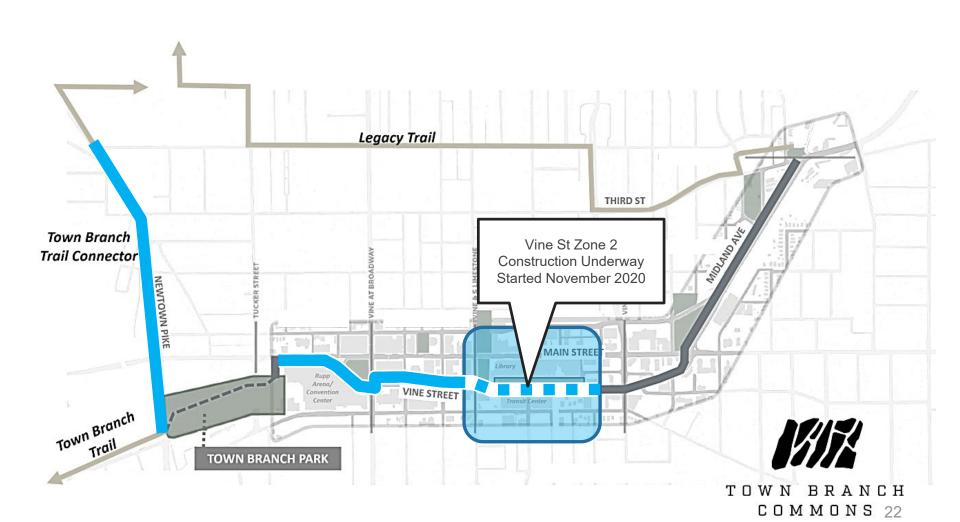
Flush pavers separate the bike and ped paths in this block





#### **Construction Zones**

TAP Grant and KIA Funded





#### **Vine at Limestone**

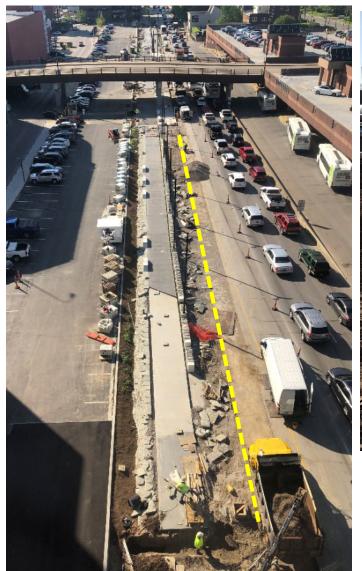
Paver installation occurring to complete hardscape walkways and plazas.





## **Vine at Hernando Alley**

During demolition the Town Branch Culvert was uncovered very close to the road's surface.







#### **Vine at Hernando Alley**

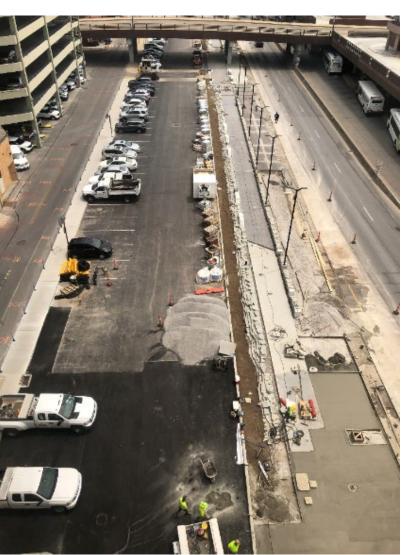
This alley connection was closed and a dedicated traffic signal installed for a safe crossing.

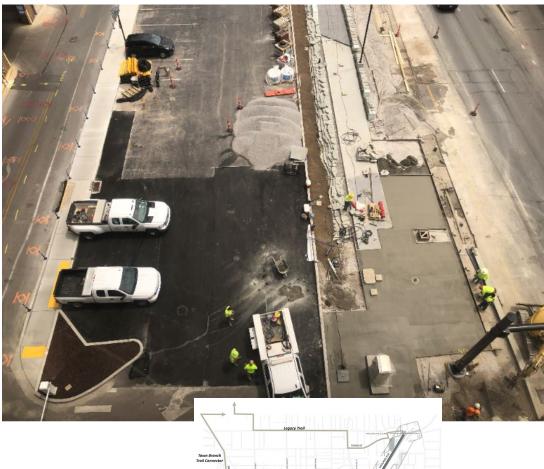




#### **Phoenix Parking Lot**

Change Order #1 allowed for the reconfiguration of this parking lot. Final surface and striping to occur in June.







#### Vine at MLK

Pedestrian path on the left and bike path on the right are separated on Vine using the signature stone walls when possible.





#### **Vine at Ayers Alley**

This alley connection was eliminated and new traffic signal installed to provide safe pedestrian crossing and a signaled exit for Lextran buses.





#### **Vine at Quality Street**

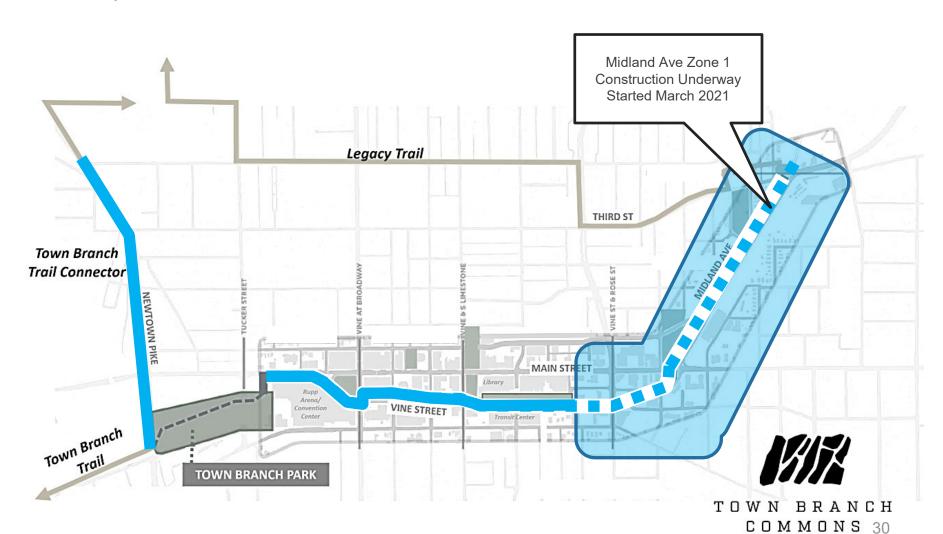
Construction is underway on Vine until Quality Street, work will continue this fall from Quality to Main Street.





#### **Construction Zones**

CMAQ Grant and KIA Funded





#### **Midland at Third Street**

Demolition has occurred and a safety vehicular wall has been installed.

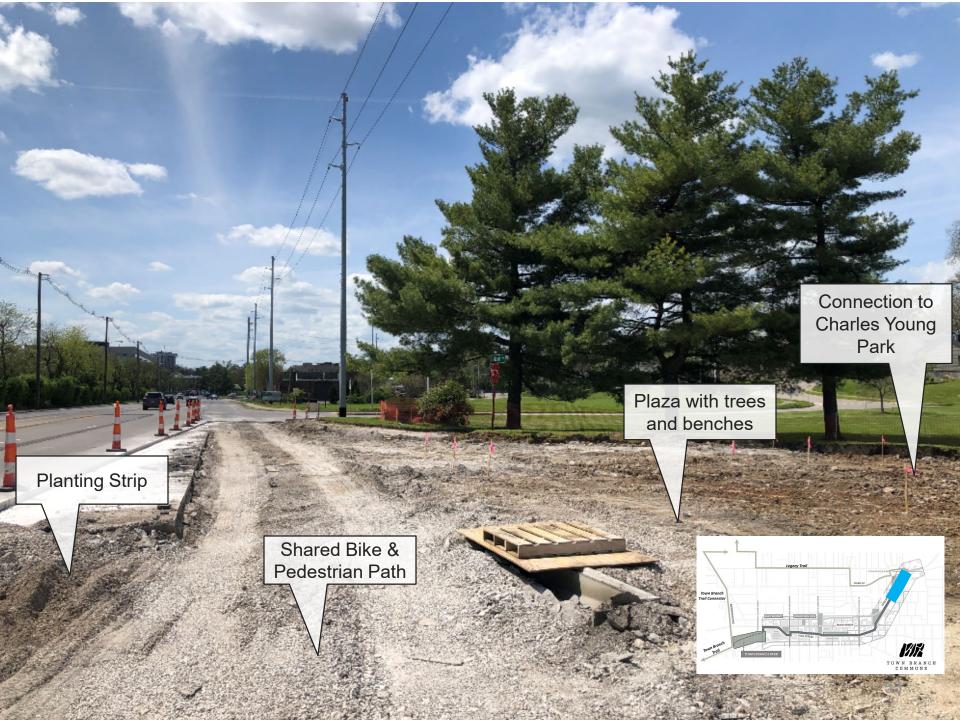




#### Midland at Lewis St

This series of images shows before, during construction, and the vision for this location once completed.

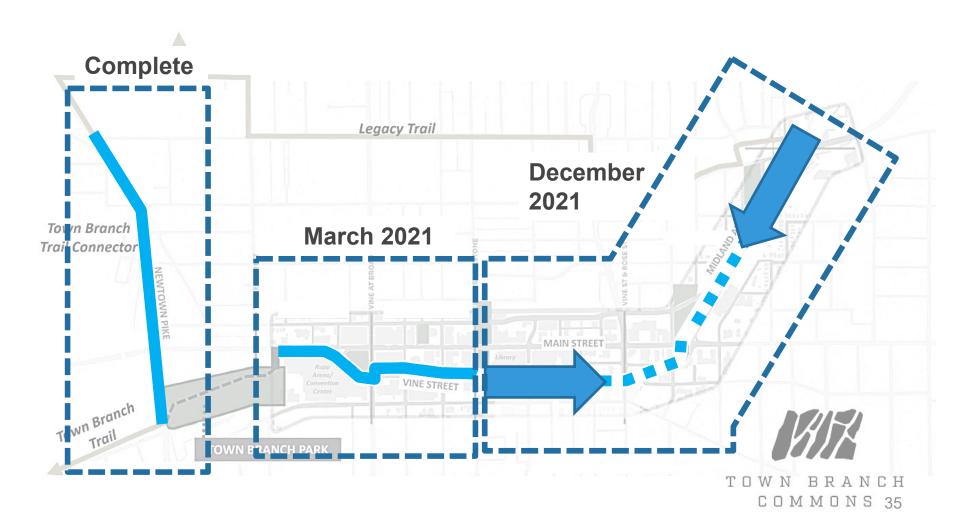








#### **Anticipated Final Completion Schedule**





#### **Change Order #2**

#### Significant Changes Include:

#### Zone 1: CMAQ and KIA funded

- Update typical walls to signature walls to match Change Order #1
- Charles Young Plaza material change for preferred maintenance
- Water fountain designs amended to save on operating costs
- Reduced number of water meters and updated irrigation systems

#### Zone 2: TAP and KIA funded

- Addition of one water meter.
- Addition of curb between trail and adjacent parking lots

#### Zones 3 & 4: TIGER Funded

- Additional concrete needed in locations to complete the trail and still provide Central Bank Center construction access
- Cost associated with final curb and sidewalk extension to close Old Patterson Street

#### All Zones:

- replacing crushed stone in tree pits to mulch
- incorporating bollards at driveway entrances to prevent vehicles from turning onto the bike/ped path



#### **Review of Costs:**

- Original Contract: \$20,193,934
- Change Order #1: \$161,290
- Change Order #2: \$522,191
  - Total project cost increase (all change orders): 3.5% of original contract

- Anticipated future Change Orders
  - Zone 2: Town Branch Culvert
  - All Zones: Street Furniture/Amenities
  - Contingency funds in place for future change orders and unforeseen costs



#### **Project Snapshot**

- 13 Contractors on site (prime + subs)
- 433 days since construction started
- 42% of project timeline used \*As of April 30, 2021
- 45% of work complete \*As of April 30, 2021
- 43% of contracted funds expended
- 19 months of work remaining

## **Questions?**

