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**DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT  
TO BEGIN MAY 27**

The City of Brookings has announced the downtown streetscape improvement project will officially begin on Tuesday, May 27. From May 27-30, the contractor will be installing traffic controls, temporary signage and begin removal of Main Avenue street surface between Sixth Street and Fifth Street. Water and sewer utility work will begin on this block the week of June 2.

City Manager Jeff Weldon said construction will focus primarily on one block at a time progressively moving from north to south. “The major excavation, utility replacement, backfilling, and curb and gutter installation will be done before moving to the second block of Main Avenue between Fifth Avenue and Fourth Avenue,” Weldon said.

“After the street is filled, and work commences on the next block, sidewalk work will begin on the first block,” Weldon added. Main Avenue between Sixth and Fifth will be closed to traffic for this work for a minimum of three weeks depending upon weather.

Access to businesses will be maintained but there will be periodic shut-offs of water and electricity. The contractor will make every effort to schedule these shut-offs at times to minimize business interruption.

Business owners and citizens are invited to a public informational meeting to learn more about the project on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level meeting room at City Hall. Representatives of the City and the contractor will describe the project and answer questions. The City will also hold public informational progress meetings every two weeks until the project is completed. The City will also post information on construction progress and scheduling on the City website at [www.cityofbrookings.org](http://www.cityofbrookings.org).

Weldon said the total project is scheduled to be substantially complete by late October but is subject to change. The single biggest factor in causing construction delays is weather.