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Fourth Street Improvement Project *Partnership on Design*

Maryville, MO – The City of Maryville and Northwest Missouri State University are proud to announce a joint partnership to begin engineering design on the Fourth Street Improvement Project. The proposed project seeks to improve the corridor along West Fourth Street from Main Street west to the University entrance near North Dunn Street.

Improvements to the Fourth Street corridor are referenced in the City of Maryville’s recently adopted Downtown Strategic Plan and the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

“From a streetscape perspective, the project will dramatically enhance the physical appearance and safety along the main gateway to the University,” said City Manager Greg McDanel. “Through the beautification process, the project will celebrate the proud history between the community and Northwest while reflecting the design elements found throughout downtown Maryville.”

McDanel said a preliminary project scope may include a new bicycle/pedestrian path along the north side, new sidewalk on the south side, ADA ramps, decorative light poles, drive approaches, utility adjustments, curb and gutter, asphalt overlay, stamped or colored concrete, landscaping, benches and public art.

Northwest and the City of Maryville have agreed to each financially contribute half of the engineering design costs on the project.

“Northwest is pleased to partner with the City of Maryville on this project,” said Northwest President Dr. John Jasinski. “This is an exciting time for our University and the city. The Maryville community has shown Northwest, our students, employees and alumni tremendous support through the years. We are confident the Fourth Street corridor project along with other planned community improvements will couple nicely with our beautiful campus – the State of Missouri’s Arboretum – and help continue to contribute to our strategic enrollment and retention initiatives. Partnerships such as this have been part of our platform and will be important for years to come.”

Preliminary engineering of the corridor will allow the search for potential grants and other construction funding to begin. A Request for Qualifications for engineering services will be released soon to begin the joint planning effort.

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