Construction slated for downtown projects

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After years of planning and preparing, the Coal Avenue Commons project is set to take its first step towards being a reality.

The City of Gallup has scheduled the groundbreaking for the project on July 13. The goal is to turn Coal Avenue into a plaza street with improved infrastructure and design.

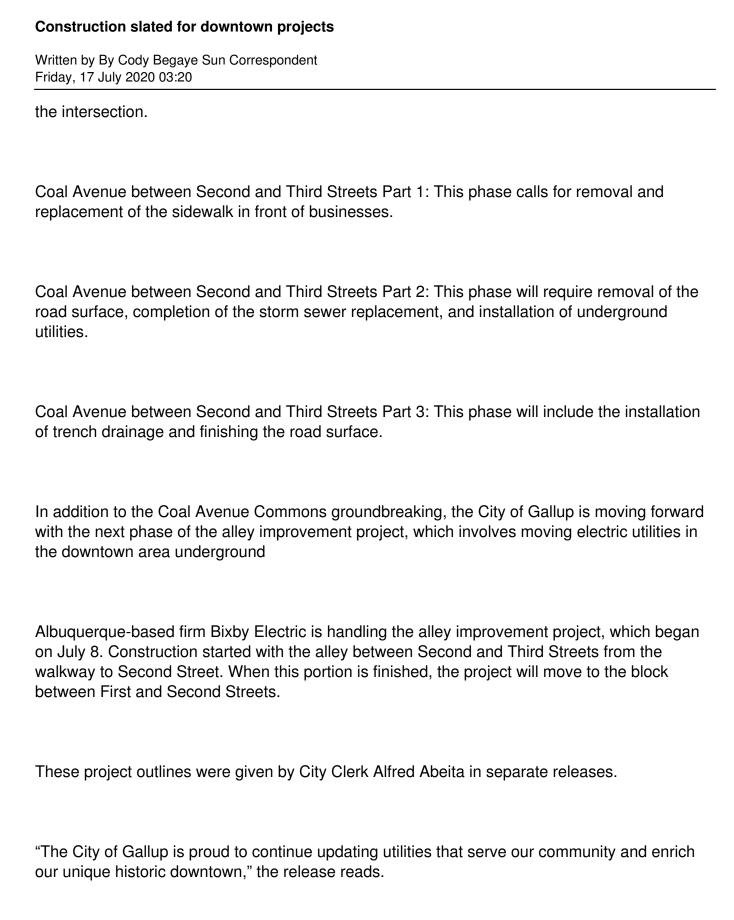
Construction starts in July with a scheduled completion window of March 2021.

The Gallup-based firm Murphy Builders is handling the project. They will also collaborate with the city and the Gallup Mainstreet Arts & Cultural District to preserve businesses in Downtown Gallup during construction.

During the duration of the project, Coal Avenue will be closed from Second Street through the Third Street intersection into the middle of the block between Third and Fourth Streets. Businesses will have a fenced-off walkway to allow pedestrian access into their stores.

The project is set to be completed in four phases:

The intersection at Third Street and Coal Avenue into the middle of the block west of the intersection: This phase includes replacement of the storm sewer and repair of the street into



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