

Phase Two of the Coal Avenue Commons project is moving closer to becoming a reality.

During the Sept. 16 Business Improvement District board meeting, Gallup's Assistant City Manager, JM DeYoung went over the project's updates with the board. City Manager Maryann Ustick prepared updates for the meeting in an email.

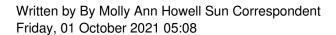
Ustick said the state will pay for Phase Two of the project. The cost for Phase Two is estimated at \$3.5 million.

"We are so excited that the state has come up with the full amount of funding for this project," Ustick told the *Sun*.

The city staff is currently working with construction firm Wilson and Co. to get a fee proposal to do the necessary re-certifications required to complete the project.

Ustick explained that they are also at work on an amended design so construction can start immediately after the funds arrive.

Coal Avenue Commons project update



The amended design breaks the Coal Avenue Commons project into phases.

Phase One is almost done; the city is just waiting for the lights for the walkway to arrive.

Ustick said the goal is to have Phase Two completed by August 2022.

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