



Stellar Streetscape Project Hits a Major Milestone



DLZ has been selected as the design engineer for the reconstruction and corridor improvements of State Road 13/15 from Smith Street to Canal Street. This transportation project is a critical component of Wabash's Stellar Plan, serving as the southern gateway to the downtown. The aesthetic improvements proposed along this corridor will create an appropriate introduction for visitors and residents to the community consistent with the

hard work that is already visible throughout downtown Wabash. The project will result in a high quality streetscape that is inviting for both motorists and pedestrians by providing proper access control and curb cuts, sidewalks and decorative crosswalks, landscaping, lighting, and modernized signage.

The State Road 13/15 project has been made possible by the Indiana Stellar Communities Designation Program. This project will leverage \$2,500,000 made available by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). This federal funding also requires a local match of twenty percent, which is currently in approval process through the City of Wabash. Construction costs are estimated at \$2,700,000 although final numbers will be determined during the design process.

"We are excited to continue moving forward with this important Stellar project. We have a strong working relationship with DLZ and are confident they will do great work for us," said Mayor Robert Vanlandingham.

Wabash Street Superintendent, Scott Richardson has been coordinating since the beginning of the year with David Armstrong, INDOT Fort Wayne Office, to move this project forward. "We've been working hard behind the scenes on this project since we received the Stellar designation last year," Richardson said. "Receiving the Stellar designation allowed us to move this much needed project to the front of the line with INDOT and get the funding that we otherwise would have waited years for."

DLZ and the City are currently negotiating the contract for engineering services. The contract is anticipated to be approved by July 2015 with design to begin immediately following contract execution. Construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2018. A detailed schedule will be developed and made available on the Wabash Stellar website once the contract is approved. Throughout the project,

the website will also provide information about when workers will be in the area to do survey, utility locations, etc. as well as any closures or detours related to the construction.

For more information about the status of all Stellar projects, please visit the Wabash Stellar website at www.wabashstellar.cityofwabash.com, contact the Mayor's office at 260-563-4171 extension 403, or Rachel Uthe, Stellar Deputy Program Manager and Media Contact, at 317-547-5580.

The Indiana Stellar Communities Designation Program, launched in 2011 is a multi-agency collaboration led by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor with administration provided by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) the lead entities in the Stellar Communities partnership currently consisting of nine state agencies.