

2021 Heritage Park, Paddock Park and Associated Streetscapes

Community Engagement– April 2021

Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc., in collaboration with the City of Fort Worth and the MIG Team, is advancing plans for this project. Prior community engagement and subsequent plans serve as a basis for our current effort to establish the final design of courthouse area traffic and pedestrian safety improvements, a dramatic reimagining of Paddock Park, and significant improvements to the bluff, including River Stairs and a Canopy Walk.

In conjunction with the restoration of Heritage Plaza, led by the Bennett Benner Partner team, all of these improvements will create a set of new, exciting destinations and experiences on the north end of downtown. They will improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation around the courthouse, transform the bluff along the Houston Street axis into a true amenity for Fort Worth, position Heritage Park in the middle of the river/city experience and create an even stronger tie between downtown, the Trinity River, and trail system.

As part of this process, the MIG Team will facilitate virtual public meetings. The goal is to dig deeper into the ideas and vision that the community has for this site.

The following images provide an overview of the existing design concept.



Overall Site Plan, orange outlines the areas included in the project. (Image from Bennett Benner Partners)

Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety Improvements



Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety Improvements include bulbouts around the Courthouse, streetscape improves on the northside of the Courthouse, softening the northbound radius of Main, and removing the bus slip lane on Belknap west of the Courthouse. (Image from Bennett Benner Partners)



Paddock Park is expanded and activated with a fountain, creating a formal gateway for the Courthouse.



Monumental River Stairs and a crisscrossing Canopy Walk create an accessible path from bluff top to river's edge providing a direct connection from downtown to the Trinity.