For decades, Granby Street has been a hub of activity in Norfolk, always reinventing itself to reflect the spirit of the people and the times. The section of Granby Street in the NEON District is iconic, the center of the creative revival.

The NEON District Streetscape Project is more than just a beautification project. These critical infrastructure improvements will benefit businesses and residents for decades to come. Additionally, the project provides new technology to enhance the overall visitor experience. These improvements to the NEON District will reflect and enhance the energy of the area, the people and the businesses.

**KEY PROJECT FEATURES**

- Reconstruct the roadway, sidewalks and curbs
- Add ADA-compliant ramps and painted crosswalks
- Upgrade traffic signals and add pedestrian signal heads and buttons
- Replace water and sewer system
- Upgrade stormwater collection and add a conveyance system
- Introduce a biofiltration system to address water quality
- Modernize utility lines with underground electrical conduits
- Install street lighting with new lamp posts
- Improve landscaping with tree canopy and planter boxes
- Add new amenities including seating and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations
The NEON District Streetscape Project will refresh the block and unify the overall look while remaining artistically distinct. Construction is anticipated to take two to three years for completion. Once completed, residents, businesses, and visitors will benefit from the modern features in the creative center of Norfolk.

**THE PROJECT WILL BE TRANSFORMATIVE FOR THE DISTRICT**

**STREETSCAPE ELEMENTS:**
- Contemporary benches
- Tree canopy
- Lamp posts
- Artistic sculptures
- EV charging stations
- Landscaping

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

1. **BEFORE CONSTRUCTION**
   - Attend community meetings and learn about the project
   - Provide input about the project
   - Share information and updates with neighbors, visitors, and customers

2. **DURING CONSTRUCTION**
   - Vehicular traffic will be restricted to one northbound lane (towards Virginia Beach Blvd.)
   - On-street parking will be temporarily restricted. Additional parking will be available on Virginia Beach Blvd. and Monticello Ave.
   - Pedestrian wayfinding signage
   - Pedestrian access will be maintained via wooden walkways
   - Temporary water and electrical disruptions to tie in new lines
   - Temporary road closures – access to properties will be maintained

3. **CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED**
   - Enhanced Downtown Norfolk destination with an energy reflective of NEON
   - New underground electrical system for greater continuity of service, directly to properties
   - New stormwater system improves drainage
   - Improved pedestrian experience with ADA-accessible sidewalks and crosswalks
   - New amenities such as electric vehicle charging stations, seating areas, and tree canopy with electric access wells

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**PROJECT TIMELINE**

- **Construction Starts Spring 2023**
- **2023**
- **Infrastructure Improvements**
- **2024**
- **Streetscape Improvements**
- **2025**
- **Energizing NEON Fall 2025**
- **2026**

**CONTACT TO PROVIDE INPUT**

The City will coordinate with businesses and residents in order to minimize impact throughout construction.

The input that you provide now will help shape the construction work hours and traffic management plans during construction.

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