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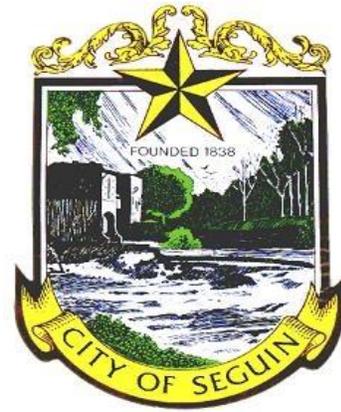
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Main Street Project approved for \$150 K grant from state

SEGUIN, Texas – Our historic downtown is getting a facelift in the form of reconstructed sidewalks and ADA-compliant ramps. The improvements are coming thanks to a state grant.

The Texas Department of Agriculture approved Seguin for a Texas Capital Fund program award for \$150,000.00. The grant will pay for sidewalk repairs and 18 ADA ramps on the south side of downtown (see attached map). The reconstructed sidewalks included in the project are located on W. Nolte Street, S. River Street, E. Washington Street and S. Camp Street. Eighteen ADA ramps will also be installed along this route.

“We chose these sidewalks for the improvements because they are pretty deteriorated with lots of cracks. They’re pretty unsafe for pedestrians to walk on them. We want downtown to be convenient and accessible to all of our citizens,” said Kyle Kramm, Director of Main Street, “The repairs will also help to connect downtown to the new library, Heritage Village and the end of the Walnut Springs Trail.”

The project includes removing and rebuilding 786 linear feet of sidewalks, driveways, and ramps – all American with Disability Act (ADA) compliant. Four curb bulb-outs (extensions) will also be constructed to make the ramps ADA accessible. The current curbs are not standard height. According to City Engineer Joe Ramos, the curb extensions will also reduce the length pedestrians have to travel when crossing streets.

“We received a lot of support from downtown businesses for the project which was one of the factors used to award us the grant,” said Kramm.

Other criteria included the propose projects benefit to low/moderate income population, the city's participation in the Main Street Program and the percentage of funding for ADA improvements.

The City of Seguin will provide \$45,000.00 in matching funds for engineering and construction.

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