

# 2009 Mitchell Street Improvement Project

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## **FACT SHEET**



**Bumpouts:** Bumpouts are an extension of the sidewalk into the street, equal to the width of the parking lane. They reduce the physical width of the street that is crossed by “bumping out” the sidewalk. Bumpouts are also designed to enhance pedestrian safety and calm (slow down) traffic. By narrowing the perception of the street width, traffic will slow slightly on Mitchell Street, creating a more walkable environment. Bumpouts also will enhance downtown beauty and aesthetics.

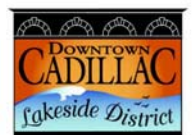
**Gateway Improvements:** Gateway treatments will be placed on North and South Mitchell Street to clearly define the downtown business district and thus further promote traffic calming. Gateway treatments designate the entrances to a specific area. Filled with street lights, banners, planters and decorative paving, these gateway treatments will also enhance downtown beauty.

**Decorative Brick Pavers:** Brick pavers improve the aesthetics and beautification of downtown, while making Cadillac safer for pedestrians. Brick pavers will be placed inside side-street crosswalks in the central business district. “Zebra striping” will be used on Mitchell Street crosswalks for enhanced visibility.

**Street Trees and Decorative Lighting:** New trees will be planted at the bumpouts and both north and south of the central business district, while Victorian style light poles will replace the overhead “Cobra” style light poles from River to Howard Streets.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** As our population ages and the percentage of people with disabilities increases, barrier-free accessibility becomes more and more important. The Mitchell Street improvements and enhancement activities have all been designed according to the latest ADA standards and will make our downtown tops in accessibility.

**Road Resurfacing:** Mitchell Street will be resurfaced from Chapin Street to River Street. This type of resurfacing is commonly referred to as a “mill and fill.” Modernized traffic signals and countdown pedestrian signals will be installed along this stretch. Countdown pedestrian signals flash the number of seconds left for pedestrians to safely cross the street.



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**Road Reconstruction:** Mitchell Street will be largely removed and repaved from Maple Hill Cemetery to Chapin Street. The latest traffic signals and countdown pedestrian signals will also be installed along this stretch.

**Underground Utility Improvements:** New sanitary sewer will be installed from Granite Street to South Street and from Harris Street to Beech Street. New water main will be installed from Cottage Street to Howard Street. Underground utility work can be dangerous for construction workers -- that's why the detour will be utilized from Granite Street to Chapin Street, where the most significant underground work will occur.

**Curb and Gutter:** New curbs and gutters will be installed from South Street to Chapin Street. Installation of curb and gutter systems will be installed as needed from Chapin Street to River Street.

**Railroad:** The railroad crossing on Mitchell Street is in need of complete reconstruction. To ensure the timely completion of the railroad overhaul and the underground utility improvements, Mitchell Street will be closed to traffic from Granite Street to Chapin Street, early-April through the first week of May (estimated time frame). Completing these activities at the beginning of the project will relieve congestion and allow Mitchell Street to remain open thereafter. Reconstruction of the railroad crossing includes a new approach and crossing.

**Method of Completion:** Mitchell Street will be completed in phases to minimize traffic disruption. Once the project is underway, updates to the schedule and map will be available at [www.downtowncadillac.com](http://www.downtowncadillac.com) and on [www.cadillacnews.com](http://www.cadillacnews.com).