



CASE FOR SUPPORT

Construction
of Streetscape,
Pedestrian Corridor
& History Walk

The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art and Technology is seeking support for a new streetscape project that will enhance the aesthetic appeal and safety of downtown Newark and The Works Museum.

Our vision is to create a safe, history-enriched environment for all visitors to Newark and The Works while engaging people in the storied history of our community. In collaboration with the City of Newark, Park National Bank, and JBA Architects, The Works has developed a concept for a new streetscape and walkway from Second Street to First Street that will allow pedestrians to travel securely from the Canal Market District and other points downtown to our museum. The plan also features safer parking, school bus access, and turnarounds.

STREETSCAPE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- The historic Scheidler Steam Engine (formerly located in the lobby of The Works Administration Building) will be moved to a visible outdoor location on 2nd Street and enclosed in a glass structure that mirrors the Canal Market design.
- Canal Street will be redirected before the museum to safely reroute traffic to Market Street. Bollards will be added to discourage cars from driving over the raised entrance.
- The Works flagpole (formerly located where SciDome now stands) will be moved, and the historic transportation marker will be relocated.
- A new pedestrian corridor will be built from the existing interurban mural on Second Street, ending at the canal on First Street. The walkway will feature a story line showcasing the history of transportation in our region.
- A new covered sidewalk will be built at the entrance to The Works Museum for the safety and comfort of our guests.
- Museum parking will end with a U-turn before the museum on Canal Street to facilitate school bus and van drop-offs for school and community groups.
- New designated handicap parking.

Construction is expected to begin in September 2019. Our goal is to raise \$700,000 for construction and enhancements to the walkway, parking lot, and history walk.



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PROJECT TIMELINE

- **September 2018**
The Works Board of Trustees approved the concept and fundraising plan. A parking lot “swap” was negotiated with Park National Bank for the parking spaces in front of the museum.
- **January 2019**
The plan will move to Newark City Council for approval and signatures.
Design plans will be finalized with JBA Architects for the Scheidler steam engine glass enclosure for 2nd Street parking lot and new signage.
Budget will be developed and construction bids secured.
- **January 2019-May 2019**
Fundraising campaign will be underway. Concepts and design of the history walkway will be developed.
- **September 2019**
Construction will begin.

ANTICIPATED COST

Our goal is to secure \$700,000 in commitments from individuals, foundations, and corporations by April 2019. The Works Board of Trustees and leadership have approved the plan to secure funding for construction and maintenance costs for this project.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Works is a community treasure that is enhanced by community support. We invite you to join us in our vision by:

- ▶ Considering a multi-year commitment to achieve a gift of significance.
- ▶ Making a one-time gift.
- ▶ Exploring naming opportunities to honor a family, business or individual.

Contact us today to discuss ways you can help enhance the attractiveness and safety of downtown Newark and The Works for generations!

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