

Temple Terrace gives go-ahead on infrastructure

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An underground utilities project is expected to kick off Temple Terrace's long-delayed downtown redevelopment project. However, it won't get started until the actual redevelopment begins.

Temple Terrace city officials approved the construction project to install the infrastructure in the downtown redevelopment area east of 56th Street and south of Bullard Parkway. The \$1 million project will be paid for using federal, state, county and municipal funds as well as grants and loans

City officials say they intend to invest another \$5.7 million into corridor improvements that would include decorative lighting and crosswalks, safety enhancements, sidewalks, landscaping and other work with funding from federal, state and local grants.

The downtown redevelopment project has been ongoing for nearly seven years at the 20-acre site where two older shopping plazas currently exist. Plans are to build a \$45 million development that would incorporate retail, residential, office, restaurant and civic/cultural components.

The city is still working to finalize a sales-purchase agreement with **Ram Development Co.** and Pinnacle Realty Advisors.