

CONNECTIVE CORRIDOR FRIDAY FAST FACTS

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East Genesee Street – North side work is underway, including green infrastructure, excavation for sidewalks, curbs and preparation for paving. The project team is pushing the contractors to pick up the schedule, so expect to see ramped up construction, including work on Saturdays with two excavation crews. The entire project team is pushing contractors to move as quickly as possible. The City, B&L and C&S have put an aggressive schedule in place and will be working hard to push the contractors to that schedule, including looking at projects that can be done concurrently. Progression will be: water, drainage, silva cells, conduit, road excavation, curb installation, fine grade, pave base binder, sidewalks, island installation, pave top, stripe and landscaping/planting.

Finishing touches on University Ave. – The white bicycle markings went on the green lanes this week, and it is so great to see them being used!

At the other end of town –work is complete for the new gateway entrance to Armory Square. The series of small parks were designed by UPSTATE, Olin and B&L Engineers, and installed by a local company, Ballard Construction. The Connective Corridor also help fund the new Armory Square gateway sign, a project of the Armory Square Association.

This week, a 12-part large gateway installation series launches called “Iconic Syracuse.” A collaboration with The Onondaga Historical Association (OHA), the series features historic scenes of Syracuse paired with oil paintings created by Industrial and Interaction Design students Greg Mawicke and Jesse Handelman under the direction of Professor Denise Heckman. “What’s so wonderful about this project is the fresh perspective offered by the students’ paintings,” says Heckman. “Their work introduces us to areas of the community that we might pass by every day without a thought. They encourage us to take a second look.”

The photos used in the series are vintage scenes from along the Connective Corridor selected by OHA’s Curator of History, Dennis Connor. Executive Director of OHA Gregg Tripoli says he is thrilled to be collaborating with SU to bring a historic perspective to the Connective Corridor. “This project is a beautiful mix of the old and the new and it symbolizes the important role that our past has on informing our future,” he says.

See the attached news release to learn more about this project which is all about connections – fusing the past and infusing the future. It’s also a wonderful example of “scholarship in action.”

Please join us for an “Iconic Syracuse” opening reception Thursday, September 6 from 4-6 p.m. at the Warehouse, 350 West Fayette St., fourth floor. The reception is free and open to the public. Enjoy remarks by Gregg Tripoli, meet the artists and see their work.

The Connective Corridor is about making connections. We are pleased to also help promote a great tool for connecting with student talent for internship opportunities. Next week is a push for this great online tool: www.project-ion.com

This region is home to 140,000 college students who are eager to put their skill sets to work in internship opportunities at your business. Connect with them through www.project-ion.com which was created by the Central Upstate Regional Alliance and CenterState CEO. Get on the website during the next week and post an opportunity for fall 2012 or spring 2013. The internships can either be "paid" or "for college-level credit." Students from across the region are also being encouraged to post their resumes and apply for opportunities. *The profiles will "go live" on September 6th.* It's a terrific, free matchmaking opportunity to find some of our best and brightest for your business or nonprofit. Build capacity for your organization and connect promising talent with the community – a great way to retain our "brain-base." We encourage you to take advantage of this easy to use tool.

Enjoy the long holiday weekend!

This week's update is from information we've received from the Connective Corridor project team that includes The City of Syracuse, Onondaga County and Save the Rain, B&L Engineers and C&S. This information goes to businesses along the Corridor, and our project partners.