

PANTHER ISLAND & GATEWAY PARK PROJECT PROGRESS

GATEWAY UPDATE

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) excavation project, which moved 1,625,173 cubic yards of dirt, set grades for future fields, trails and other recreation amenities is now complete. The stretch of trails north of the Trinity River and just west of Beach Street that was previously closed is now open to the public and once again provides a beautiful connection to the over 72 miles of Trinity Trails.

Later this year, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) will begin Phase 2 excavation work in the park. The excavation work in Gateway provides needed flood protection for our city and gets these areas of the park ready for recreational amenities.

The excavation work is expected to take place this fall. At this time this will be an 8a Sole Source contract, however, listed below are sub-contracting opportunities.

- ◆ Clearing and Grubbing
- ◆ Construction Trailer Rental
- ◆ Curb and Gutter
- ◆ Erosion Control
- ◆ Excavation and Grading
- ◆ Fencing
- ◆ Irrigation
- ◆ Janitorial services
- ◆ Seeding
- ◆ Supplying Port-a-Potties
- ◆ Traffic Control
- ◆ Trucking



Excavation work completed to date at Gateway Park

WHITE SETTLEMENT BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Bent 5 falsework being installed at White Settlement



The bridge contractor is currently erecting bridge superstructure falsework on the White Settlement bridge so that the box girders and concrete deck can be constructed. The bridge contractor is currently working on the east and west portions of the bridge simultaneously. Once the falsework is

completed, the Contractor will begin forming the bridge box girders.

Work continues on the North Main St. and Henderson Street Bridges. Both are expected to complete in Spring of 2020.

SPOTLIGHT CHAMBER LAUNCHES FORTIFY GAME PLAN TO FIELD NEW STRATEGIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARENA

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce has launched a far-reaching strategic plan that retools internal and external operations to meet major challenges related to North Texas’ rapid growth, intense competition and new dynamics in the global business environment.

Branded as Fortify, the four-year plan focuses on Fort Worth and the region and includes an extensive fundraising initiative, reorganization through new hires and redefined staff roles, more aggressive marketing and increased member involvement.

“Fortify responds to a very sobering reality,” said Chamber President and CEO Bill Thornton. “We – the Chamber, Fort Worth and the region – are at a crossroads in economic development.

“We can risk gambling on business as usual to try to keep up with unprecedented growth challenges and risk missing opportunities. Or we can field new strengths for greater reach and achievement, which are Fortify’s goals.” *(Continued on back)*

UPCOMING EVENTS, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS:

August 16, 2018 | City of Fort Worth Monthly Vendor Informational Forum

For more information: fortworthtexas.gov/ecodev/

September 6, 2018 | WBCS Business Works Expo

For more information: wbcsouthwest.org

September 20, 2018 | City of Fort Worth Monthly Vendor Informational Forum

For more information: fortworthtexas.gov/ecodev/

September 26, 2018 | DFW MSDC Quarterly Buyers Luncheon

For more information: dfwmsdc.org

October 11, 2018 | Does Your Bid Have Bang, Meet the Project Managers 

For more information: TrinityRiverVision.org/Contracting

November 6, 2018 | WBCS Harvesting Partnerships

For more information: wbcsouthwest.org

November 8, 2018 | TRWD/TRVA Fair Contracting Quarterly Workshop 

For more information: TrinityRiverVision.org/Contracting



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SPOTLIGHT (CONTINUED FROM FRONT)

The Chamber has launched Fortify's four pillars: Business Recruitment & Retention; Talent Development, Attraction and Retention; Small Business & Entrepreneur Support; and Government Advocacy.

Meanwhile, Gengelbach said, the Chamber has launched fundraising initiatives, moving its fiscal year to January 1 "to accommodate the needs of our investors and leverage the necessary investment as soon as possible to keep our momentum. We are building the ship as we sail."

Fortify's budget goal this year is \$6.5 million to fund external marketing of Fort Worth, business advocacy at all government levels and local entrepreneur support, Gengelbach said, with plans to scale up the budget to \$8.1 million in the next two years.

Fortify's four pillars contain measurable goals. Top goals include:

- ◆ Business Attraction and Existing Business Retention and Expansion
- ◆ Attract four Fortune 1000 corporate headquarters.
- ◆ Attract 2,000 new jobs and create 2,000 jobs with wages > the county average.
- ◆ Attract 20 Inc. 5000 companies.

Talent Development, Retention and Attraction

- ◆ 5% increase in the percentage of population age 25+ with postsecondary degrees, licenses or certifications.
- ◆ 10% increase in targeted industries talent supply.

Advocacy

- ◆ Collaborate w/stakeholders to secure funding for Trinity Metro master plan
- ◆ Improve business sector diversity on advocacy committees
- ◆ Promote Fort Worth as a center for political issue discussions

Small Business and Entrepreneur Support

- ◆ Increase business start-ups by 10%.
- ◆ Achieve Top 20 status in national entrepreneur rankings in at least one category.

Annual Goals:

- ◆ Develop and promote free entrepreneur and small business support services
- ◆ Understand feasibility of a 'Start-Up Fort Worth' Foundation
- ◆ Develop incubators and innovation labs around targeted/emerging industries (via collaboration w/ stakeholders)

Strategies:

- ◆ Establish advisory guild to provide basic counsel and guidance for small business owners/operators



Pillar heads. L to R: Dr. Anthony Edwards, Talent Development; Chris Strayer, Business Attraction; Jarred Howard, Small Business & Entrepreneur; Rebecca Montgomery, Advocacy.

- ◆ Assess existing small business ecosystem and provide guidance and infrastructure for continued development & expansion
- ◆ Develop and execute a comprehensive outreach initiative to maximize residents' access to chamber services and resources

"The Chamber looks forward to Fort Worth's evolution as a world-class city that is more broadly recognized as such," said Brandon Gengelbach, executive vice president of Economic Development, "But we will always remember, and continue to draw on, the pioneering grit and heritage that have propelled us this far with an entrepreneurial spirit that continues to inspire residents, business leaders and visitors."

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, with more than 2,000 member businesses, is one of the largest chambers in North Texas. Through business-to-business marketing, educational events, economic development, workforce development and government advocacy, the Fort Worth Chamber assumes a leadership role in making Fort Worth, the 16th -largest city in the U.S., a premier location in which to live, work and do business.

For more information, visit: www.fortworthchamber.com/fortify/

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MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the project or TRVA, please call 817-698-0700, go to www.trinityrivervision.org, or visit the TRVA Education Center located in downtown Fort Worth at 307 W. Seventh Street.

LET US KNOW

We want to provide information that is useful and valuable to you. What topics relating to contracting are you interested in reading or learning more about? Send us an email and let us know. We'd like to hear from you!

Contact Stacy Beeson at stacy.beeson@trinityrivervision.org with your suggestions.

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CONTRACTING INFORMATION SESSION

AUGUST 23, 2018
9:00 AM TO 10:30 AM
 Tarrant County Resource Connection Center
 2300 Circle Dr, Fort Worth, 76119

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WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- Discover current and future contracting opportunities with TRWD, Integrated Pipeline, Panther Island, Gateway Park and other related projects.
- Learn how to be a TRWD supplier and current opportunities.
- Learn about each entity's Contracting Policy.
- Network with other business professionals.



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LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE NEED YOU!



The Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce is currently in the middle of a membership drive with a goal of adding 100 new members. This could be achieved easily if every member brought in one new member. For current members who get two or more members to join the Chamber at your current membership level or above, your next year's membership dues will be reduced by 50 percent.

Since the drive started, they have 38 new members. While that's a good start we need to pick up the pace. We can do this!

You can join online at fwmbcc.org. For more information contact Membership Director Dennise Babiche at 817-871-6558 or dbabiche@fwmbcc.org

Seize opportunities with the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce! The FWHCC recently launched our 2018 Membership Campaign with a goal of increasing our membership base. The campaign theme, "Seize Opportunities," emphasizes the unlimited opportunities that you gain by joining the FWHCC. Whether it is business development, networking, leadership, service and/or educational opportunities that drive you, the possibilities are endless when you become a FWHCC member. At the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, we help businesses start, expand and connect with other businesses, support an educated workforce and engage and serve our community.

You can join online at fwhcc.org. For more information, contact Membership Coordinator Sandra Garcia at 817-625-5411 or Sandra.Garcia@fwhcc.org




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