

Open house planned to discuss Falls City electrical upgrades

(KLZA)-- An open house meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 26 to provide an update on the planned electrical system construction project in downtown Falls City.

The meeting will be held at the Southeast Nebraska Community College Learning Center at 3200 Bill Schock Boulevard from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The plans do not call for a formal presentation, but those in attendance can stop by at their convenience to learn more about Phase I of the project. Business and property owners are encouraged to attend.

Phase I will include properties located from Chase Street to Harlan Street and 11th Street to 20th Street.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin this spring and continue through the fall. The project will include conversion of approximately 14 blocks of the downtown business alley overhead powerlines to an under ground system, making the system more resilient to weather events and safer for the public. The Watts Electrical Company will complete the work.

The current condition of the existing overhead electrical system in the downtown area is nearing the end of its useful life and no longer provides reliable electrical service. Design for the upgraded electrical system began in 2021. JEO Consulting and Olsson, Inc. have designed the electrical upgrades.

Staff members from the City, Watts, JEO and Olsson will be on hand at the open house to answer questions and provide information on the upcoming project.

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