



**YBOR CITY COMMUNITY MEETING**

**HISTORIC 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BRICKING PROJECT- Phase 2**

**March 25, 2026**

# AGENDA

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Welcome and Introductions

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Thank You to Our Host, Gaspar's Grotto

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Why? Bricking project history

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What? 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bricking project scope

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How? Bricking process and construction details

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When? Proposed schedule and timeline

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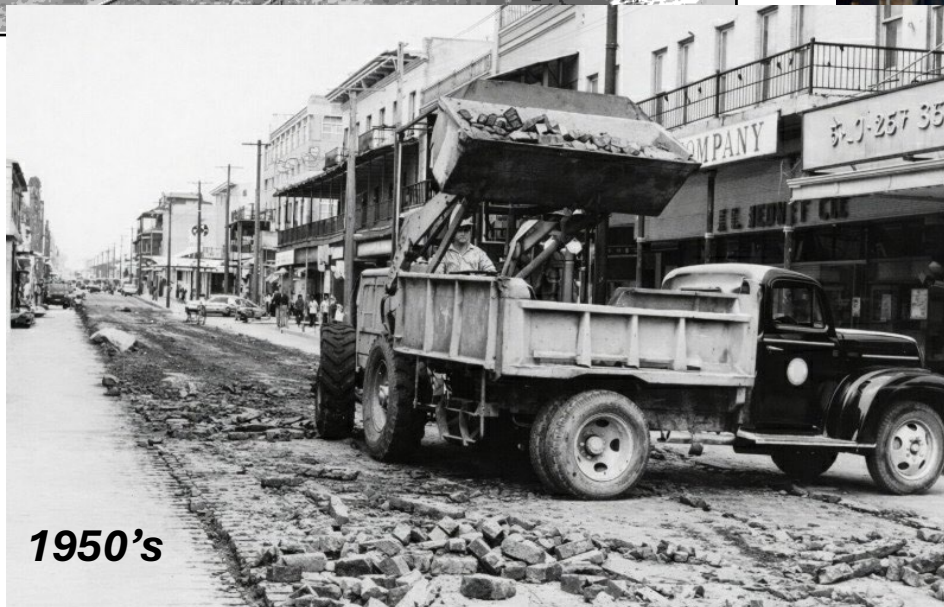
# History of Ybor's Brick Streets



1920's



1970's



1950's

Ybor City founded 1885

National Historic Landmark District designation

Brick streets date back prior to 1960's

7<sup>th</sup> Ave brick street replaced by asphalt paving

Studies and testing have shown no evidence of bricks underneath the street.

Bricking 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue will enhance the character of the historic district; restore the authenticity of Ybor's famous commercial street, provide natural traffic calming and promote walkability.

# Project Scope – Phase 1 - COMPLETE

HISTORIC 7TH AVENUE BRICKING PROJECT PHASE 1: 15TH TO 17TH STREETS.





# Phase 1 Completion Pictures



# Award Winning Project

Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission's 2025 Planning and Design Awards



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## Jan Abell Historic Preservation Award and Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award

- ▶ The first phase of the Ybor City CRA's 7th Avenue Bricking Project was recognized for excellence in planning, community engagement, and implementation, restoring historic brick streets to enhance safety, walkability, and economic vitality. The project demonstrated innovation, sustainability, and strong public participation, serving as a model for preserving cultural heritage while advancing quality of life.





## Bricking Process and Construction Details

- ▶ **Project construction will be on 2 blocks of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (street only)**
- ▶ **Simultaneous closure of 17th–18th St. and 18th–19th St. segments**
- ▶ **Anticipated start: Week of April 13th**
- ▶ **Anticipated time of construction: 25 Days**
- ▶ **Street closure: up to 30 days**
- ▶ **Potential delays due to weather**
- ▶ **Schedule updates on City's Engage Page**



# Schedule and Timeline



Monday, April 13th, 2026

Mobilization and Installation of Maintenance of Traffic Signage and Protective Fencing



Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

Commence Sanding and Brick Installation



Friday, May 8th, 2026

Project Cleanup and MOT and Fence Removal



Asphalt Milling

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026



Completion of Installation of Brick Roadway

Tuesday, May 5th, 2026



## Phase 2: 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Management Plan




close 7th Ave. between 17th and 19th St. to remove asphalt and replace with historical brick. Place 6 ft. high fence along the North and South Side of 7th Ave. at the edge of Curb, and provide gates at each end of 7th Ave. at 17th, 18th and 19th St. for access to work site. Provide detours around the closure of 7th Ave.

# Business Signage during Construction- Phase 2

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Open for business during roadway improvements

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Fat Tuesday  
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Dysfunctional  
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Atomic Ta  
Coyote Ugly



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David Stich Group  
Ada Love Your Home  
Sol Design  
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**North Side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets**

**North Side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 18th and 19th Streets**

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Restaurant and Bar  
Market of Cigars  
Barrio  
Tacos and Tequila

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Gaspar's Grotto  
White Fox Tattoo Studio  
La Herencia de Cuba Cigar Factory  
Ybor Urban Market  
Blind Tiger Coffee Company  
Las Vegas Tattoo Company  
Acropolis Greek Taverna

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# Communication: Keep Informed!



**JOIN US FOR  
A PROJECT  
INFORMATION  
MEETING!**

**Wednesday,  
March 25, 2026**

When: **3:00 - 4:00 PM**  
Where: **Gaspar's Grotto**  
1805 E. 7th Avenue

Free, nearby parking can be found at the City's Ybor Lots 3, 5, and 6.

This is an opportunity for residents, business owners, property owners, and community members to learn more about the Historic 7th Avenue Bricking Project between N. 17th and 19th Streets from city representatives.

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## Q & A

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