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HUNTINGTON -- A project to enhance pedestrian safety across the 900 block of 3rd Avenue will begin Wednesday, Feb. 14.

A mid-block crosswalk has been envisioned for this block to connect the commercial venues of Pullman Square to the mixed-use central business district and the Marshall University Visual Arts Center. The project is a partnership between the City of Huntington and the West Virginia Division of Highways' Transportation Alternatives Program.

The project entails a mid-block crossing with a small refuge island and curb bump-out on either side to shorten the crossing distance. There also will be minor improvements to curbing in front of the Marshall Visual Arts Center to include more on-street bicycle parking and landscaping.

Temporary parking restrictions will be in place beginning Wednesday, Feb. 14, for 3rd Avenue between 9th and 10th streets in the area of Pullman Square. Construction is expected to continue through the end of March. The first phase will affect parking on the westbound side of 3rd Avenue. Although lanes may shift, it is expected that traffic will be able to travel through the 900 block of 3rd Avenue throughout the construction period.

More information about the project will be available on the City of Huntington website, www.cityofhuntington.com, as it proceeds.

Workers will be present daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Drivers should expect delays, adjust their commuting schedules and avoid the area if possible.

Please use caution when traveling through the area due to traffic control devices, equipment and workers.

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