



# Engineers preparing for Stellar construction projects

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As the North Vernon Stellar project moves forward, engineers are asking some downtown building owners for brief access to their buildings.

Engineers will be checking buildings within the project area for any type of vault or basement extending underneath the existing sidewalks.

“These brief site visits will help us make final plans for the downtown construction projects that will start *in 2012*,” said Cory Whitesell, project manager for Hannum, Wagle and Cline Engineering (HWC).

The construction projects will increase the viability of downtown businesses and housing by improving sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks and related work.

Building or business owners along Madison, Walnut, 5th and O&M streets can expect visits from HWC engineers any time after December 5, 2011.

It is expected that engineers will need no more than 20 minutes in each building, including access to the basement. The HWC engineers will provide photo identification before entering each building.

Some downtown buildings in the project area have old coal chutes or basement window wells. Engineers will be measuring the size of these compartments as well as determining the effort that may be needed to seal these areas from the existing building.

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