

### Sidewalks, Curb Ramps, Lighting, Water Main Connections, Fire hydrants, and Valves

The sidewalks, curb ramps, lighting, water main connections, fire hydrants, and valves do not contribute to the NRHP eligibility of the Historic District. As a result of this proposed project, new sidewalks and curb ramps will maintain the same physical relationship and transitions between the sidewalks and the buildings. Newly proposed pedestrian lighting will be in keeping with the historically appropriate lighting already in use at the historic courthouse square. The installation of the new water main connections and the installation of fire hydrants and valves will upgrade existing systems already present within the Tecumseh Historic District. These construction activities will occur within the already urbanized setting of the Historic District and those aspects of setting, feeling and association of the historic property will not be adversely affected by the completion of this proposed project.

### Retaining Walls

The Tecumseh Historic District will not be adversely affected by the construction of the proposed retaining walls. The retaining walls will be constructed along the West side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, South of Clay Street, and at the city office building in order to correct the difference in elevation between the existing streets and sidewalks. The construction activities associated with this correction will include a combination of a ramp and retaining wall system which will comply with current ADA regulations. Although the completion of these construction activities will affect the Historic District, this effect to the Historic District does not rise to the level of an adverse effect as defined at 36 CFR 800.5. The construction activities associated with the retaining walls will occur within areas an already urbanized area. The urban setting of the Historic District and those characteristics which make the Historic District eligible for inclusion on the NRHP will not be adversely affected by the construction of the retaining walls.

### Brick Streets

The reconstruction of the existing brick streets of the commercial core of the Tecumseh Historic District with new brick pavers will not adversely affect the Historic District. Although the reconstruction will cause an effect to the Historic District, the in-kind replacement of the brick pavers does not rise to the level of an adverse effect as defined at 36 CFR 800.5. This in-kind replacement meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation in that, to the extent possible, the new brick pavers will match the old brick pavers in "design, color, texture and, where possible, materials" (Standards for Rehabilitation, #6). When completed according to the Standards for Rehabilitation, the rehabilitation of the historic brick streets does not rise to the level of an adverse effect as defined at 36 CFR 800.5. Post construction, the Tecumseh Historic District will be readily recognizable as an exceptionally fine example of a nineteenth century, rural, county seat in Nebraska.

### Structural Observation Report Repairs

The repairs recommended in the Structural Evaluation will not adversely affect the Tecumseh Historic District. Although the repairs associated with the underground storage vaults, coal chutes, the subterranean walkway, windows and doorways, stairways and stairwells, and lightwells will cause an effect to the Historic District, as outlined above, these repairs meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Therefore, these repairs do not rise to the level of an adverse effect as defined at 36 CFR 800.5. Post construction, the Tecumseh Historic District will remain easily recognizable as an exceptionally fine example of a nineteenth century, rural, county seat in Nebraska. To ensure that the Tecumseh Historic District is not adversely affected by the Project as proposed, the construction commitments included below have been designated.