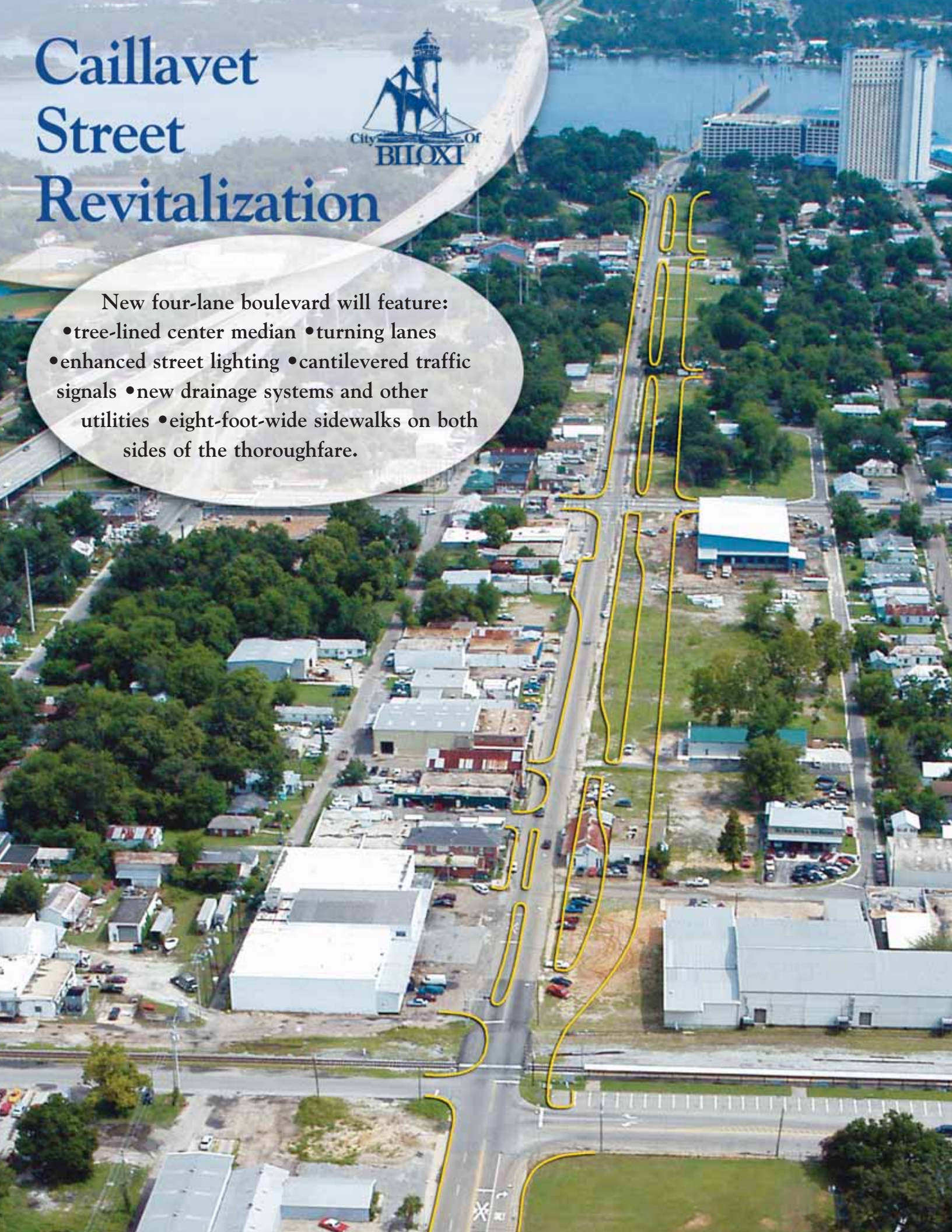


Caillavet Street Revitalization



- New four-lane boulevard will feature:
- tree-lined center median
 - turning lanes
 - enhanced street lighting
 - cantilevered traffic signals
 - new drainage systems and other utilities
 - eight-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the thoroughfare.



From the Office of the Mayor

Oct. 28, 2004

Dear Caillavet Street area property owners and residents:



Current view of Caillavet Street



Artist's rendering of new boulevard

Neel-Schaffer

I'm writing to inform you that the Caillavet Street Revitalization Project is on the verge of a milestone. We expect to begin work on transforming Caillavet into a four-lane boulevard between Esters Boulevard and Bayview Avenue.

Work will begin at the north end of Caillavet Street and proceed south. Work should be underway by mid-November and I expect cars to be driving on the new sections of the roadway well before the overall expected completion date of mid-June '06.

This project will be driven by the city's innovative construction management program, which we used to help complete the Popp's Ferry Road widening project a year ahead of schedule. Since many of the same contractors are working on this project, too, I expect to see work to be done just as efficiently here.

The plan is to construct the east side of the new boulevard first, installing new curbing, gutters, drainage systems, etc., and then shift traffic to that side while the west side of the new boulevard is constructed. In the next few weeks you'll see utilities relocated, which is the responsibility of such agencies as Mississippi Power Co., BellSouth and Entex.

There are no plans to detour traffic off Caillavet during construction, and we certainly will do everything possible to avoid that.

A \$6.8 million project such as this one will certainly cause some inconveniences, but we will work to minimize the impact on you and your neighbors. If any issues arise on this project, you can contact the on-scene superintendent, J.W. Ford. His cell phone number is 348-2163. The project manager is Todd Bradford at Yates Construction Co. You can reach him at 374-6011, or by e-mail at tbradford@wgyates.com.

For those of you who travel Caillavet Street on a regular basis, please remember that this is a construction zone, and you should use extra caution, and obey posted speed limits and be aware that workers are nearby.

I appreciate your continued patience and cooperation, and we're going to do everything we can to keep this project on schedule and minimize the inconvenience.

Sincerely,

A.J. Holloway
Mayor

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