

EMPIRE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The recent opening of the Butler Market Road and Purcell Boulevard roundabout and improvements to Purcell Boulevard south of the canal marks the completion of a multi-year project to improve transportation options and connections to neighborhoods and businesses in northeast Bend. The full project provided an extension to Empire Avenue, delivered three new roundabouts, and improved pedestrian, accessibility and bike safety features to expand connectivity.

The Empire Avenue corridor is a heavily traveled route connecting residents and workers in northeast Bend. Construction on this project began in 2018. The new 3000 ft. extension of Empire Avenue connects travelers directly from Purcell Boulevard to the intersection of 27th Street and Butler Market Road. The three new roundabouts help reduce congestion and improve safety. The project roadways were brought up to modern standards with the addition of new sidewalks, accessibility ramps, buffered bike lanes, street lighting and landscaping.

The completion of the Empire Corridor demonstrates the continuing efforts to plan and build transportation systems that bring together neighborhoods that interconnect with jobs, parks, housing and schools for people who drive, ride, walk or bike.









