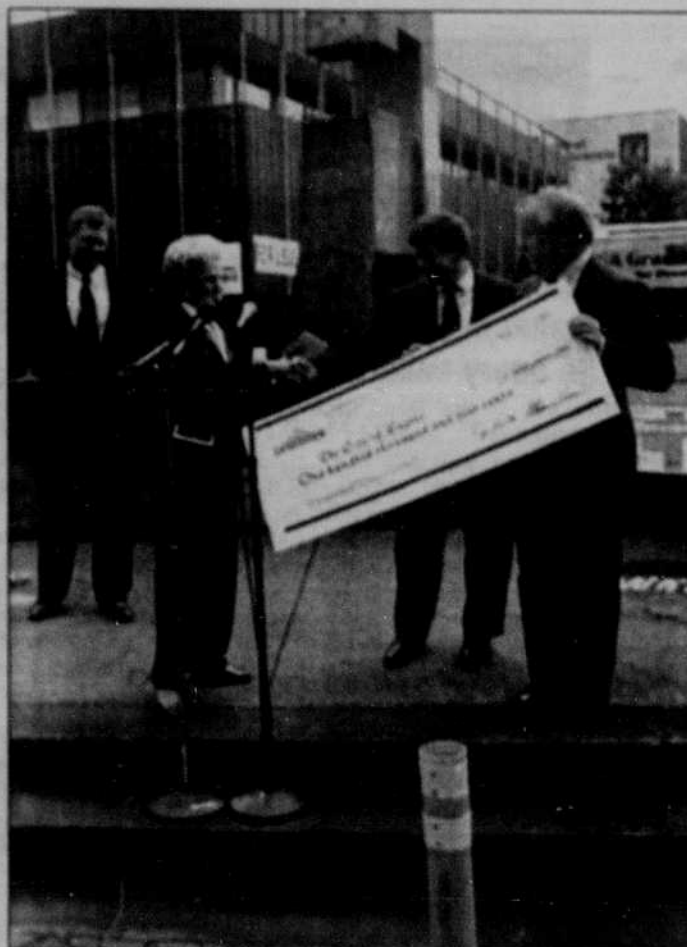




The demolition of the fountain isn't the only construction work being done downtown. Workers place beams to support the street over a tunnel that will connect the Downtown Athletic Club and its day care center across the street (above). At the other end of the mall, construction crews have begun to fill in the sunken courtyard in front of the Aster building on Willamette Street.



Mayor Ruth Bascom is presented with a check for \$100,000 by two representatives of Downtown Eugene Inc. The money will help finance the completion of the re-opening of Willamette Street.

Photos by Matthew Stiller

Event: Willamette Street project to be completed by September

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Roger Neustadter, Downtown Eugene Inc. president, and vice president Gene Swam presented Bascom with a \$100,000 check, representing the financial contributions made by downtown property owners for the opening of Willamette Street.

Downtown Eugene Inc. is a nonprofit downtown association of property owners and tenants that works to provide a safe, clean, well-managed and enjoyable environment. DEI provides a variety of services including the downtown guides program and management of public space.

DEI Executive Director Russ Brink also presented Bascom with the first piece of the fountain.

Pieces of the fountain were being sold Monday for \$15 during the fountain demolition ceremony. The proceeds will be used for pedestrian amenities in the new plaza and along Willamette Street. Brink said there were pieces available as of Monday afternoon. Call 343-1117 for more

information.

Brink said this project is a "continuation of a journey downtown that we can be proud of."

After the news conference, DEI showcased a variety of models and renderings of downtown construction projects at an open house. Examples included the Lane Transit District transfer station, which will be built at 10th Avenue and Willamette Street; the parking garages to be built on Pearl Street; the apartment building scheduled for High Street; and the apartments and parking garage to be constructed at Broadway and Charnelton Streets, among others.

City of Eugene Urban Renewal Fund, Lane County Road Fund and the downtown property owners are funding the Willamette Street project. The City of Eugene Urban Renewal agency is funding the New Broadway and Willamette Plaza, which is scheduled to be completed by September in time for the Eugene Celebration.

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