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(Video and audio bites regarding downtown Peoria projects)

Status update for downtown Peoria Ministry Headquarters project

For our Ministry headquarters we continue to make progress. We had a little bit a glitch earlier in the year with the shutdown of the federal government which impacted our ability to get the Park service to approve our plan. But at this point we do have that approval, we are moving forward with that, and we're continuing to look forward to moving into that building later on in 2020. :24

Downtown parking agreement reached with the City of Peoria

With that many mission partners coming downtown we needed a place to park so we've been working closely with the city these past months and we have come to agreement on an opportunity for space for those mission partners in the new Ministry headquarters. :16

OSF looks to acquire another downtown building

We now have plans to acquire another building in downtown, so working yet again with Caterpillar and with the city, there is this opportunity that we are looking very closely at that will give us an opportunity to bring more Mission Partners downtown to really continue to look at helping revitalize the downtown area. :22

Collaboration is important to move these projects forward. No one company can do it alone

Collaboration is vitally important whether it's collaboration in and around space as were talking about with caterpillar and Peoria. Whether it's in and around innovation which again caterpillar at the forefront along with Healthcare working with OSF. And we look at opportunities with things like the Ag Lab or the universities - and Bradley, ICC, University of Illinois College of medicine and all of those are wonderful collaborative partners in this innovation space. :30

OSF will have a presence and continue to be an economic driver in downtown Peoria. The Peoria Innovation Hub will also be an important contributor.

What I really see as an opportunity for downtown is sort of an innovation corridor along Adams which really will connect not only our properties, the Peoria Innovation Hub, but potentially Bradley, ICC, taking it all the way over to the other side of the river and, again, creating that opportunity for innovation which is critical for the ongoing vitality of Peoria. :26

Innovation and health care are important for Peoria's future, but manufacturing plays a role in that, too.

We certainly believe that health care and innovation specifically in health care is vitally important. We think that is an opportunity to continue to push that forward in the Peoria area. Now we wouldn't lose sight on manufacturing because manufacturing is often critical in that innovation space - they're creating devices if you're looking at those types of innovation, you need manufacturing. And certainly Peoria and the surrounding communities have just a wealth of resources in that manufacturing space. But I do believe that health care is and is going to continue to be a growing entity in the greater Peoria area. :39