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# News Release

## Work set to begin on \$1.8 million contract for streets, water line

*Summit intersections from Kansas to Walnut, Radio mill, overlay included*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (September 19, 2016) — Preliminary work has begun on a replacement water line near North Summit Street and more extensive road work is set to begin shortly in Arkansas City.

The City Commission of Arkansas City voted unanimously on Aug. 2 to approve a contract agreement with Cornejo and Sons LLC, of Wichita, for construction of the North Summit Street and West Radio Lane street improvement and water line replacement project.

The contract, which is for an amount not to exceed \$1,800,693.05, includes milling, a new asphalt overlay and new striping on Summit Street, with new concrete intersection approaches on the side roads from Kansas to Walnut avenues. Radio Lane also will be milled and receive a new 2-inch asphalt overlay, as well as new pavement markings, from 15<sup>th</sup> to Summit streets.

Also, a new 8-inch water line will replace an old cast-iron water line currently located under Summit Street, between Walnut and Birch avenues. This will address existing failures and water main breaks that have occurred near Country Mart and Community National Bank & Trust.

“Any time the City spends dollars on road construction projects, we look to address any other infrastructure needs that may impact the integrity of the new road,” said Public Works Director Eric Broce.

“In this particular case, we have a history of costly water main breaks under Summit Street, between Birch and Walnut, which have impacted traffic and local businesses. The new water line will be located outside of the driving surface to avoid any future disruptions or damage to the street.”

Work on the water line relocation between Birch and Walnut avenues began earlier this month and is scheduled to be complete by January 2017. The contractor is staging from the old hospital property.

The Radio Lane paving work is scheduled to begin on the last week of September and be complete by mid-October, weather permitting. Concrete intersection work on Summit Street is scheduled to begin

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in mid-October and be complete by February 2017. The final asphalt overlay and striping of Summit Street will begin when warmer weather allows, so it might be postponed until early spring in 2017.

The contractor will have traffic control in place throughout the duration of the project. All traffic control devices will be removed prior to the Last Run Car Show and Arkalalah events. Access to local businesses also will be maintained through construction.

The City will post periodic traffic control and detour updates on its website, [www.arkansascityks.gov](http://www.arkansascityks.gov), and Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/arkcity](http://www.facebook.com/arkcity), as well as distribute them to local media outlets.

The actual cost of road construction will be up to \$950,693.50. Those funds will come out of the City's Street Improvement Fund — funded through a five-year, half-cent street sales tax that began in April 2009 and concluded in March 2014 — with at least \$189,227.66 remaining in the sales tax fund.

The cost of the new water line is estimated at \$550,000, which comes from the Water Distribution Fund, paid for with revenues from the sale of water produced by the City's Water Treatment Facility.

The \$300,000 cost of the Radio Lane mill and overlay will come from the City's Special Streets Fund, which is expected to total \$643,124.83 after annual curb and gutter repairs, as well as the final payment to Andale Ready-Mix for the concrete panel replacement project on Goff Industrial Park Road.

This fund consists mainly of money from gasoline taxes and banked federal exchange dollars.

The engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,998,317.19, with the Summit portion totaling \$1,669,412.19. Cornejo was the lowest of three bidders in all three facets of the project and overall.

The overall project is planned to be substantially complete by late spring 2017.

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