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News Release

Overlay continues on West Radio Lane; to be finished next week

Concrete work to continue until Thursday on Summit Street; cleanup to follow

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (October 20, 2016) — Asphalt overlay is ongoing this week on West Radio Lane and is set to conclude by the middle of next week, just in time for the Arkalalah Festival.

The planned schedule of remaining work is as follows:

- **Friday, Oct. 21** — asphalt overlay paving of Radio Lane from Eighth to Summit streets;
- **Monday, Oct. 24** — finish asphalt overlay paving of West Radio Lane and intersections;
- **Tuesday, Oct. 25, and Wednesday, Oct. 26** — apply permanent markings to Radio Lane.

All of the Radio Lane paving work is scheduled to be complete by Thursday, weather permitting.

Meanwhile, on North Summit Street, concrete drives, curb and gutter replacements, and intersection work south of Wilson Park will continue through next Wednesday.

Traffic control will be removed by Thursday, prior to Arkalalah events. Cleanup of the overall area, including removal of cones, snow fencing and dirt piles, will begin Wednesday and continue Thursday.

The water line contractor for the project expected to complete new meters and tie-ins, and clean up the water line replacement site, by Thursday. No construction will occur anywhere Friday or Saturday.

“Please be careful around construction areas during Arkalalah,” said Public Works Director Eric Broce.

Starting Oct. 31, construction activities will resume on North Summit Street from Kansas to Walnut avenues. The contractor will resume using traffic control devices to reduce Summit Street to two lanes of traffic, closing the outside lanes through the work zone areas for the duration of the project.

Concrete intersection work, and curb and gutter replacement, on Summit Street is scheduled to be complete by mid-December. The final asphalt overlay and striping of Summit Street will be postponed until spring 2017, when warmer weather allows.

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Access to local businesses will continue to be maintained through the construction period.

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 project did not mobilize until mid-September at the discretion of the contractor. The City of Arkansas City was willing to be flexible in this matter in order to achieve a greater cost savings on the project and thus conserve more tax dollars.

The City and contractor have worked together to reduce the impact of construction as much as possible on local businesses, the Arkansas City Public School District, and events such as Arkalalah.

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 was milled and will receive a new 2-inch asphalt overlay, as well as new pavement markings, from 15th 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, including one this week.

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

The City will post periodic traffic control and detour updates on its website, www.arkansascityks.gov, and Facebook page, 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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