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News Release

Chip sealing set for Tuesday on 8th Street from Madison to Cedar

Public Services Department

Citizens asked to park vehicles off street, find alternate routes to work/school

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 19, 2019) — The City of Arkansas City will continue its annual chipsealing program this week, with work scheduled on Eighth Street starting Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Public Services Department crews plan to finish chip sealing on South Eighth Street from Madison Avenue to Washington Avenue, and then proceed north from Washington Avenue to Cedar Avenue.

All vehicles need to be removed from the street, but can be returned at night after work is complete.

"We are asking that citizens find alternative routes to work and school while this work is ongoing," said Public Services Superintendent Tony Tapia. "Thank you for your patience and cooperation!"

Chip sealing is a street maintenance process using a pavement surface treatment that combines one or more layer(s) of asphalt with one or more layer(s) of fine aggregate. It is used on lower-traffic roadways to extend road lifespan and save on the cost of a more expensive mill-and-overlay project.

Chip seals are constructed by evenly distributing a thin base of hot tar, bitumen or asphalt onto an existing pavement and then embedding finely graded aggregate into it. The aggregate is distributed over the hot seal spray, then rolled into the bitumen using heavy rubber-tired rollers, creating a paved surface.

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