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News Release

Concrete construction to resume Monday on North Summit Street

Traffic control returns from Cedar to Chestnut avenues; overlay later this year

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (February 24, 2017) — The North Summit Street improvement and water line replacement project is ready to resume for the spring, according to Public Works Director Eric Broce.

The contractor, Cornejo and Sons LLC, will resume work Monday on Summit Street, beginning with the restoration of traffic control from Cedar to Chestnut avenues, reducing traffic to just two lanes.

Concrete intersection replacement will resume immediately, with work starting at the east and west intersections of Summit and Vine Avenue. This will affect entry into or exit from Community National Bank & Trust, Dillons, and Pizza Hut for the duration of the concrete pouring and curing.

Replacement of Spruce and Walnut avenues' intersection approaches will follow the work on Vine.

Overall, the North Summit Street project is about 60 percent complete, Broce indicated.

Among the other activities yet to be completed that will be finished this spring are:

- Substantial stormwater improvements at Linden Avenue and Summit Street, followed by concrete reconstruction of the east intersection on Linden. The stormwater improvements may require the temporary closure and detouring of Summit Street overnight. More information will be released publicly prior to this phase of construction.
- Miscellaneous curb, driveway and gutter replacements with new concrete.
- An asphalt milling and overlay on Summit Street from Kansas to Walnut avenues.
- New signage and pavement markings on North Summit Street.
- Reseeding and re-sodding of any areas disturbed during the course of the construction project.

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

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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.

Project history

The City Commission of Arkansas City voted unanimously on Aug. 2, 2016, 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 2016 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 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 the Arkalalah Festival.

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 received a new 2-inch asphalt overlay, as well as new pavement markings, from 15th to Summit streets.

Also, a new 8-inch water line replaced an old cast-iron water line located under Summit Street, between Walnut and Birch avenues. Work on the water line relocation between Birch and Walnut avenues began last September and was completed by mid-December 2016.

This work addressed recurring failures and water main breaks near Country Mart and Community National Bank & Trust. In addition, fire protection and flows were improved substantially in the area.

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 was 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 came from the City's Special Streets Fund, which was expected to total \$643,124.83 after annual curb and gutter repairs. 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 or early summer 2017.

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