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Press Release

Andale Inc. to close Skyline-Eighth Street intersection Monday

Skyline intersection with 61st Road to be reopened to accommodate traffic

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (November 6, 2015) — Construction on the intersection of Eighth Street and Skyline Road in north Arkansas City will begin Monday as part of an ongoing reconstruction project.

A temporary drive from Eighth Street into MeadowWalk Apartments, 925 W. Skyline Road, has been constructed to accommodate the local residents. It is between Building 14 and Building 18.

All existing access drives into or from MeadowWalk Apartments to Skyline Road will be closed. All residents along Skyline Road and North Eighth Street will need to utilize Radio Lane for access.

Meanwhile, the intersection of Skyline Road and 61st Road will be opened to accommodate all northbound and southbound traffic to and from Goff Industrial Park Road.

All employees in the Goff Industrial Park area, including Creekstone Farms Premium Beef, will need to utilize 61st Road for access in lieu of Eighth Street.

“We understand the inconvenience of the road construction, but look forward to the much-needed renovations to Skyline Road to improve pedestrian and traffic safety,” said Public Works Director Eric Broce. “This is the third of approximately four phases of varying road closures and detour routes through construction of the project. Public notification will be given prior to each phase or traffic detour modification. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this road closure.”

Andale Ready Mix Central, Inc. was awarded a contract on July 7 for \$2,899,914.15 to complete the 61st and Skyline roads reconstruction project, which includes new street lighting, the widening of Skyline, auxiliary turning lanes, pedestrian sidewalks, storm sewer improvements, new pavement markings and signage. The pavement of Skyline will be constructed to support the expected increase in truck traffic.

Utility relocation and other site preparations have been ongoing since August. This phase should last for approximately six to eight weeks. Construction is expected to be completed by May 31, 2016.

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Once Skyline is complete, MeadowWalk will update entrances and exits to the apartment complex.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), which originally pledged to pay \$2.3 million of the costs of the overall project through an economic development grant to support the expansion of the nearby Creekstone Farms meatpacking plant, since has agreed to provide an additional \$300,000 toward the cost of the project, for a total grant contribution of \$2.6 million.

The remaining \$299,914.15 will come from the City of Arkansas City's Street Improvement Fund, which was funded through a five-year, half-cent street sales tax that concluded last year.

The engineer's estimate for this project was \$3,179,223. Andale was the lowest of three bidders.