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News Release

Radio Lane overlay project wraps up; Summit pauses for festival

Construction project will recommence Monday after conclusion of Arkalalah

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (October 28, 2016) — The West Radio Lane asphalt overlay project will be finished by the end of Monday and construction preparations are complete for the Arkalalah Festival.

The final striping on Radio Lane will be finished Monday. The contractor has pulled back all traffic control devices, filled in or covered all pits, and removed the snow fencing along North Summit Street.

There still are a few fenced areas in the alleys, but no construction will occur anywhere this weekend. "Please be careful around construction areas during Arkalalah," said Public Works Director Eric Broce.

Starting Monday, 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 an indefinite period of time.

Work will resume Monday on concrete drives, curb and gutter replacements, and intersection approaches. The intersections at Cedar and Pine avenues will be closed between A and Summit streets to pour new concrete, but the East Poplar Avenue intersection will be reopened to traffic Monday.

Consecutive intersections will not be closed during this project, ensuring access remains to A Street.

Work also will resume Monday on new water lines in the Summit Street area. This part of the project is about 60 percent complete and some new lines already have been tied into the existing system.

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.

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

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

Work on the water line relocation between Birch and Walnut avenues began last month and is scheduled to be complete by December. 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.

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

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