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News Release

Street project continues next week on South Summit St./US-166

Milling, overlay set to begin next week from Madison Ave. to US-77 bypass

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (October 16, 2020) — The South Summit Street resurfacing project will continue next week, after the contractor moves traffic control to open up the road this weekend only.

The contractor — Wichita-based APAC-Kansas, Inc., Shears Division — and its subcontractor, Dustrol, will begin the asphalt milling process Monday on South Summit Street/U.S. 166, from Madison Avenue to the intersection with the U.S. 77 bypass, just south of KanPak.

The entire milling process is expected no more than a week, depending on the weather.

The asphalt paving overlay is currently expected to commence no later than during the week of Oct. 26-30, although it could begin next week if the project remains ahead of schedule.

Residents who typically park their vehicles along South Summit Street, between Madison and Tyler avenues, should continue to park those vehicles elsewhere during this construction project.

The leftover millings from this project will be used by the City in the future to continue paving several gravel roads throughout the City.

Project history

The City Commission of Arkansas City voted unanimously on Sept. 1 to approve a contract agreement with APAC-Kansas, Inc., Shears Division, of Wichita, for construction of the South Summit Street resurfacing project, for an amount not to exceed \$261,592.40.

The contract includes milling, a new asphalt overlay and new pavement markings on South Summit Street, as well as new sidewalk ramps at the intersection approaches.

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The actual cost of road construction will be up to \$434,243. Those funds will come primarily from a City Connecting Links Improvement Program-Surface Preservation (CCLIP-SP) grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation, which will pay for 90 percent of the costs of actual construction, construction engineering and inspection, up to a total of \$300,000.

The remainder of the project cost, including 100 percent of the engineering design, will be paid by the City through its Special Streets Fund, which currently totals \$737,126. This fund consists mainly of money from county and state gasoline taxes, as well as banked federal exchange dollars.

The engineer's estimate for this project was \$361,907.50. APAC was the lowest of four bidders.

The overall project began Monday and is planned to be substantially complete by Nov. 1.

A similar CCLIP-SP grant, in the amount of \$300,000, already has been awarded to the City for the next phase of resurfacing on U.S. 166, which will be a mill and overlay from Eighth to Summit streets.

That project, currently estimated at \$577,129.72, is expected to begin construction in the fall of 2021.

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