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Press Release

Skyline Road to be closed Monday from 61st Road to 8th Street

Local traffic still will be allowed; closure start of Skyline reconstruction project

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 14, 2015) — Skyline Road will be closed to through traffic starting Monday, when the Skyline and 61st roads reconstruction project is set to begin in north Arkansas City.

Barricades will be set up Monday morning just west of the intersection of Skyline and 61st roads, just east of the intersection of Eighth Street and Skyline, and north of the intersection of Hilltop Drive and Second Street. Property owners within the closed area still will be allowed access to their properties between 61st Road and Eighth Street, but through traffic will be diverted.

“We are in direct communication with the businesses and property owners in the area to minimize any inconvenience or disruption,” said Public Works Director Eric Broce.

“There will be 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 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 section of Skyline will be constructed to support the expected increase in truck traffic. Project staking and mobilization already are under way. Construction is expected to be completed by May 31, 2016.

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

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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.