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News Release

Construction, road closure to begin Monday on North 15th Street

15th to be fully reconstructed by Andale from Radio Lane north to City limits

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (October 26, 2017) — North 15th Street will be closed to through traffic between Radio Lane and Skyline Road starting Monday, according to Public Works Director Eric Broce.

During this road closure, through traffic on 15th Street will be detoured east at both Radio Lane and Skyline Road. Access will be accommodated to local traffic only during the course of construction.

The project will be broken into three main segments — north, middle and south — to allow local traffic access at all times, depending on which section of construction is occurring at any given time.

“We are working closely with the USD 470 school district, emergency responders and Public Services Division sanitation crews to provide up-to-date information regarding access,” Broce said.

While construction is occurring on the north portion of the project, local traffic only will have access from the south. During construction of the middle portion, Timberlane residents will have access from the south and residents living on Proffer Lane will have access from the north.

When construction begins on the southernmost portion of the project, both Timberlane and Proffer Park residents will have access to their neighborhoods only from the north.

Detours for local access will be very fluid during the next 45 days. The City of Arkansas City has created a project page for 15th Street construction project updates and detours on the City website.

In addition, the following direct links may be used to access the project updates page:

- www.arkansascityks.gov/andale or www.arkcity.org/andale
- bit.ly/15thst

Project history

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Wichita-based Andale Construction, Inc. will mobilize to begin the total reconstruction of North 15th Street, in accordance with a design-build contract agreement approved April 4 by the City Commission.

The total contract with Andale is for an amount not to exceed \$637,371.87.

Andale will use its patented super-slurry process to grind up the existing road base and inject a slurry mix into the soil to stabilize it. This is a cheaper and faster process than traditional methods.

Once the base is reconstructed, Andale will pour roller compacted concrete to form the new street surface. Again, this process results in shorter closure times than traditional concrete pouring methods.

This project is expected to expend the remaining funds in the City's Street Improvement Fund, funded through a five-year, half-cent street sales tax that began in April 2009 and ended in March 2014.

The 2009-2014 sales tax generated approximately \$3.9 million. The City has been able to leverage those dollars through grant opportunities for an additional \$3.1 million in state and federal funds.

In addition, the City was able to put back about \$1 million in gas tax and federal dollars, for a total of approximately \$8 million in overall street improvements — more than doubling the original tax dollars.

Since 2010, the following street projects either have been completed or are in progress:

- **15th Street** from Kansas Avenue to Radio Lane — new concrete roadway and sidewalks;
- **Kansas Avenue** from Summit Street to 15th Street — new asphalt mill and overlay;
- **Madison Avenue** from Summit Street to the Arkansas River bridge — new mill and overlay;
- **Skyline Road** — total reconstruction by Andale with new concrete roadway and sidewalks;
- **61st Road** from Skyline to Goff Industrial Park roads — total reconstruction by Andale;
- **Radio Lane** from 15th Street to Summit Street — new asphalt mill and overlay;
- **Summit Street** from Walnut to Kansas avenues — new asphalt mill and overlay;
- **Summit Street** from Taylor Avenue to the Arkansas River bridge — new mill and overlay;
- **Crestwood Drive** bridge replacement;
- **15th Street** from Radio Lane to the north City limits — total reconstruction by Andale.

The 15th Street bridge is planned to be replaced as part of a separate project in 2018, as funds are available. The remainder of the road surface within close proximity of the bridge will be reconstructed then.

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