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West University Place Breaks Ground for the East Side Paving and Drainage Improvement Project

WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE, TX – On Thursday, April 20 the City of West University Place held a groundbreaking event to mark the start of a resilient future.

The East Side Paving and Drainage Improvement Project will be completed in two separate packages to avoid having too much of one area of the city under construction at one time.

Package one, which includes paving and drainage upgrades along University Boulevard from Buffalo Speedway to Kirby Drive, begins Monday, April 24 at the 3000 & 3100 blocks of University Boulevard.

Approximately 3,900 linear feet of storm sewer pipe will be replaced with larger junction boxes and inlets to increase the capacity of water flow. Additionally, 15,000 square yards of concrete pavement will be replaced.

The city is delighted to have received grant funding of \$5.38 million from the Harris County Community Services Department, which covers approximately 90% of the cost for this package of the project.

“We are thrilled to be breaking ground on such an important project,” said Mayor Susan Sample. “These improvements will not only enhance the mobility of residents in West University Place but will also ensure the safety and reliability of our community’s infrastructure for years to come.”

Package one is projected to be completed in May 2024.

Package two is currently under design and will include paving and drainage upgrades along Wakeforest Avenue from Plumb Street to Pemberton Street, Rice from Wakeforest to Kirby Dr., and Duke Street from Buffalo Speedway to Wakeforest.

This project is the first of several major capital improvement projects identified as part of the City’s Foundation for the Future Plan. In September 2022, the City Council authorized the sale of Certificates of Obligation to fund these capital improvements.

For more information on the East Side Paving and Drainage Improvement Project please visit, www.westutx.gov/eastside.

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