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West University Place Completes Package One of the East Side Paving and Drainage Improvement Project

WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE, TX – After 13 months of diligent work, University Boulevard from Buffalo Speedway to Kirby Drive has received drainage and roadway improvements that will increase water flow capacity during severe rain events. University Boulevard will reopen to traffic by 2 p.m. on Monday, June 10.

“I am thrilled to announce the successful completion of Package One,” said Mayor Susan Sample. “I want to express my gratitude to the city staff and contractors who ensured this project was completed on time and to our partners at Harris County who helped secure funding. These improvements reflect this Council’s commitment to investing in and building a resilient and thriving community.”

Package one involved the replacement of approximately 3,900 linear feet of storm sewer pipe with larger junction boxes and inlets to allow for increased water flow capacity. Additionally, 15,000 square yards of concrete pavement was replaced.

This project received grant funding of \$5.38 million from the Harris County Community Services Department, which covered approximately 90% of the cost.

Package Two of the East Side Paving and Drainage Improvement Project is underway and includes paving and drainage upgrades along Wakeforest Avenue from Plumb Street to Pemberton Street, Rice Boulevard from Wakeforest Avenue to Kirby Drive, and Duke Street from Buffalo Speedway to Wakeforest Avenue.

This project is one of several 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 improvements.

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

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