

Westwood Public Works

To: Governing Body
From: John Sullivan, Director of Public Works
Date: November 12, 2024
Re: Monthly Status Report

- CCLIP funding: The Unified Government of Kansas City Kansas/Wyandotte County is developing the interlocal agreement for this project.
- Storm Debris Removal: This project is complete. Further disposal information has been submitted to the EPA and we are awaiting a decision on the outcome of the disposal site.
- Stone wall damage and light pole damage: The Medallion had been replaced.
- Public Works Replacement Vehicle: I still have the warning lights to install.
- Street Light Replacement, Belinder Court & Booth: These will be installed with a future project.
- Repairs to Signals, W. 47th Street and W. 47th Place and Rainbow: On May 19th the Video detection system associated with these intersections was struck by lightning destroying a camera, video detection controller, load switch and 4 pedestrian push buttons at W. 47th Place. We currently have working signals and video detection, but we do not have correctly working push buttons at the intersections. Currently all the ped signals are on continuous call until we receive the parts needed to place the buttons in operation. This may take up to 60 days to receive the parts to finish this project. We still have not received the parts.
- Street Light Pole Knockdown, 4700 Rainbow Blvd.: We have successfully applied for and received reimbursement for the damaged light pole and our labor to install the pole and light fixture from the insured's insurance company. We have ordered the light pole and fixture and will install it once received. We still have not received the pole and fixture.
- Street Striping: We installed the crosswalk in street signage and painted the crosswalk. We did not get the other striping completed as planned.
- Void under street: This project is complete.
- Rapid Flash Pedestrian Signal at W. 47th Street and Fisher: A tractor trailer loaded with asphalt paving equipment tried to make a right-hand turn from Fisher onto W. 47th Street and destroyed the entire signal and the pole base to the streetlight. I have received payment for the damage and the parts are ordered. A contractor is under contract to make the repairs once the parts arrive.

- Leaf Pickup Program: We started the program a week earlier than usual so that we could become more acquainted with the operation of the new truck. We have had a few bugs to work out but we are up and running at full speed this week. The new equipment is a much friendlier operation for the employees. We are also able to run the street sweeper at the same time as the leaf vacuum because we only require one employee to operate the vacuum. We are also much more efficient in the operation of the removal of leaves in that the new truck is able to dump at Missouri Organic down on Roe Lane instead of dumping at the PW facility and then having to reload into 40-yard roll off containers. The roll off containers cost about 6 to 7 hundred dollars each to dump as the 25-yard leaf vacuum costs 125 dollars to dump and we aren't expending additional labor to load them twice. The vacuum also chops up the leaves so the 25 yards in the truck is most likely closer to the 40 yards we were dumping in the roll off containers.