

## City of McPherson

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## City Prepares for Street Construction

McPherson – City officials revealed plans for major street construction at a recent public information meeting, allowing the public to express concerns and collaborate on solutions for temporary parking and access to locations. The projects include street reconstruction along Maple, Elizabeth and Ash Streets. The Elizabeth and Maple Street project will start on Elizabeth at Main Street moving West to Maple Street then North on Maple Street to the railroad tracks. The Ash Street project will start at Kansas Avenue by Emprise Bank and continue North to the railroad tracks just past Euclid Street. All East and West streets intersecting with Maple, Elizabeth or Ash will be closed for the duration of each project except for Kansas Avenue.

Director of Public Works Jeff Woodward described the construction as a “major inconvenience” but stressed the work must be completed to support ongoing street upgrades. He also noted there were financial benefits to completing the demolition and reconstruction processes simultaneously. Construction along Maple Street will begin May 16 and is expected to last 45 days. Ash Street improvements will begin June 15 and will last approximately 35 days. Plans also include milling, patching and overlaying the parking lot located north of Emprise Bank during the final three days of the Ash Street project. Contractors from APAC – Kansas Inc. Shears Division noted the overall schedule is contingent on the weather.

City representatives recognize businesses will need assistance in determining alternate access routes for customers and delivery trucks. Larry Wiens, City Commissioner of Streets and Utilities, encourages the public to provide continuous feedback to ensure feasible temporary solutions. Numerous businesses in the downtown area will be affected by the street projects including, but not limited to, McPherson Quick Lube, Sunflower Bank, Wise & Reber, Tres Amigos, Alliance Agency, Inc. and other businesses in the Warren Building, McPherson Public Library, McPherson Family YMCA, Home State Bank, Jantz Lumber and Emprise Bank.

Project and traffic updates can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/mcphersonksroads/>. Specific concerns or needs should be reported to the Public Works Department at 620.245.2545.

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