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Intersection set for three-day closure in November *FM 544 at Hawthorne to undergo reconstruction*

MURPHY (October 21, 2022) As part of the City of Murphy’s overall strategic plan for properly maintaining roads and streets within its boundaries, work crews will begin reconstruction of one of the City’s most highly traveled intersections.

Contractors for the City will close the intersection of FM 544 and Hawthorne Drive, the highly traveled entrance to the Timbers subdivision on Wednesday, Nov. 2 and, weather permitting, reopen it on Friday, Nov. 4, according to Public Services Director Tim Rogers.

“First of all, this intersection is among the most used in the City, serving as the entry point for one of Murphy’s largest neighborhoods,” he said. “Secondly, the wear and tear on the roadway due to constant use is to be expected. Because of these two factors, the intersection is a high priority for us.”

At the end of the anticipated three-day reconstruction project, a new concrete roadbed will be in place, affording a smooth, level surface for motorists entering and exiting the subdivision. While concrete construction usually requires more time for curing, the contractor is inserting an accelerator agent in the concrete to shorten the curing process. Even so, the integrity of the pour is not affected.

Work will be confined to Hawthorne Drive, as the maintenance of FM 544 is not within the responsibility of the City of Murphy. Unlike Hawthorne Drive, FM 544 is a state-maintained thoroughfare.

Adequately spaced detours will be available for motorists wishing access to the Timbers subdivision and adjacent areas. Directional signage will be in place throughout the brief project, with large lighted message boards directing commuters to the appropriate detour lanes.

“Street maintenance and, in fact, the improvement of overall residential transportation, is among the City of Murphy’s top priorities,” he added. “We will continue to be attentive and responsive in ensuring that motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and others are safely and securely accommodated.”

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 21,200, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in its annual list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.