



COUNTY OF LEAVENWORTH

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RE: Dust Abatement Postponement

Greetings,

The Leavenworth Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) have approved the following roadways to be included in the Dust Abatement Program for surface improvements:

Road improvement projects

- 163rd Street: South of Existing Hard Pave to Leavenworth Road
- Donahoo Rd: East of Existing Hard Pave to 154th Street
- Leavenworth Rd: West of Existing Hard Pave to 187th Street
- 178th St: High View Street to North of Hatchell Road
- 174th St: State Avenue to Evans Road
- 171st St: Leavenworth Road to Parallel Road
- McPherson Rd: East of K-5,
- Kelly Rd
- 119th St: North of McIntyre
- Parallel Rd: West of Tonganoxie to 199th Street
- 219th St: South of Kissinger Road to County Route 31
- 223rd St: West of Hard Pave on Leavenworth to 225th Street
- 251st St: McLouth Road to Parallel Road
- 214th St: Evans Road to Kansas Avenue

The Dust Abatement program was initially a chip and seal surfacing plan. However, after reviewing previous applications and weather-related issues it was determined that a different approach would be used on these roads. This different application process includes a 4" asphalt overlay but requires reworking the existing rock road. It also requires that we look for conflicts with existing utilities.

In almost every instance AT&T lines were found running the length of roads just under the driving surface. Under the original process this would not have created a conflict as a chip seal process requires very little roadway disruption and would have simply been placed over the top of the lines. Once the process changed to asphalt over a stabilized base, all lines will need to be relocated before surfacing can begin. Due to the anticipated timeline of relocation provided by AT&T, the projects have been postponed.

Completion of these projects is dependent upon the timely relocation of the utility lines and weather conditions. Once utilities have been relocated, these projects will be the first to be completed. We are working with AT&T to try and get these lines moved so that the projects can be completed during the 2020 construction season and at this time believe that is a realistic expectation.

Regardless of the timeline rest assured that the Board of County Commissioners is committed to completion of the projects. They have done everything within their powers to expedite the process and everything is still in place to proceed as soon as possible.

If you have questions regarding the program, please feel free to call Leavenworth County Public Works at 913-684-0470 or email Lauren Anderson (landerson@leavenworthcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lauren Anderson".

Lauren Anderson
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