



## News Release

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### **City Controls Time and Costs Associated with Street Painting**

**LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – October 5, 2020** – With the purchase of a new paint truck in December of 2019, the City of Lafayette hit the ground painting this summer to save time and money when it comes to striping our roads throughout Lafayette.

Through efficiencies now controlled by the City's Traffic Operations Department, the paint crews can now control the scheduling to stripe/re-stripe roads instead of relying on an outside contractor's schedule.

"Often, contractors would become so busy on large freeway projects and other large projects that our pavement markings would be pushed to the end of the season", states Mayor Tony Roswarski. "Some years, it has become too cold and we often would not get all the roads striped in a given year. Having the streets in Lafayette striped in a timely manner annually provides safe, clear roadways for our citizens and guests."

As soon as the weather is consistently warm enough in the spring, the City is able to begin the pavement markings, and is finished by early July with the bulk of the streets. That freed up the paint crews later in the summer to restripe the roads that were being repaved. It also provided the opportunity to run out and do small striping projects as needed instead of relying on another contractors' schedule until it becomes too late in the year to paint.

The paint truck was purchased for \$185,000 and uses approximately \$50,000 each year for paint. Compared to annual pavement marking contracts that approached \$200,000, the City is saving approximately \$150,000 per year, while getting all new pavement markings completed throughout the City at least once per year.



Another benefit for the City is that two of our four traffic technicians have previous experience operating a paint truck. This experience, and their attention to detail, is providing the City with some of the highest quality pavement markings that we have seen in years.



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