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City of Lafayette Breaks Ground on New Public Works Campus

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – News Release – September 7, 2022 – The City of Lafayette broke ground on the new $21.5 million Public Works Campus today. The event was held at 3601 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, where the campus will be located.

The Public Works Campus will sit on 11.27 acres with 8.9 acres being developed with structural facilities for the departments of Street, Sanitation and Fleet Maintenance. The main building on the campus will be 132,000 sq. ft. of which 66,000 sq. ft will be used for the Street Department, 32,000 sq. ft. for Fleet Maintenance, and 24,000 sq. ft for shared spaces. There is also 10,000 sq. ft. of shell space in the form of an open mezzanine that can be developed for addition office space or used for storage until that need arises.
“We are excited to bring our three public works departments to one location,” states Mayor Tony Roswarski. “This new location is more centralized as the city continues to grow and will be more time efficient and cost effective in meeting the needs of our citizens. Our current facilities are outdated and cost prohibitive to renovate. This campus is being designed to not only meet our needs now but well into the future!”

The Fleet Maintenance space will have 24 total service bays for city-owned vehicles and equipment. The Street Department area will be a large, open, multi-use space designed to hold all of the city’s motorized street vehicles and equipment.

The common spaces will have men's/women's locker rooms and restrooms, an all-staff room, a fitness room, a conference room, and offices which will be more economical than duplicating those amenities for each department.

The Sanitation Department will be its own standalone building at 16,000 sq. ft. to hold up to 18 trucks. Currently the department has 16 vehicles so there is room for growth. The building will accommodate charging stations for two electric trash trucks that the city has on order. Also, the campus will accommodate a vehicle wash building at 2,800 sq. ft. It will have an automatic vehicle wash for cleaning city owned-passenger vehicles, including off-site department vehicles for police, fire, parks, etc. It will also have an open wash bay for manual washing of large city vehicles like dump trucks, backhoes, etc.

Contractors for the project include Accompany LLC, Alderson Commercial Group, Cordogan Clark Keystone Architecture, GM Development Companies LLC, Kettelhut Construction, Inc., and TBird Design Services Corp. The project is expected to be completed in approximately 18 months.

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