



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT MILLING AND PAVING OF NUMEROUS CITY STREETS

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – June 17, 2020– The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following update to a street maintenance project that will impact traffic:

Numerous city streets will be repaved during the coming weeks as part of the City’s paving project. Work will involve the milling of existing pavement on the streets. After milling of the old pavement is complete, the roads will be repaved with new asphalt, and restriped with new paint markings.

Several streets have already been milled and are awaiting paving. Streets that have been milled will have a rough transition, a rough surface, and may have raised utilities that should be avoided. Motorists should reduce their speed and use extra caution when traveling on these streets.

The Public Works Department recommends motorists use alternate routes where possible. Extreme caution should be used while driving in affected areas; these include: Million Street, Cherry Street, Elizabeth Street, Jackson Street, Belmont Drive, Ervin Street, Douglas Street, Velma Road, Cleveland Avenue, Church Street, Westside Street, Shell Street, Tennial Street, and Sweetfield Valley Road.

Emergency vehicles will be permitted in the area; however, some minor delays may be unavoidable.

Motorists are advised to use extreme caution and be prepared for detour and traffic control signage, construction equipment, and work crews on impacted streets.

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”

For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.