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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CONSTRUCTION ON CARL ALBERT PARKWAY TO BEGIN SOON**

MCALESTER, Oklahoma – The City of McAlester plans to install a median island at the intersection at Carl Albert Parkway and Second Street. The new design, prepared by Infrastructure Solutions Group, will replace vertical reflective panels currently in use with a permanent concrete median island featuring 6 inch curbs and a five foot wide planting box.

The City of McAlester Public Works Department will start construction on Monday, January 28, 2019, which is expected to last up to four weeks. During construction, drivers traveling east and west on Carl Albert Parkway will still be able to make right-hand turns onto Second Street, but will not be able to turn left from either direction. In addition to the left-turn lane closures, the two center lanes of Carl Albert will be closed to traffic during the construction for the safety of workers. Traffic will continue unimpeded in the east and west bound outside lanes. Vehicles turning right onto Carl Albert Parkway from Second Street will not be obstructed.

“This project is important to restoring the beauty of Carl Albert Parkway,” said City Manager Pete Stasiak. “We are appreciative of the work ODOT completed to make the roadway safer and now we are able to contribute to the project through the installation of the concrete median and beautification of the intersection.”

The initial plans for the improvements along Carl Albert Parkway included concrete median islands, but the Oklahoma Department of Transportation changed the design after cost estimates for their installation exceeded the funding available for the project. The City of McAlester expects the beautification effort to boost the experience of residents and visitors that use the intersection.

The intersection has nearby businesses, government buildings, and apartments that should benefit from the improvements. People who frequently travel through the area are encouraged to use alternate routes until the construction is complete.

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