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KUB Completes W. Jackson Avenue Streetscapes Utilities Upgrades *Ahead of Schedule*

KUB Underground Construction crews have successfully completed all utility infrastructure upgrades on W. Jackson Avenue nearly three months ahead of schedule. Utility upgrades, the first step in the City's overall streetscapes improvements planned for this area, began in November 2016, and were expected to last through April 2017. Through efficient planning, resource commitment, and effective work management, KUB Underground Construction crews and staff reduced the length of the project substantially while completing upgrades on infrastructure that will serve this section of the Old City for many years to come.

W. Jackson Avenue has been fully reopened to normal traffic flow as of Friday, January 20.

As part of this project, the utility infrastructure upgrades below were completed:

Water main installed: 950 feet
Water service lines connected: 9
Natural gas main installed: 1,000 feet
Natural gas service lines connected: 5

Wastewater main installed: 502 feet
Fire hydrants replaced/installed: 5
Wastewater manholes installed: 3
Wastewater service lines connected: 3

To the extent possible, KUB worked closely with businesses and residents in this area to coordinate work and minimize the impact of service interruptions while also maintaining access to buildings and parking areas. KUB appreciates its customers and their patrons, and the City of Knoxville, for their ongoing patience and support as the utility portion of this project was completed.

City streetscape improvements are expected to follow on W. Jackson Avenue in the spring of 2017.

KUB, a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties, provides reliable electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 452,000 customers.

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