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City of Waco Continues on a 10-Year Capital Improvement Program

“Building Waco” Prepares for Future Growth and Sustainability

Waco, Texas (November 18, 2016) – The City of Waco has launched “Building Waco” – a 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – to renew and rebuild infrastructure necessary to maintain Waco’s quality of life, foster economic growth and increase long-term sustainability. The program includes \$131 million in water projects, \$139 million in wastewater projects and \$50 million in street improvements.

The City of Waco currently provides water service to more than 131,000 people. The population within the water service area is projected to grow by almost 40,000 people in the next 25 years. Building Waco is the City’s proactive plan to address growth and sustainability of water and wastewater services in Waco and surrounding communities.

“Building Waco is about renewing and rebuilding essential infrastructure that will maintain the quality of life in the region for future generations,” Waco Mayor Kyle Deaver, said. “Together, we can ensure that Waco remains the great city that it is today, while continuing to enjoy safe, clean and reliable water services.”

Over the next ten years, Waco and McLennan County residents will see and benefit from infrastructure projects, including the replacement of the Westview Ground Storage Tank, the installation of new water lines, the construction of new water pump stations and the demolition of Owen Tower.

In order to fund these efforts, effective January 1, 2017, Waco water customers will see modest increases in their water and wastewater rates. The exact amount of the increase will depend on how much water is used. Among residential customers, the average water bill will increase by approximately \$10 per month. For the typical business customer using approximately 20,000 gallons a month, the average water bill will increase by approximately \$25 per month.

“We must upgrade the water and wastewater systems, some of which are between 50 to 100 years old,” Wiley Stem, City of Waco Deputy City Manager, said. “Even with these rate increases, Waco water rates will remain among the lowest compared to similar and nearby cities.”

The City of Waco has established a new website, BuildingWaco.com, to keep the community informed of the capital improvement program, including construction projects and rate increases. As construction begins in various locations, the City will make every effort to notify neighbors and businesses that will be affected.

Waco and McLennan County residents are also encouraged to follow the City of Waco on Facebook and Twitter, for regular updates on Building Waco.

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