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## **CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN AT EAST WACO PARK, IMPACTING ROADS, PARK AREAS**

**WACO, TX (May 30, 2018)** – The East Waco Park improvement project is set to begin this week. Construction will impact surrounding roadways and certain areas of the park.

The park is located at 401 Hood Street and the \$300,000 project is expected to last throughout the summer. Improvements, which are being funded with Community Development Block Grant, will include sport court resurfacing, lighting improvements, irrigation, and curb and gutter installation.

The project will be completed in phases during the upcoming months. The first phase will result in the closure of the east half of the park. Rose, Hood and Chestnut streets will be accessible to residents only.

The Waco City Council recently voted to rename East Waco Park in honor former District 1 Councilman Wilbert Austin, who died last year after a battle with stomach cancer. The park will now be known as Wilbert Austin Sr. Park, and parks and recreation officials will host a dedication ceremony once construction is complete.

For information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 254-750-8471.

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