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City of Lafayette Celebrates Grand Opening of New Public Works Campus Lafayette is first city in Indiana to receive new EV Trash/Recycling Trucks!

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – News Release – January 15, 2025 – The City of Lafayette celebrated the grand opening of the new \$21.5 million Public Works Campus today. The event was held at 3601 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, where the campus is located.

The Public Works Campus will sit on 11.27 acres with 8.9 acres being developed with structural facilities for the departments of Street, Sanitation and Fleet Maintenance. The main building on the campus will be 117,000 sq. ft. of which 66,000 sq. ft. will be used for the Street Department, 32,000 sq. ft. for Fleet Maintenance, and 9,000 sq. ft. for shared spaces.

“We are excited to bring our three public works departments to one location,” states Mayor Tony Roswarski. “This new location is more centralized as the city continues to grow and will be more time efficient and cost effective in meeting the needs of our citizens. Our current



facilities are outdated and cost prohibitive to renovate. This campus is being designed to not only meet our needs now but well into the future!”

The Fleet Maintenance space will have 24 total service bays for city-owned vehicles and equipment. The Street Department area will be a large, open, multi-use space designed to hold all of the city’s motorized street vehicles and equipment. The common spaces will have men’s/women’s locker rooms and restrooms, an all-staff room, a fitness room, conference rooms, and offices which will be more economical than duplicating those amenities for each department.

The Sanitation Department will be its own standalone building at 16,000 sq. ft. to hold up to 18 trucks. Currently the department has 16 vehicles so there is room for growth. The building will accommodate charging stations for two new electric trash trucks that the city has purchased. Also, the campus will accommodate a vehicle wash building at 2,800 sq. ft. It will have an automatic vehicle wash for cleaning city owned-passenger vehicles, including off-site department vehicles for police, fire, parks, etc. It will also have an open wash bay for manual washing of large city vehicles like dump trucks, backhoes, etc.

The city is also pleased to announce that Lafayette will be the first city in Indiana to run new EV trash and recycling trucks. The two new electric trucks were purchased with assistance from a grant by the Volkswagen Settlement Allocation through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$1.025 million dollars. The two new Automated Side Loader (ASL) trash and recycling trucks use a robotic arm that can grab, lift, and empty trash totes without the driver leaving the truck. It is equipped to complete routes faster reducing delays and increasing safety for both operators and the community. For those residents that will experience the new trucks, trash and recycling preparation for pick-up will change but the rest of your sanitation service will remain the same. Information will be going out soon to those residents that are on the routes of the new trash trucks.



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Contractors for the project include Accompany LLC, Alderson Commercial Group, Cordogan Clark Architecture, GM Development Companies LLC, and TBird Design Services Corp.

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