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**Sunnyside's Stackhouse Bridge Set to Reopen**

The City of Sunnyside has announced plans to re-open the Stackhouse Bridge to regular traffic by the end of Friday, May 24, 2019, in time for the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Contractor Highmark Concrete Contractors, LLC, is now putting the final touches on concrete work for the sidewalk and curbs, and reconstructing the affected road surfaces. The City is also installing nearby street signage.

The overall cost of the project, including design and construction, will come in at nearly \$1.07 million.

The original Stackhouse Bridge was built in 1922 and has been a vital link between downtown and the west hill neighborhoods. In 2016, inspections of the bridge identified structural concerns that forced the City to impose weight restrictions. In 2017, the City obtained state grant funding for the project, with matching funds from a combination of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Rehab funds and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds.

With funding in place, the City proceeded with design work. In late 2018, the City went out to bid for construction, and on January 7, 2019, the City Council authorized the contract award. The project team completed the new bridge foundations and footings in March 15. This enabled subsequent work to be out of the water flows in the irrigation canal. The new bridge deck components arrived at the beginning of May, and installation work took just over three weeks.

During construction, the City asked residents to access the hill via Bridge Street, Swan Road/NW Crescent Avenue, or South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The City and Highmark Concrete are very appreciative of residents' patience and understanding throughout the project.

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