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KUB Downtown Century II Utilities Project Completed *Ahead of Schedule*

KUB and its contractor, Garney Construction, will complete their Downtown Century II Utilities Upgrade project this week, well ahead of schedule. The project began July 2014, and was expected to last through spring 2017. Through planning, resource commitment, and effective work management, Garney Construction was able to reduce the length of the project substantially while completing three phases of major utility upgrades that will serve downtown for many years to come.

Work to replace and upgrade aging utility infrastructure, some of which had been in service since the late 1800s, spanned an area bordered by Jackson Avenue to the north, Hall of Fame Drive to the east, the Tennessee River to the south, and Cumberland Avenue to the west. As part of this project, the utility infrastructure upgrades below were completed:

Water main installed: 23,092 feet	Fire hydrants replaced/installed: 62
Wastewater main upgrades: 18,450 feet	Electrical transformer vaults installed: 3
Natural gas main installed: 538 feet	Electrical manholes installed: 3
Electric cable installed: 1,000 feet	Wastewater, Water, and Natural Gas service connections: 302
Pre-cast manholes installed: 111	

KUB thanks its customers, Tennessee Department of Transportation, City of Knoxville, and the University of Tennessee for their patience and support as this project was completed. “The completion of this project would not be possible without the coordination and support of the workers and residents of downtown Knoxville,” said Mintha Roach, KUB President and CEO. “We are so grateful for their patience during construction, and we’re pleased that, thanks to the Century II program, KUB can continue to provide safe and reliable utility service for the next century.”

With the completion of KUB’s Downtown Century II ahead of schedule, the City of Knoxville will repave more than 6 miles of streets downtown. The resurfacing project, funded jointly by the City and KUB, means that almost all downtown streets will be smooth, with new asphalt and line markings, by the end of 2016.

KUB, a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties, provides reliable electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 445,000 customers.

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