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Drainage Improvements near Completion on State Highway 4S in Arkansas City

DESHA COUNTY (10-8) – Crews in Desha County are working on improvements to the State Highway 4 Spur in Arkansas City that will increase proper drainage in the downtown area, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Due to a lack of existing ditches in some areas and older existing pipes in other areas that were plugged or in a state of collapse, water was not draining as it should along the Spur route.

“There was an issue with standing water on Kate Adams Avenue on both sides of the street,” stated Bryan Swinny, ARDOT District Two Construction Engineer. “The problem area extended seven blocks, from Sprague Street northeast to County Road 43 at the levee.”

Crews have been on location this summer making improvements along the route that will ultimately provide a uniform and well-draining ditch section.

“New side-drains and cross-drains have been installed where needed and other existing drains have been cleaned out,” Swinny added. “Crews have also established some new ditches and improved grading on existing ditches where needed.”

“The highway improvements taking place in Arkansas City will be of benefit to motorists visiting this historic city,” stated Highway Commissioner Robert Moore Jr. “With the new Delta Heritage Trail State Park opening downtown we expect an increased number of visitors and these improvements will serve the area well.”

Installation of the new drainage pipes is complete. Final ditch grading is currently underway. Work will be completed by mid-October.

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at IDriveArkansas.com or ArDOT.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter [@myARDOT](https://twitter.com/myARDOT).