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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

**RE: W. 15TH AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The W. 15th Avenue Bridge at Mile Branch in Covington, closed due to critical deficiencies in the substructure found by an LADOTD bridge inspection, is currently in the final engineering design plans phase. All required environmental paperwork has been filed and the topographic survey, preliminary design, plan preparation with submittal to the City for review and plan revisions based on the City's comments are now complete.

"After receiving an unexpected notice from LADOTD on the issues with the bridge earlier this year, the City immediately began with scoping, engineering selection and estimating the costs associated with repair versus replacement," Daniel P. Hill, P.E., City Engineer, City of Covington. The design of the new bridge will include a pedestrian and bicycle crossing, enhancing connectivity of the 15th Avenue multi-use path from River Forest to Hubie Gallagher Park.

"The City is moving expeditiously to complete this project for the benefit of our citizens and visitors that use this prominent roadway and ask for their continued patience. All options to compress the time period from final design to completion of construction are being considered," Mayor Mike Cooper. Drivers are reminded to use designated detour routes during the period that the bridge is out.

Submittal of final plans and specifications to the City are scheduled for early next year, with any necessary plan revisions to be completed and ready for bid in February. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring with expected completion prior to the beginning of the 2016 school year.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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