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Delaware Street Reopens on Schedule New parking design requires motorists to "Back It Up"

Kansas City, Missouri. – Four weeks after the first breaker hit the asphalt, Delaware Street has reopened as promised with streetcar tracks from 3rd Street to Independence Avenue, a pedestrian median at 5th Street and several new red crosswalks.

In addition, the parking configuration on Delaware Street has changed. On-street parking is now on the east side of Delaware Street and is back-in angle parking, or reverse angle parking, between 3rd and 5th Streets. Motorists are encouraged to “Back It Up” into the parking spaces. New signage is placed in the area to help alert motorists of the change. Prior to track construction, on-street parking was on the opposite (or west) side of the street.

Back-in angle parking is a safer type of angle parking that requires cars to back into their parking spots instead of pulling into a parking spot. Back-in angle parking allows for improved visibility and increased field of vision, allowing motorists to make eye contact with oncoming traffic when exiting the parking space, making it safer for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. Back-in angle parking does not require as much space to maneuver as traditional parking, which allows for an increased number of parking spaces in an urban landscape.

For a diagram and short video with detailed instructions on how to back-in angle park, visit the KC Streetcar website at www.kcstreetcar.org.

Sidewalk and curb restoration as well as overhead contact system pole installation will continue on Delaware Street. Later this spring, station stop construction will take place near 4th Street and Delaware Street.

For more information, contact the KC Streetcar office at info@kcstreetcar.org, 816-859-7019 or 816-804-8882. Updates available on www.kcstreetcar.org and Twitter (@kcstreetcar) and Facebook (KC Streetcar).

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