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**Washington-Centerville Library**

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**Library Replaces Parking Lot During Closure**

Washington-Centerville Public Library hopes to minimize disruption to library operations by proceeding immediately with a planned removal and replacement of the Centerville Library parking lot. The project, which was part of the 2020 facilities plan and budget, was originally slated to begin in August. "By starting the project now, the work can be completed in one phase. A one-phase project will take less time and money, and starting the project while we are already closed, minimizes the inconvenience to library visitors," says Liz Fultz, Library Director. This is the first major repair done to the parking lot since the Centerville Library was originally constructed in 1995.

At their April board meeting, Library Trustees awarded the parking lot project to Outdoor Enterprise at a cost of \$548,854. The project includes a complete removal of the existing parking lot, rebuilding of the soil underneath to stabilize the parking lot base, and new asphalt. "The Board is committed to providing facilities that are safe and well-maintained. The age of the parking lot, curbs and front entrance pavers were becoming a safety hazard. Those factors, and the instability of the soil underneath the parking lot, made simply resurfacing the parking lot insufficient," says Ram Nunna, Library Board of Trustees President. In addition, traffic flow, specifically on the north side of the Library near the book return, and the handicapped parking were evaluated and will be redesigned as part of the parking lot project. Collectively, these improvements will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians. The Centerville Library will remain closed throughout the project, which is expected to be complete by mid-summer.

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