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NEWS RELEASE

Jacksonville Mayor John Delaney will mark a major milestone in The Better Jacksonville Plan tomorrow when he joins a crew resurfacing a neighborhood street and marks the 500th mile resurfaced under the plan. As part of The Better Jacksonville Plan, every neighborhood street that has not been resurfaced since 1985 will be resurfaced, for a total of 2,180 miles. With the exception of a few roads that require massive underground work by a variety of agencies, a majority of the resurfacing work is expected to be complete by the end of 2003.

Mayor Delaney will join a resurfacing crew on Thursday, April 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Duke Road. Duke Road is located two blocks east of the intersection of San Jose Blvd. and University Blvd. in the Lakewood area.

As part of the community outreach for The Better Jacksonville Plan, residents receive a package of information before their street is resurfaced. It gives information regarding the timing of the project, where to park cars during construction, and an explanation of resurfacing procedures. The package also includes a survey form for residents to fill out at the completion of the resurfacing project. To date, nearly 800 survey forms have been returned to the City of Jacksonville. On average, residents have ranked the work between B and B+.

In September of 2000, voters approved The Better Jacksonville Plan, a ½ penny sales tax that pays for \$2.2 billion in citywide improvements. In addition to resurfaced neighborhood streets, The Better Jacksonville Plan includes road and infrastructure improvements, a new ballpark, a new arena, a new courthouse complex, a new Main Library, six new branch libraries and improvements to 12 existing branch libraries.

For more information, call Sharon Ashton at 630-7377 or 635-7549.