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Mirela Celaj Appointed Director of Public Works for University City

UNIVERSITY CITY, MO – The City of University City is pleased to announce the appointment of Mirela Celaj as the Director of Public Works, effective March 28, 2025. Celaj, who has been serving as Interim Director of Public Works, was officially named to the role by City Manager Gregory Rose.

With more than a decade of experience in municipal services management, Celaj has demonstrated outstanding leadership in overseeing University City's engineering, sanitation, stormwater management, and facilities operations. She has been an integral part of the city's Public Works Department since January 2023, previously serving as Assistant Director of Public Works. She also holds certification as a National Certified Floodplain Manager, further showcasing her expertise in infrastructure and environmental planning.

"Mirela has shown exceptional dedication and capability in leading the Public Works Department. Her expertise in municipal services and infrastructure management will continue to be a tremendous asset to University City," said City Manager Gregory Rose. "I have full confidence in her ability to lead the department in providing high-quality services to our residents."

Celaj holds a master's degree in civil engineering and a graduate certificate in project engineering and construction management from Missouri University of Science and Technology. Her combination of technical expertise and leadership experience positions her to successfully guide the department in delivering essential services that enhance the quality of life in University City.

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About University City: *University City was incorporated on September 4, 1906, by founder Edward Gardner Lewis, as a city of learning, culture and beautiful neighborhoods. This diverse community of approximately 35,000 residents provides welcoming neighborhoods, thriving business districts and is a great place to live, learn, work and be entertained. More information is available at www.ucitymo.org.*

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