

## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### WEEKLY UPDATE:

- SBFL: Great news - our application has moved on to the next round! Please see the following from FHLB:
  - Thank you for submitting an application for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Strong Communities Award. The committee was very impressed with the project presented by your institution and has selected your project as one of three finalists in our rural category.
  - The finalists will advance to a public vote on September 19-30 that will serve as a component of the selection process. One winner will be awarded \$15,000 and the top runner-up will receive \$3,000. The voting will occur on our public policy network [www.fhlbforcommunity.com](http://www.fhlbforcommunity.com).
  - We encourage you to rally your community in support of your fine project. We would suggest that you promote this within your community and we would be happy to provide a press release, a \$200 advertising reimbursement or any other materials.
  - Over the next two weeks, I will be in touch to gather more information to promote your project on our public policy network.
- WPCP/Biogas: Pre WPCP Director Koch - Here is an example of someone doing what we will be doing, but we're going to be doing it cleaner and more efficiently. John hopes to visit this location in October. Check out the video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHxsMIYa4vo>
- In-Depth Agenda: Tentative items for next weeks In-Depth session include zoning, downtown parking, and a potential biogas presentation/update.
- RAGBRAI: The last meeting for RAGBRAI 2016 was held this week to review opportunities for improvement and to celebrate this years success. RAGBRAI 2016 was a great event thanks to our many volunteers, committee members and city staff. RAGBRAI noted that our riverfront was the perfect setting/set-up for the event and dipping of the tires.
- Upcoming Conference Dates: FYI as to my upcoming conference dates - Iowa League 9/14 to 9/16, ICMA 9/26 to 9/28.
- Streets and Alleys: DPW Director Stineman is working to update the street and alley repair lists with CTRE scores from 2015 and to make the lists available to public online. Residents will be able to view the forthcoming plans/scores,etc. when questions arise related to the condition of their streets and the status of future repairs/improvements.
- Mulberry Update: Provided by Project Manager Hill - Attached is a Monthly Project Update for the Mulberry Ave. Reconstruction Project. I will be sending this type of detail to you at the beginning of each month for each of our construction projects. Next week will include West Hill, Airport, Alley #1 CDBG and hopefully the Art Center HVAC. If you believe these are worthwhile then I will continue to develop. If you would like to see additional information, just let me know. The first project updates take more time. After this they should be easier and less

time consuming as it will be a matter of changing certain facts. As part of this particular project update (Mulberry) there is a newsletter attached that we would like to send to the Mulberry residents.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

##### Civic TV: Channel 2

Great news! MPW Digital TV has researched the potential for an enhanced viewing experience for local residents. Through our collaborations with MPW Digital TV (as we mentioned in our "Civic TV" meeting announcement) we are happy to inform you that we can now provide a detailed programming guide through the digital "INFO GUIDE" functionality that all MPW Digital TV subscribers have access to. This means that when a viewer wants to find out specifically when a meeting, special event, or series program is on, they can use the digital iGuide to search. With the programming specified into searchable time blocks, this will also allow for the use of the DVR to record programming for viewing at a later time. I attached an example template to help you envision this new proposed service upgrade.

Currently, the info guide only indicates 'Government Access Programming'. This new functionality will simplify the process of finding local access content.

Additionally, the ONLINE programming guide will be enhanced, because the customers will be able to search and find specific programming:

<https://www.mpw.org/digital-tv/tv-listings>

This will definitely increase viewership of the broadcasts and programming on the 'new' Civic TV channel. With more viewers, the communications that we produce will realize a greater level of effectiveness and reach.

The service provider does charge a monthly fee to offer these great subscriber enhancements. MPW is going to pay a portion of the monthly fee, however is proposing that each of the effected organizations (City of Muscatine, Muscatine County, and Muscatine Schools) contribute \$30/month.

Please let me know what questions and/or concerns you may have. I could meet with you (and/or your board) if necessary. Ultimately, I am looking for approval for MPW to begin this service and then bill your organization subsequently to help cover the costs of this exciting new service enhancement.

Regards,  
Chad Bishop  
MCC Video Department

Note: Here is the link for more detailed information on the service provider:  
<http://www.rovicorp.com/products-and-solutions/products/guides/classic-guides/i-guide.html>

## Hebei Relief Fund

Please see below and attached forwarded by Gary Dvorchak

Iowa Sister States is opening the Hebei Relief Fund today. The purpose of this fund is to raise money to assist in rebuilding efforts in Hebei Province. Some of you know this already, but for those of you that do not-a portion of Hebei has been devastated with severe flooding. Hundreds were killed, and hundreds are still missing. Property damage is at least in the millions at this point.

We are asking all of you to put on your Iowa Nice hats and let the people of Hebei Province hear from you. We are asking that people give \$83 (or a number that has 83 in it) in recognition of the year 1983. That was the year that the Iowa-Hebei sister state agreement was signed. Donations can be made via PayPal on our website or checks can be mailed directly to us at the address below.

Full details of the effort can be found in the document attached. Please share this far and wide. The fund will be open until October 1. Thanks in advance to all of you that will give. An even bigger thanks to those of you that will advocate for others to give to this effort as well.



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August 25, 2016

Dear Mulberry Resident:

Thank you for the patience and understanding you have already shown us during the Mulberry Avenue Reconstruction Project. This project truly will make Mulberry a safer, more enjoyable area, but it takes some time to get us there. It is not unusual for property owners in the construction zone to begin feeling more impatient as the work continues. Therefore, we believe you are deserving of an update on the project.

The Contractor, Langman Construction Inc., will be stepping aside during the month of September to allow the utility companies to complete their part of the work: new gas main; relocation of telephone, electrical and communication lines and water service connections. While these agencies finish their work, Langman Construction will be busy removing trees, filling ditches and constructing the retention basin.

October will begin the final push for the significant concrete work – street, sidewalks and driveway aprons. Currently, landscaping efforts are scheduled to take place in October, but if necessary will be postponed and completed in Spring 2017. The expected completion of the Mulberry Ave. Reconstruction Project is November 2016.

We certainly appreciate your patience throughout the construction. Hopefully the access roads, refuse collection, mail delivery and any emergency vehicle calls have been satisfactory while improvements to this very valuable entryway into Muscatine is under construction.

If you have any concerns or would like a more detailed description of the work and/or timetable please contact either Project Manager Bill Haag (563-299-0690) or Randy Hill (319-430-7139).

Thank You,

Randy Hill

## MULBERRY AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

### I. Project Contract Award

- A. Contractor: Langman Construction Company (LCI)
- B. Contract Amount: \$1,888,269.44
- C. City Council Award: May 19, 2016
- D. Iowa DOT Stamp: June 13, 2016
- E. Notice To Proceed: June 16, 2016
- F. Funding Sources:
  - 1. Federal Surface Transportation Funds
  - 2. General Obligation Bonds
  - 3. Sewer Extension Reserve Fund
  - 4. Road Use Tax Fund
- G. This project is an 80%-20% split with Federal Funds
- H. \$56,700 in DBE commitment
- I. Soft Costs to date = \$246,886.48

### II. Schedule

- A. LCI has 75 working days to complete the project (per DOT specifications). Note: 35 of those days were allocated to getting the Mulberry/Houser intersection open.
- B. LCI has used 35.33% of time allocated (8/13/16)
- C. LCI has been paid for 29.39%
  - 1. Note: LCI is behind schedule because of utility delays and wet conditions
- D. LCI will suspend work for 20 days on either August 29<sup>th</sup> or September 5<sup>th</sup> depending on sanitary sewer installation progress
  - 1. Twenty (20) day window for utilities:
    - a. Alliant Energy – new gas line
    - b. Century Link – relocate telephone lines
    - c. MPW Electric & Communications – complete underground installation
    - d. MPW Water – service connections
  - 2. LCI is expected to stay on the construction site during the 20 day window clearing trees, constructing the detention basin and filling ditches for new utility installations.
- E. **Anticipated Completion Date: November 2016**

III. Job Performance

- A. During the project the City has supplied trench backfill and modified subbase to the contractor at a value of \$100,120.
- B. Weekly Project meetings with contractor, subcontractors, utilities and city staff are held on Friday mornings to coordinate plans and address outstanding issues or disputes (none to date).

IV. Budget

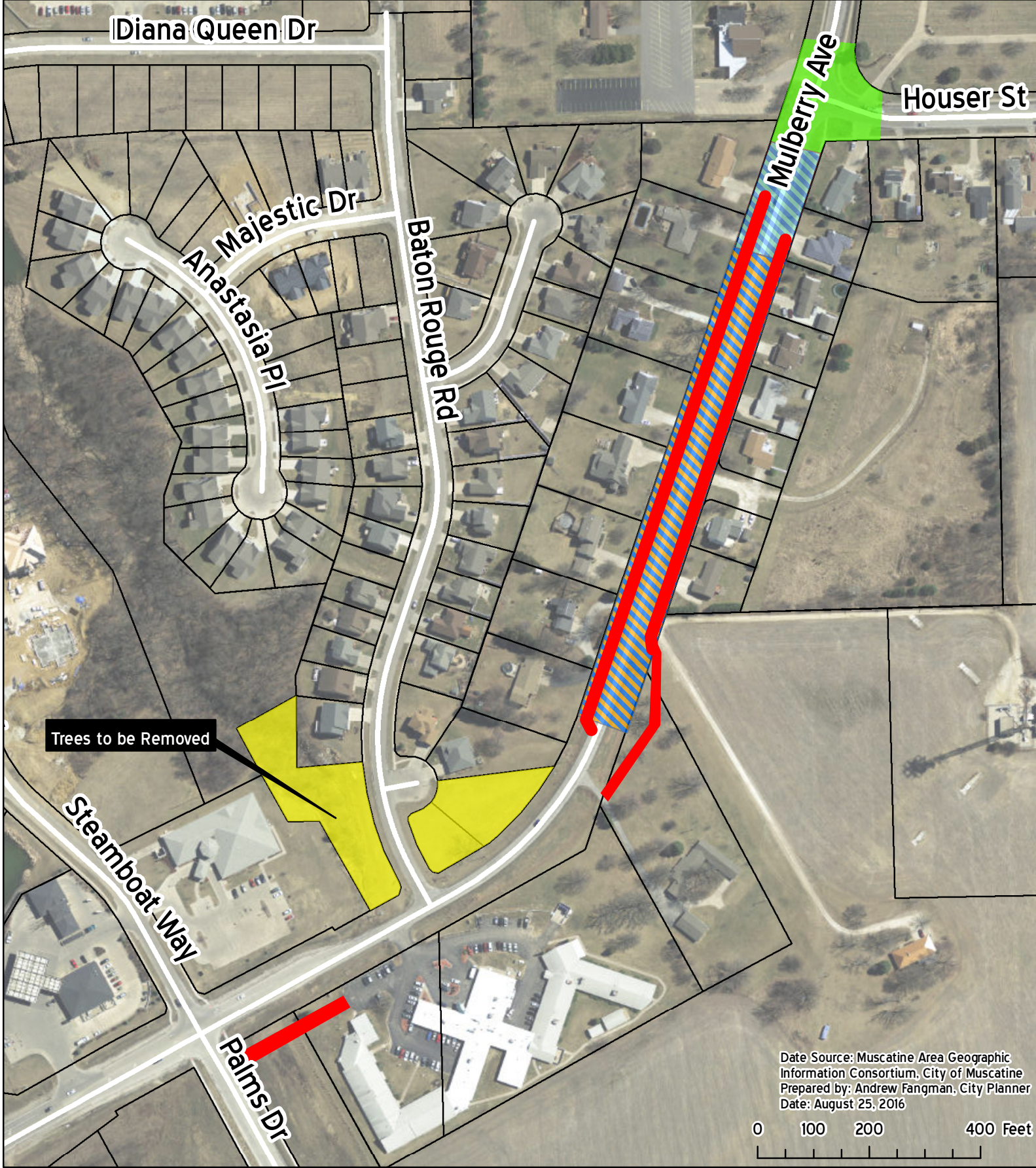
- A. The project is considered within budget at this time.
- B. Change Orders:
  - 1. Trench Backfill = \$81,510
  - 2. Modified Subbase = \$1,920
  - 3. Detour Signage = \$990

Note: During the design the plans & specifications show granular backfill but this item was omitted as a pay item and/or quantity, an oversight by both the Design firm (Shoemaker-Haaland) and City Staff.
- C. Value Engineering Opportunities:
  - 1. When the decision was made to use material from the Airport for granular backfill, this reduced the Change Order #1 from \$158,550 to \$81,510.
  - 2. Likewise the material from the Airport for modified subbase reduced Change Order #2 from \$25,000 to \$1,920.
  - 3. There may be another opportunity for cost reduction due to value engineering with the construction of the retention basin using more material from the airport.
- D. There are no significant increases or decreases in project costs expected at this time.

V. Citizen Comments

The City and/or the contractor have not received any specific negative feedback from the homeowners impacted at this time. The access roads constructed have proven to be very durable and convenient. We plan to distribute a private newsletter to the residents updating them on the project's progress.





# MUSCATINE *Mulberry Project Update*



Phase Completed: Road Open



Utility Corridor: Sanitary Sewer Completed



Utility Corridor: Sanitary Sewer Under Construction



Temporary Access Roads



To be Constructed Detention Basins



Parcel Lines







In 1983, Governor Branstad signed the Iowa-Hebei Sister State agreement. Since that signing, hundreds of citizens have traveled back and forth between our two states. Citizens on both sides have participated in educational and art exchanges, agriculture and business ventures, as well as government and medical partnerships. The Iowa-Hebei relationship is one of Iowa's most active sister state relationships and delivers results-oriented programs and projects. Most famous of all the projects that have occurred over the years is the project that brought China's current President-Xi Jinping-to Iowa for two weeks. He and his delegation criss-crossed the state as part of an agriculture-based program.

Recently, Hebei Province has struggled with severe flooding due to massive amounts of rain. Hundreds have been killed in the flooding, while scores more are missing and feared dead. The loss of property is in the millions at this point. The citizens of Iowa know all too well the devastating effects flooding can have.

We feel that it is time that we truly exhibit what "Iowa nice" means.

Iowa Sister States has established the **Hebei Relief Fund** to help in rebuilding efforts. Donations will be accepted for the fund until October 1. In recognition of the 1983 signing of the Iowa-Hebei sister state relationship, we ask that you make an \$83 donation. (or multiples of 83)

We know of course that the funds raised won't cover a significant portion of the actual re-building costs....but we do know that it will go a long way in ensuring that the people of Hebei Province know that the citizens of Iowa care about their well being. This effort will further bring our two states closer together.

Please send your check to:  
Iowa Sister States-Hebei Relief Fund  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

You can also make your donations via PayPal at [www.iowasisterstates.org](http://www.iowasisterstates.org). Questions? Contact Kim Heidemann at [kim.heidemann@iowasisterstates.org](mailto:kim.heidemann@iowasisterstates.org).

Thank you in advance for being a citizen diplomat. In today's climate of international tensions, your participation in positive global programs-such as Iowa Sister States-is more important than ever.

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<https://www.facebook.com/IowaSisterStates>

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MPW  
DIGITAL TV

Monday - 08/29 2 PM

Muscatine Power & Water

MORE

08/29	2:30 PM	3 PM	3:30 PM	4 PM	4:30 PM	5 PM
On Demand	1 On Demand Programming (Entertainment)	On Demand Programming (Entertainment)	On Demand Programming (Entertainment)	On Demand Programming (Entertainment)	On Demand Programming (Entertainment)	On Demand Programming (Entertainment)
CIVIC 2	2 School Board Meeting (Government/Municipal)	Muscatine City Council Meeting (Government/Municipal)			County Board Meeting (Government/Municipal)	
WGN	3 In the Heat of the Night Just a Country Boy (Drama, 3/19/1991, TV-PG)	Blue Bloods Dedication (Drama, 2/18/2011, TV-14)			Blue Bloods Silver Star (Drama, 3/11/2011, TV-14)	
31	4 FABLife Mix and Match Special (HD, Repeat, Food, 5/19/2016, TV-PG)	Dr. Oz (HD)	Local 4 News at 4pm (HD, New, News)		Inside Edition (HD, New, True, 8/29/2016, TV-PG)	Local 4 News at 5pm (HD, New, News)
RE/MAX TV	5 Muscatine Real Estate Listings by ReMax Professionals (Commercial Access)	Muscatine Real Estate Listings by ReMax Professionals (Commercial Access)				
6	6 The Meredith Vieira Show What's Hot Now!, "Long Island Medium" Theresa Caputo, Actor Dean Cain	Paula Sands Live (New, News)	Jeopardy! (HD, Repeat, Game/Quiz, 7/07/2014, TV-G)	KWQC TV6 News at Four (New, News)	Jeopardy! Teachers Tournament Week 2 (HD, New, Game/Quiz, 5/09/2016, TV-G)	KWQC TV6 News at Five (New, News)
7	7 Maury I Cheated on Michael with Jeff... Which Man is the Dad?	Steve Harvey Behind the Scenes at Steve's Daughter Karli's Recent Wedding! (HD, Repeat, Interview, 11/09/2015, TV-PG)	Family Feud I (HD, Repeat, Game/Quiz, 2/18/2015, TV-PG)		2 Broke Girls I And the Model Apartment (HD, Comedy, 12/08/2014, TV-14)	Mike & Molly I Surprise (Comedy, 2/20/2012, TV-14)
8	8 Judge Judy Vegas Birthday Fail! Puppy Takes a Bad Fall, Rookie Driver Mistake!	Dr. Phil "Fat Guy" Siles Cross Country To Save His Life or to Scam America? (HD, Repeat, Interview, 2/08/2016, TV-14)	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (HD, Repeat, Interview, 2/12/2016, TV-G)		WQAD News 8 @ 5pm (New, News)	
9	9 Muscatine Main Street (Local Talk Show)	Calvary Connection (Religious)		Muscatine Muskie Football (Sports)		
11	11 Jerry Springer Tag Team Fights (Repeat, True, 3/21/2013, TV-14)	Cheaters Tammy Bassaldua; Sean Roberts (Repeat, True, 5/02/2005, TV-14)	Cheaters Tony Painter; Angela Potter (Repeat, True, 4/17/2010, TV-14)	Cops Reloaded (HD, True, 4/01/2013, TV-14)	Cops Reloaded (HD, True, 5/15/2013, TV-14)	Corrupt Crimes Killer Arsonist (HD, Repeat, True, 7/06/2016, TV-PG)