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Hard close for Mississippi Drive moved back to Broadway

Officials move work area further down Mississippi Drive due to river level

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The rising waters of the Mississippi River have altered the work area for the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project according to Bill Haag, project manager for the City of Muscatine. The hard close for the southern portion of the Mississippi Drive project will be moved from Pine Street back to the intersection with Broadway Thursday morning.

“With the water level at its current and projected point, we need to move down Mississippi Drive to keep construction personnel working,” Haag said. “We have to wait for the river level to come down before we can work on the sewer line from Chestnut to Pine.”

Haag said that the City and KE Flatwork, the general contractor for the project, will work on installing the water, sanitary, and storm lines along the section from Pine to Broadway until the Mississippi River recedes enough to allow work on the sewer line in Phase I of the project.

Moving the hard close effectively makes the truck detour (Main Street to 8th Street to Mulberry Avenue to 2nd Street) the only detour for the construction project. Access to businesses on Mississippi Drive will still be available from 2nd Street by taking Alley #1 off of Pine Street.

“If we do not get any more rain and the river level falls far enough we will be able to move the crews back to the Sycamore to Pine work area,” Haag said. “We are going to keep this project moving as best we can.”

WEST HILL SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT 3C



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West Hill Sewer Separation Project 3C is within weeks of completion but East 4th Street from Cedar to Iowa and West 4th Street from Iowa to Chestnut remains closed. City of Muscatine Inspector Steve Dalbey reports that the sewer work is complete, but it will be several more weeks before the street is reopened as Heuer Construction completes the remaining street, driveway, and sidewalk paving. East 4th Street from Cedar up to but not including the Iowa Avenue intersection has been paved. The next block from Chestnut through the Iowa Avenue intersection is expected to be paved this week (May 30-June 2, 2017). Once the sidewalks and driveways in each block are completed the street will be reopened to traffic.

The sanitary and storm sewer work in the 4th Street Park area will begin soon which will result in portions of Broadway and West 4th around the park being closed to traffic. Notifications of closures will be provided ahead of time as much as possible.

Access on West 4th Street between Locust and Cherry Street is limited and will be closed soon for sanitary and storm sewer work. However, while it is still open to some local traffic, the driving surface is less-than-ideal so caution must be taken. Avoid the area if possible.

The City of Muscatine has developed a web page (www.muscatineiowa.gov/construction) that will keep citizens and visitors apprised of not only the Mississippi Drive reconstruction project but also the various other projects that are or will be underway in Muscatine. The City has also worked with the Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC) to develop an interactive map that will provide real time displays of construction zones, local traffic routes, and detours around work areas (www.muscatineiowa.gov/construction/map). These can be found under the Construction Project 2017 icon on the City's home page.

Interested individuals and business owners can also take advantage of the "Notify Me®" section located on the home page of the City's website. By signing up with your email address you are able to receive alerts on a variety of topics that you select from the menu options including



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“Construction Project Updates” which will be used to send out news including street closures and openings.

Additional information can be found at the following web sites:

[West Hill Sewer Separation Project](#)

[Mississippi Drive Reconstruction](#)

[Interactive Map](#)