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MISSISSIPPI DRIVE SHOWN from Sycamore Street looking west. The first two phases of the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project will be substantially completed this year with Phase 1 (west of Sycamore to Pine) expected to be completed by Oct. 13 and Phase 2 (west of Pine to Broadway) by Nov. 22.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: September 22, 2017

Detours slated next week for Isett, Cypress during Asphalt Overlay Project

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Despite the much needed rainfall that fell Wednesday night, the construction pace continued on the fast track in the City of Muscatine this week. Prep work continued for pouring the next block of the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project, work began on the second phase of the Cleveland Street Reconstruction Project, work was wrapping up in the 4th Street Park area of the West Hill Sewer Separation Project and began on 5th Street, and the 2017 asphalt overlay continued despite a breakdown at the asphalt production facility.

2017 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT

Illowa Investment, Inc., milled three sections of streets on Friday including 57th Street from 67th to the railroad, Eisenhower Street from Devitt Avenue to Dead End, and 5th Avenue from Webster Street to Blaine Street. The sections will be prepped for asphalt on Monday.

The asphalt production facility was down most of this past week but is back in operation with Illowa Investment, Inc., finishing the overlay on Jefferson. Howard and Jackson have also been overlaid but finish work has yet to be completed.

Detours will be announced Monday (Sept. 25) as prepping and asphalt overlay work will begin on Isett Avenue and Cypress Street. Work on Isett from East 11th to Woodlawn and on Cypress

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from East 11th to the #9 alley. Drivers are urged to avoid the area if possible and follow posted detour signs as needed. The City and contractor were discussing the detours Friday afternoon and they will be posted as soon as possible.

West Cleveland Street (Isett Avenue to Dead End and Elfers Street (Grandview Avenue to Dead End) are the two remaining street segments yet to be milled, prepped and overlaid with asphalt.

The Asphalt Overlay Project is part of the Pavement Management program for the City of Muscatine and is funded through the Road Use Tax Fund and the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. There are a total of 140 miles of streets throughout Muscatine that the Public Works Department is in charge of in addition to the alleys and parking lots. Approximately \$2.86 million has been spent on Pavement Management in the last six years which includes curb and gutter replacement, full depth patch, crack sealing, and resurfacing.

MISSISSIPPI DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The rain did not slow down contractors for the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project. KE Flatwork projects that Mississippi Drive from west of Sycamore Street to the Pine Street intersection will be substantially complete by October 13, 2017, and work west of Pine Street to Broadway Street will be substantially complete by Nov. 22, 2017.

The tentative schedule also calls work on Chestnut Street to begin in October. The exact start date will be determined by the contractors for the Merrill Hotel & Convention Center but will be finished 29 days after the starting date.

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Phase 3 will move work back east and include Mississippi Drive from Sycamore Street to Mulberry Avenue. A start date of Nov. 26, 2017, has been established but that could change depending on the progress of Phase 2 (Pine to Broadway). Underground work will be done during the winter months. Phase 3 should be substantially complete by Sept. 28, 2018, and Phase 4 (2nd Street) should be substantially complete by Nov. 21, 2018. The start date for Phase 4 will be set after a meeting with affected businesses later this year.

KE Flatworks continuing finishing work on the section from Chestnut to Pine and grading the section from Pine to Linn Street in preparation for paving. Grading has also begun in front of the Merrill Hotel & Convention Center for the drop off lane which will wrap around the hotel and be included as part the reconstruction of Chestnut Street next month.

KMA Excavating, the underground contractor has progressed past the Linn Street intersection and working towards the bluffs while also wrapping up underground work on Pine Street.

The hard close for Mississippi Drive now extends from Cedar Street to Broadway. The Canadian Pacific Rail Road crossing at Cedar Street remains open. Contractors from the City of Muscatine and the Merrill Hotel & Convention Center are coordinating efforts to use a portion of Mississippi Drive from Sycamore to Cedar as a staging area. The Iowa Avenue intersection is open only for construction traffic and for Pearl Condominium parking.

Drivers are reminded to follow the detour signs to bypass the construction area. More information is available at www.muscatineiowa.gov/construction.

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Access is still available to all businesses on Mississippi Dive and connected side streets. Parking remains available on Linn Street with a pedestrian crossing established at the Linn Street intersection for patrons of Contrary Brewing, Clamshell, Nutrition Outlet, and Escape Organic Salon.

[PHOTO GALLERY](#)

KENT STEIN TO DEEP LAKES TRAIL

The four-mile Kent Stein to Deep Lakes Park Trail (also known as the Wiggins Road Trail) is nearly complete with concrete work around the railroad crossing on Dick Drake Way and on 33rd Street yet to be completed along with some shoulder and finishing work.

All-American Concrete is pouring a 50 foot by 22 foot section of 33rd Street where the trail crosses the roadway with 33rd Street closed at the present time from Stewart Road to the railroad.

Walkers, runners, and bicycle riders are asked to stay off the new trail at the present time as construction continues. The project has a completion date of Sept. 30. A ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the trail will be scheduled after the work has been completed.

[PHOTO GALLERY](#)

CLEVELAND STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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The first phase of the Cleveland Street Reconstruction Project is complete and opened for traffic. The first phase replaces the section from Park Avenue to just east of the Cleveland Street west entrance to the McDonald's Restaurant. The second phase is currently underway. That phase will replace the concrete from the end of Phase 1 to just east of Coventry Lane.

WEST HILL SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT

The West Hill Sewer Separation Project is wrapping around the 4th Street Park area with the streets round the park expected to be fully opened to traffic within the next week or two. Haggerty Earthworks has started work on East 5th Street starting at the Cedar Street intersection and moving up towards Iowa Avenue. The contractor reached the Sycamore street intersection by Friday, Sept. 22.

The last part of the sewer work in this area will involve the closure of Sycamore Street between East 5th and East 6th streets.

Heuer Construction, the paving contractor for the West Hill Sewer Separation Project, will move equipment to the East 5th Street area after completing work in the 4th Street Park area. Grading of East 5th Street from Cedar up to the Sycamore Street intersection should begin next week.

[West Hill Sewer Separation Project](#)

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