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**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: October 13, 2017**

**STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES IN MUSCATINE**

*Cleveland Street in homestretch, 5th Street & Mississippi Drive work continues*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – Rain may not always be welcomed during construction season but we are in that time of year when weather can play a factor in the progress of various construction projects. However, that has not stopped the grading, forming, and pouring of concrete for three projects within the City of Muscatine.

**CLEVELAND STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

The Cleveland Street Reconstruction Project is in the homestretch with the final segment from Coventry Lane to 2nd Avenue being poured Friday (Oct. 13) and leaving some smaller pours for over the weekend and into the early part of next week. All-American Concrete is the prime contractor for the project which is replacing the concrete pavement from Park Avenue to 2nd Avenue.

**WEST HILL SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT**

Heuer Construction has finished paving in the 4th Street Park area with the West 4th Street, Locust, and Cherry intersection now open to traffic. The paving contractor for Phase III of the West Hill Sewer Separation Project is framing up East 5th Street from Cedar to Sycamore and should be pouring concrete early next week weather permitting.

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Meanwhile, prime contractor Haggerty Earthworks is getting close to completing the underground work on East 5th Street and were approaching the intersection with Iowa Avenue on Friday. Motorists are reminded that the Iowa-East 5th Street intersection will be closed as work progresses.

The last part of the sewer replacement work in the 5th Street area will involve the closure of Sycamore Street from East 5th to the #5 alley.

### **MISSISSIPPI DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

There is a lot of positive news coming from the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project and some that has caused a slight delay in progress. KMA Excavating, the underground contractor for the project, ran into rock near the bluffs which were not as deep as originally thought. This created some redesign work for the water main and the storm sewer. Survey crews were also brought in as the roadway had to be moved slightly closer to the river and away from the bluffs.

KMA Excavating continued work from Linn towards the Bluffs as the redesign was completed earlier this week.

KE Flatworks continued to pour concrete with work progressing on the Pine Street intersection and the parking area from Pine to Linn streets. Work on the Chestnut intersection and Chestnut Street is expected to begin next week which is the final major portion of Phase I yet to be completed.

KE Flatworks remains optimistic that Mississippi Drive from Iowa Avenue to Broadway Street will be substantially complete by Nov. 22, 2017, and open to the public. However, the Canadian Pacific Rail Road crossing at Iowa Avenue will remain closed as CPRR has had to delay the installation of "Quiet Zone" equipment until possibly after Thanksgiving due to crews being sent to areas damaged by the recent hurricanes.

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City officials and the general contractor are working with CPRR to try and get the status of the crossing updated prior to the installation of the equipment. The Iowa Avenue crossing must be opened before officials can close the Cedar Street crossing and begin underground work from Sycamore to Mulberry over the winter months. There is the possibility that both traffic crossings and the pedestrian crossings can be completed before the end of the year but that is dependent on the weather and CPRR scheduling.

Those who have been watching the advancement of the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project will notice some landscaping being added starting next week.

### **KENT STEIN TO DEEP LAKES TRAIL**

Work on the four-mile Kent Stein to Deep Lakes Park Trail (also known as the Wiggins Road Trail) is complete pending a final inspection and completion of any punch list items found. It is anticipated that Muscatine's newest trail will be presented to the City Council for acceptance at the October 19 meeting. A ribbon cutting ceremony has been scheduled for 12 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, at the 41st Street entrance of the trail into Deep Lakes Park.

Walkers, runners, and bicycle riders are asked to stay off the new trail until the trail is formally opened.

### **2017 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT**

Illowa Investment, Inc., has completed all segments of the 2017 Asphalt Overlay Project. 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

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on Pavement Management in the last six years which includes curb and gutter replacement, full depth patch, crack sealing, and resurfacing.

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