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FEELS LIKE WINTER AS WORK CONTINUES ON THREE PROJECTS

Cleveland Street to be reopened this week while two other projects keep on going

MUSCATINE, Iowa – It was a blustery day in Muscatine Tuesday (Oct. 24) but that did not stop the construction on various projects within the city. Cleveland Street is in clean up mode as All American Concrete wraps up the project with the rebuilt street expected to reopen for traffic this week.

Meanwhile, Haggerty Earthworks and Heuer Construction have made significant progress on the final portion of Phase III of the West Hill Sewer Separation Project on East 5th Street with KE Flatworks and KMA Excavating plunging ahead with the first two phases of the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project.

The 2017 construction season is becoming more dependent on weather conditions as we close in on the final two months of the calendar year but City Project Manager Bill Haag believes there is still plenty of time to finish work slated for 2017.

“We have days like today and some warmer days from now through December,” Haag said.

“Even today they are pouring concrete and any day you pour concrete is a good day.”

CLEVELAND STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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The Cleveland Street Reconstruction Project will be wrapped up this week pending final inspection of the new pavement from Park Avenue to 2nd Avenue. All-American Concrete was cleaning up the reconstructed roadway on Monday with the street to be fully open to traffic as early as Wednesday.

WEST HILL SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT

Heuer Construction has finished paving East 5th Street from Cedar to Sycamore except for some small pours and should be pouring concrete early next week on the portion of East 5th from Sycamore to Iowa. Haggerty Earthworks was wrapping up underground work in the Iowa Avenue intersection and will be moving back down to Sycamore Street for the final portion of underground work in Phase III. Sycamore will be closed from East 5th to the #5 alley for the underground work.

MISSISSIPPI DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Redesign work for Mississippi Drive near the bluffs has been completed and KMA Excavating, the underground contractor for the project, is well on the way to completing work on the storm sewer up to Broadway. Muscatine Power & Water (MPW) has already completed the water main and were working on finishing the new valve connections.

The Merrill Hotel and Conference Center released Chestnut Street to KE Flatworks last week and work has been underway to complete the last major pours of Phase I of the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project. Chestnut Street reconstruction should be completed by the end of the week but the street will not be open to the public as work continues on the hotel construction project.

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Once Chestnut Street is complete, KE Flatworks expects to move back downriver on Mississippi Drive and begin grading and pouring of the street from Pine to Broadway. That would leave several smaller pours to be completed in Phase I and Phase II.

Heritage Landscaping was on hand this week to install the landscaping in the medians while Hardscapes Solutions, Inc., has been installing the brickwork in the medians and pedestrian crossings.

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.

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.

KENT STEIN TO DEEP LAKES TRAIL

A ribbon cutting last Friday (Oct. 20) opened up the four-mile Kent Stein to Deep Lakes Park Trail (also known as the Wiggins Road Trail). Now that the trail is open to the public, planning has begun on the next trail dubbed the “Westside Trail” that is part of the Pearls of Progress project. The Westside Trail will run from Kent Stein Park to Discovery Park and incorporate mini trails around the Muscatine Pollinator Park and the Muscatine Dog Park. The

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Pollinator Park and one-mile trail is currently being developed off of Houser Street while the dog park is also a part of the Pearls of Progress project and will eventually be a trail head.

Information on the Pearls of Progress project and how you can become a part of making Muscatine a more attractive place to live, work, play, visit, and do business with a tax deductible donation can be found at www.muscatineiowa.gov/PearlsofProgress.

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 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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