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### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

## **MUSCATINE PROJECTS HAVE PLENTY TO BE THANKFUL FOR**

*Mississippi Drive is tentatively set for reopening on or about December 8*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The two major Muscatine projects still underway ahead of the winter shutdown have plenty to be thankful for. Phase III of the West Hill Sewer Separation Project is wrapping up work with East 5th Street expected to reopen next week. And those who have been waiting for Mississippi Drive to reopen from Iowa to Broadway may get their wish around December 8.

The West Hill Sewer Separation Project wraps up Phase III with the reopening of East 5th Street from Cedar to Sycamore next week. The Iowa Avenue intersection will be open pending the completion of work around Wesley Church. Request for bids for Phase IV of the project will be sent out this winter with the tentative time schedule starting work in April or May. Exact time schedule and location of the work will be announced once the design plans have been finalized.

Lucas Kluever of KE Flatwork, Inc., along with City of Muscatine project managers Randy Hill and Bill Haag, met with Mississippi Drive business owners Thursday (Nov. 16) morning at The Contrary Brewery. Kluever told the owners that the main line of Mississippi Drive will be completed by Thanksgiving.

The final major piece of the main line from Iowa Avenue to Broadway, a section from Linn Street to the Bluffs, was being poured today (Nov. 16). Once that section has cured, KE Flatworks will

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begin work on the parking area and, potentially, the sidewalks in front of The Contrary and The Nutrition Outlet but that work will not begin until after Thanksgiving.

“It needs to be above 34 degrees and rising into the 40s for us to pour concrete,” Haag said.

“The forecast shapes up to be pretty good to complete the concrete work through the first week of December.”

Once the major pours are complete, the concrete has cured, and the intersection brickwork completed, Mississippi Drive will be cleaned, stripped, and ready to be open on or about December 8. Some stripping and permanent signage work will begin next week. There is also the possibility that temporary lighting will be used ahead of the permanent lighting fixture installations.

“There are a lot of little things that need to be finished but they can be done with some spot closures during the spring,” Haag said.

Once the section of Mississippi Drive from Iowa Avenue to Broadway has reopened, KE Flatworks and their subcontractors will move back upriver and begin work on the section from Sycamore to Mulberry. However that start date is dependent on when Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPRR) completes the upgrades to the Iowa Avenue crossing and Muscatine Power & Water (MPW) installs the traffic signals at the Iowa Avenue intersection.

Canadian Pacific is tentatively scheduled to replace the two cross arms currently used at Iowa Avenue with four cross arms (two on each side) which are installed as part of the “Quiet Zone” project. The railroad will do the same at the Cedar Street crossing. The “Quiet Zone” is a coordinated effort by the railroad and the City of Muscatine that has train engines not sounding their horns from upriver of the Iowa 92 bridge to downriver of Carver Corner.

## **BACK IN PARKING**

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Once Mississippi Drive is reopened, drivers will find parking available from north side of Mississippi Drive from Iowa Avenue west. These will be “back in parking” spaces.

Read our blog posted last year when back in parking was installed for public practice on Linn Street: <https://muscatineiowa.wordpress.com/2016/08/11/back-in-angled-parking-is-being-demonstrated-in-muscatine-heres-your-guide/>

Here is a video on “Back in angled parking for dummies” that you can watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apdmTiZEzAE>

### **HARD CLOSE MOVES TO IOWA AVENUE**

Once Mississippi Drive is open from Iowa Avenue to Broadway, the hard close will be moved to the upriver side of the Iowa Avenue intersection. Hard closes will also be installed at the intersections with Sycamore, Cedar, Walnut, and Mulberry when underground work begins on Phase III of the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project. The intersections will remain open until the Canadian Pacific reopens the railroad crossing at Iowa Avenue which will allow the closing of the Cedar Street crossing.

### **PARKING AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESS PATRONS**

As the first two phases of the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction project wrap up, local residents and visitors are reminded that there is plenty of parking of available within a short walking distances of shops and restaurants in the downtown area. Parking on the riverfront is just steps away from five restaurants located in the first block of Iowa Avenue including Avenue Subs, Missipi Brewing Co. (The Brew), the Pearl Martini Bar & Lounge, Tantra Thai Bistro, and the newest member of the Iowa Avenue restaurant club ... Mamma Mia Restarant (located on the first floor of the Pearl Condominium). All open and ready to serve patrons.

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Many other shops and restaurants on 2nd Street and on the side streets from Mulberry to Pine are just a short walking distance away and look forward to serving you.

Shop local ... dine local ... Muscatine Pride.

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