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### **MISSISSIPPI DRIVE REOPENS TO TRAFFIC FROM PINE TO IOWA**

*MPW completes work to de-energize high lines but lines remain in case of need*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The eastbound lane of Mississippi Drive from Pine Street to Iowa Avenue has reopened in local traffic according to City of Muscatine officials. Muscatine Power and Water (MPW) crews asked that the eastbound lane be closed this morning to facilitate the de-energizing of the high lines stretching from Pine Street east toward Mulberry Avenue. That work was completed this afternoon (Dec. 20).

The high lines and poles will eventually disappear from the drive down Mississippi Drive but that will not occur until Phase III work has been completed next spring. Until then the high lines will remain in place and be available in case of an emergency according to MPW officials.

In other news for the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project, Canadian Pacific Rail Road (CPRR) expects to reopen the Iowa Avenue crossing sometime on Thursday. The Iowa Avenue intersection will be a four-way stop until MPW installs the traffic signals in the second half of January 2018.

Once CPRR opens the Iowa Avenue crossing, they will close the Cedar Street crossing where they will begin installation of equipment and cross arms at that location. That work is not expected to be completed until sometime in January. However, the crossing will remain closed as Phase III of the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project moves past Cedar Street toward Mulberry Avenue.



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KMA Excavating is wrapping up work between Sycamore and Cedar this week. The underground contractor expects to be into the Cedar Street intersection soon and continue working down towards Mulberry Avenue over the next several months. KE Flatworks will be raising the roadway and paving next spring.

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