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RESIDENTS INFORMED OF WEST HILL PHASE V WORK SCHEDULE

Concerns over access to residences, sidewalk replacement on Climer Street addressed

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The City of Muscatine hosted a public meeting on Phase V of the West Hill Area Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation Project (WHSSP) Wednesday (April 21) with several residents from the area of the 2021 construction in attendance in person and online.

The main focus of the meeting was to introduce the contractor, present a brief overview and a tentative schedule of the project, and answer questions from residents who live in the area affected by the construction.

Hagerty Earthworks, Inc., was awarded the \$6.03 million contract for Phase V of the WHSSP during the April 1 City Council meeting. This phase includes replacing sewers on West 8th Street from Broadway to Lucas, on Climer Street from West 8th Street to Lucas, Logan Street from Lucas to Climer, Lucas Street from 912 Lucas to Fletcher Avenue, and through the ravine between Climer and Lucas.

The first year of the two-year project will focus on West 8th Street and Climer Street.

Work on Phase 5A (2021 construction season) is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, May 3 on the property at 891 West 8th Street. The City of Muscatine purchased the property earlier this year. The house was moved away from its foundation on April 1 to facilitate the separation of the combined storm sewer that runs from West 8th Street through the property.

The City plans to have a new foundation built, replace the home, and sell the property once the construction work is completed in the area.

The tentative schedule indicates that work on West 8th Street will begin on May 24 and be completed by July 30. The rest of the construction season will include work on Climer from West 8th to Lucas.

Most of the questions Wednesday night came from residents on Climer Street who were concerned about access to their homes during the project, and how much of the sidewalk would be replaced. City officials and the contractor indicated that work on Climer would not start until July 30 or after, and that they would be in contact with homeowners as the work progresses.

An access road will be added to the boulevard on certain sections of Climer Street for residents who do not have alley access. Accommodations are also available for those with special needs by contacting Public Works at 563-263-8933.

Drivers are reminded to slow down and use caution when travelling through the construction zone, obey traffic control devices, and be aware of workers. Use an alternate route if possible.

For more information on City of Muscatine construction projects click on [CONSTRUCTION](#) to visit the Department of Public Works Construction Projects page.

If you have a comment or concern, please email feedback@muscatineiowa.gov or pwrequest@muscatineiowa.gov. A staff member will respond within 24 hours.

WHSSP Phase 5A Tentative Schedule		
Task	Tentative Start Date	Tentative End Date
Phase 5A1.5		
Utilities at 891 West 8th Street	May 03, 2021	May 21, 2021
Phase 5A.1		
Utilities on West 8th from Climer to Lucas	May 24, 2021	July 16, 2021
Paving & Grading on West 8th from Climer to Lucas	June 21, 2021	July 30, 2021
Phase 5A.2		
Utilities Climer Alley	July 19, 2021	July 30, 2021
Paving Climer Alley	August 02, 2021	August 06, 2021
Phase 5A.3		
Utilities east half of Climer Street	August 02, 2021	September 24, 2021
Paving east half of Climer Street	September 06, 2021	October 01, 2021
Phase 5A.4		
Utilities west half of Climer Street	September 27, 2021	October 29, 2021
Paving west half of Climer Street	October 11, 2021	October 29, 2021