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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

*Asphalt overlay project underway in Muscatine; Mississippi Drive moving forward*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – Illowa Investment, Inc., started putting the first layer of asphalt down on one of the seven street segments Friday, Sept. 15, as part of the 2017 Asphalt Overlay Project. The segments were milled earlier this week. A total of 12 street segments are scheduled for the asphalt overlay during the 2017 project.

Work continues to progress on the Mississippi Drive Reconstruction Project, the West Hill Sewer Replacement Project, and the Kent Stein to Deep Lakes Trail project.

### **33RD STREET SOUTH CLOSURE POSTPONED**

All-American Concrete had anticipated closing 33rd Street South from the Stewart Road to the railroad tracks on Friday, Sept. 15, but that closure has now been postponed until Tuesday, Sept. 19. 33rd Street South will remain open Friday (Sept. 15) through Monday (Sept. 18). All-American Concrete will be replacing part of the gravel road on 33rd Street South at the Kent Stein-Deep Lakes Trail crossing with a 50 foot by 22 foot section of concrete starting Tuesday (Sept. 19).

### **2017 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT**

Illowa Investment, Inc., milled seven of the 12 street segments earlier this week and began putting down the first layer of asphalt on Washington Street from Diagonal Street to River Road

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Friday, Sept. 15. The plan is to also put the first layer of asphalt on Lincoln Boulevard from Clay Street to Lake Park Boulevard and the first layer on McArthur Street from Lincoln Boulevard to Summit Avenue by the end of the day on Friday.

Also included in the first round of the asphalt overlay project is Isett Avenue from East 11th Street to Woodlawn Avenue, Cypress Street from East 11th Street to the #9 Alley, Jefferson Street from Lincoln Avenue to Fillmore Street, and Howard Street from Clay Street to Jackson Street. Each of these segments have been milled and drivers are urged to use caution when using these segments.

The second round of milling and overlay will include: West Cleveland Street (Isett Avenue to Dead End), 5th Avenue (Webster Street to Blaine Street), Elfers Street (Grandview Avenue to Dead End), 57th Street (67th Avenue to Railroad Tracks), and Eisenhower Street (Devitt Avenue to Dead End)

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.

## **MISSISSIPPI DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

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A hard close for Mississippi Drive was extended east from Sycamore Street to the intersection of Cedar Street according to Jim Edgmond, City Engineer. The road closure will go into effect Thursday, Sept. 14, for an unspecified time. Barricades were erected on Sycamore Street at the intersection with Mississippi Drive and on Mississippi Drive at the intersection with Cedar Street.

The Canadian Pacific Rail Road crossing at Cedar Street remains open.

Contractors from the City of Muscatine and the Merrill Hotel & Convention Center are coordinating efforts to use that portion of Mississippi Drive from Sycamore to Cedar as a staging area.

There has been plenty of activity during the past week as KE Flatworks has continued to pour concrete with the east and west bound lanes of Mississippi Drive completed from Sycamore Street to Pine Street. Work has also begun earthwork from Pine to Linn in preparation for pouring the next section of the roadway.

KMA Excavating has completed installing the sanitary sewer up to Linn Street and has been working on installing the storm sewer on Pine Street and from Pine Street to Linn Street. The underground contractor will be proceeding downriver on Mississippi Drive from Linn to Broadway with the removal of the pavement already underway.

A hard close was established on Pine Street and Linn Street and on Mississippi Drive at Broadway as construction crews prepared to continue sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main, electrical conduit, and paving west on Mississippi Drive. The result is that there is no through

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traffic into the downtown area along the Mississippi River. Drivers are reminded to follow the detour signs to bypass the construction area. More information is available at [www.muscatineiowa.gov/construction](http://www.muscatineiowa.gov/construction).

Access is still available to all businesses on Mississippi Dive and connected side streets. Parking remains available on Linn Street with a pedestrian crossing established at the Linn Street intersection for patrons of Contrary Brewing, Clamshell, Nutrition Outlet, and Escape Organic Salon.

Other items of note from the past week of the project include opening up the Iowa Avenue intersection for access to the old and new hotel only, installing the sub vault at Chestnut, paving the west bound lane from Iowa to Pine, installing the brick pavers in the crosswalks and in the medians from Sycamore to Chestnut, and completing all electrical conduit underwood work from Chestnut to Pine. The parking lane from Chestnut to Pine was completed Thursday (Sept. 14) with work on the median in that section underway Friday (Sept. 15). Paving of the Chestnut intersection is scheduled for October.

## [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

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

Progress on the Kent Stein to Deep Lakes Park Trail (also known as the Wiggins Road Trail) continues with the completion of the four-mile trail still on schedule for the end of September. Most of the asphalt trail has been completed with paving continuing on Houser Street to the trail head at Kent Stein Park.

All-American Concrete has completed pouring concrete on the portion of the trail that runs from 33rd Street to Dick Drake Way and will be completing a 50 foot by 22 foot section of 33rd Street

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where the trail crosses the roadway. The roadwork on 33rd Street will necessitate closure of the street starting on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Grading of the shoulders will continue for the next several weeks along with pouring concrete with detectable pedestrian warnings at the intersections with roadways.

Walkers, runners, and bicycle riders are asked to stay off the new trail at the present time as construction continues. The project has a completion date of Sept. 30. A ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the trail will be scheduled after the work has been completed.

### [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

## **CLEVELAND STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

The first phase of the Cleveland Street Reconstruction Project is almost complete but opening of that section will have to wait until All-American Concrete completes work on the trail project. The first phase replaces the section from Park Avenue to just east of the Cleveland Street west entrance to the McDonald's Restaurant.

The second phase will be from 2nd Avenue to just west of the east entrance to the apartment complex on Cleveland Street. The third and fourth phases will complete the middle portion of the reconstruction project from McDonald's west and then from the Car Wash east.

## **WEST HILL SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT**

The West Hill Sewer Separation Project is wrapping up work around the 4th Street Park area and work has started on East 5th Street between Cedar and Sycamore. The intersections with

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East 5th at Cedar Street and at Sycamore Street are open for the present time. As the work moves up East 5th Street through the Sycamore and Iowa intersections, the street and intersections will be closed.

The last part of the sewer work in this area will involve the closure of Sycamore Street between East 5th and East 6th streets.

Heuer Construction has completed concrete work on Broadway between the #3 and #4 alleys and from the #4 alley up West 4th Street to Cherry Lane on the north side of the park. West 4th Street between Locust Street and the park, and Broadway between the #3 and #4 alleys will be opened up to local traffic incrementally as the paving and finishing work are accomplished.

[West Hill Sewer Separation Project](#)

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