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WORK ON 2ND STREET SUSPENDED DUE TO HIGH WATER

Storm sewer work delayed while water table falls; Oak Street intersection delayed

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Work on 2nd Street storm sewer has been suspended due to high ground water levels but should resume next week as the Mississippi River continues to recede.

KE Flatwork said that the 60 inch storm pipe that was bored under the railroad track is filled with water and the continued high water table made it unsafe for work crews as they worked to replace the storm sewer from the railroad crossing towards Mad Creek.

The delay in the underground work will also delay the closing of the Oak Street intersection with 2nd Street, the next phase in the reconstruction project. KE Flatwork had hoped to close the intersection for reconstruction on July 16 but date has been pushed back a week to July 23.

While work was suspended on 2nd Street, work continued this week on the West Hill Sewer Separation project on 7th Street with new pavement poured in the 100 and 200 blocks of East 7th (Iowa to Cedar). Drivers can expect the Sycamore Street intersection to be closed for reconstruction as early as Monday.

Also, KMA Excavating has continued to move up the 7th Street hill with current plans closing the Pine Street intersection for underground work as early as Monday. Once underground crews have cleared the intersection, millings will be placed down to temporarily open the intersection.



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Work has already begun to prepare the 100 block of West 7th Street for paving and will do the same for the 200 block once the underground crew clears the Pine Street intersection. The agreement between the contractor and the city has the contractor repaving two block sections at a time once underground work has been completed to shorten the duration of the street closure.

All dates are dependent on the weather and could change. City officials will announce additional changes in the schedule as needed and will notify businesses and residents affected by the closures.