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REVISED SCHEDULE FOR WEST HILL PROJECT IS DISCUSSED

Paving of first stage of 4B to be completed before second stage of 4B begins

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The updated schedule for Phase 4B of the West Hill Sanitary & Storm Sewer Separation Project was the subject of discussion during a public information meeting Monday (July 1) hosted at City Hall by the City of Muscatine.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman and Project Manager Bill Haag informed those in attendance that paving of 8th Street from Cedar to Chestnut along with Sycamore and Iowa from 7th to 8th will begin on July 16.

“We expect the contractor to begin paving Sycamore and Iowa between 7th and 8th and then move his equipment to 8th street,” Haag said. “Once the pavement has matured, we may let residents in those blocks access to park in front of their houses.”

The streets will not be fully open to traffic until the contractor finishes the sidewalks, driveways, tarring, backfilling, and hydro seeding. That is expected to wrap up mid-to-late-August.

Stineman noted that the City has been working with residents in this area of Phase 4B work since work began and will continue to work with the residents.

“We can work with the contractor to meet most needs of the residents as long as the residents communicate with us what those needs are,” Stineman said. “The wet spring did not help keep this project on its original time schedule, and we know the residents are ready to have their streets back.”

Meanwhile, underground work from Chestnut to Linn Street has been halted until the paving has been completed. Part of the meeting Monday was to discuss with parishioners and staff from Saints Mary and Mathias Catholic Parish who will be affected by the closure of the Pine Street intersection with 8th Street.

“We have a little time before the underground work resumes and we get to the Pine Street intersection but we wanted to make you aware of the planned closure of that intersection and begin working with you on a detour plan for those attending church services,” Haag said.

The final months of the Phase 4B project will complete the sewer separation and pavement replacement project from Chestnut to just before the Linn Street intersection. The Chestnut Street intersection is currently closed and, once the underground work resumes in August, the Pine and Fuller Street intersections will be closed.

“According to the schedule we have now, the project will be substantially complete by Oct. 25,” Haag said.

IOWA REMAINS CLOSED – Iowa Avenue will remain closed through the Independence Day holiday. However, prime contractor KE Flatworks will put down a surface so that parade participants can move through the construction area safely. Iowa from 7th to 8th will only be open for parade participants on July 4 and closed again immediately after the parade. Parade participants and anyone walking in the area are urged to use caution while moving through the construction area.

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