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WORK CONTINUES ON MULBERRY-2ND STREET ROUNDABOUT

Two more projects set to begin or resume construction activity in March

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Underground work for the Mulberry Avenue-2nd Street Roundabout Project is continuing with weather conditions currently favorable and expected to remain favorable into the Spring season.

A new sanitary sewer has been installed in the project area with work now focused on the storm sewer, water main, and electrical duct bank. Depending on the weather all underground work should be completed by mid- to late-March with grading in preparation for paving to follow. Paving is anticipated for April with a tentative complete date of late April or early May, again depending on the weather.

Mulberry Avenue is currently closed from the #1 Alley to 3rd Street and 2nd Street is closed from Mulberry Avenue to Orange Street. Eastbound traffic on Mississippi Drive is detoured at Iowa Avenue to 5th Street to Park Avenue. The detour will remain in effect until the project is completed.

West Side Trail

Construction of the West Side Trail on Houser Street will resume March 2. Lane restrictions will be implemented on North Houser Street segment from Lucas to Allen Street, during working hours. Lane restrictions will also be implemented in March on the North Houser Street segment from Hershey to Lucas as work resumes to complete that segment. The final North Houser Street segment will be from Allen to Crossroads, Inc. Most of the trail should be completed by mid-summer, depending on the weather, with a short segment through the Arbor Commons subdivision the last to be completed.

West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 4C

Phase 4C of the West Hill Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation Project (WHSSSSP) begins either March 2 or March 9 depending on the weather. The first stage of the project will occur on Iowa Avenue from 8th to 9th Street and on 9th Street from Iowa Avenue to Chestnut Street. Sewer separation and pavement restoration work will also be undertaken on Maiden Lane and Roscoe Avenue, Linn Street from 7th to 8th Street, and on 8th Street from Linn to Broadway. The detour for Phase 4C will be implemented once work begins on 8th Street with regular traffic detoured to 7th Street from Cedar to Broadway. The 7th Street detour will be modified once underground work reaches the Broadway intersection on 8th Street.

2nd Street Streetscape Project

A timeline for the 2nd Street Streetscape Project has not been determined as yet. The two-year project is comprised of sidewalk replacement, roadway and utility work, and streetscape landscaping from Pine to Mulberry Avenue. Tentatively work is set to begin at the Pine Street end of the project in late Spring or early Summer.

Park Avenue Three Lane Conversion Project

The Park Avenue Four-to-Three Lane Conversion Project is scheduled for the 2020 construction year. The project will convert Park Avenue from four-lanes to two with a center turn lane from Harrison Street to the Mad Creek bridge. A June 16, 2020, bid letting is planned with more

details on the project released after that date. No detours are planned during the work but there will be lane restrictions.

Full Depth Patch Project

The final two sections of the 2019-2020 Full Depth Patch Project are located on Fulliam and will be completed after school is dismissed for the summer. The first section to be completed will be from Houser to Green Acre Drive followed by the section from Kindler to Devitt. Plans for the 2020-2021 Full Depth Patch Project are being developed and should go out for bid later this Spring.

Alley Asphalt Overlay Project

The 2019-2020 Alley Asphalt Overlay Project will begin once the asphalt plants reopen for the 2020 construction season. A total of 11 alley segments are on the list for asphalt overlay. The proposed alleys are: 400 block of Busch Street; Grover and Charles (New Hampshire to Hershey); Salvation Army at Oregon and Illinois (Earl to Baker); Bond and Bleeker (Grandview to Liberty); Iowa and Sycamore (East 9th to East 10th along with East 10th to East 11th); Taylor and Clinton (New Hampshire to Hershey); Hawthorne and Washington (Orchard to Park); Hagerman and Lorenz (Terrace Heights to Roscoe); 4th Street Park alley (Locust between 3rd and 4th streets); and Pine and Linn (3rd to 4th streets). Plans for the 2020-2021 Alley Asphalt Overlay Project and the 2020-2021 Street Asphalt Overlay Project are being developed and should go out for bid later this Spring.