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## CITY OF MUSCATINE PRESS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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### **EAST 2ND OPENS TUESDAY TO TRAFFIC FROM WALNUT WEST**

*Entrance to #2 Alley, Parking Lot #8 will be closed to traffic starting Tuesday*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – East 2nd Street is tentatively scheduled to be opened for through traffic from Walnut Street west Tuesday morning (July 14), according to City of Muscatine project managers.

Eastern Iowa Landscaping was finishing the brick crosswalks on the east and west side of the Cedar Street intersection Monday along with brickwork on each of the four corners of the intersection.



Traffic will be allowed through on 2nd Street but will not be allowed to turn north or south onto Cedar Street at the intersection. Eastern Iowa Landscaping still has the crosswalks to complete on the north and south side of the intersection. Southbound traffic on Cedar will be permitted once the brickwork has been completed in the intersection.

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Street work will shift north on Cedar Street to the entrance to the #2 Alley and the entrance to Parking Lot #8. That pavement will be removed and replaced as part of the 2nd Street Streetscape Project. Both entrances will be closed to traffic starting Tuesday (July 14) and will remain closed for two weeks depending on the weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Access to Parking Lot #8 can be obtained through the north exit ramp of the parking lot and by entering Alley #2 from Walnut Street and entering the parking lot through the entrance off the alley. All parking lot traffic should exit out of the exit ramp on Cedar Street.

KE Flatwork, Inc., was contracted for the 2nd Street Streetscape Project that is comprised of sidewalk, roadway, utility, and streetscape construction on 2nd Street from Mulberry Avenue to Pine Street. Construction primarily includes pavement removal, excavation, concrete sidewalks, concrete roadway paving, underground utility improvements, concrete pavers, and streetscape amenities.

The first stage of the project has been the 300 block of East 2nd Street where a section of sanitary sewer was collapsing and needed to be replaced. This first stage was the most extensive of the six-stage, two-year project with the underground work, complete removal and replacement of the roadway and sidewalks, brickwork, and landscaping.

The second stage will replace the curb and gutter, and sidewalks in the 200 block of East 2nd Street. KE Flatwork, Inc., has tentatively scheduled that work to begin on Monday, July 27, weather permitting. Construction may begin sooner depending on the completion of the work on Cedar Street.

The second stage also includes the reconstruction of the 2nd Street and Sycamore Street intersection. A timeline for the closing of that intersection has not been announced as yet.

A meeting for business owners and residents with the contractor and City project managers is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday (July 16).

All dates are tentative and dependent on weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.