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CHANGE TO 5TH AND PARK AVENUE INTERSECTION COMING

Traffic signals to be temporarily removed; stop signs installed in each direction

MUSCATINE, Iowa – A change is coming to the intersection of East 5th Street and Park Avenue, at least temporarily, as part of the Park Avenue 4-to-3 Lane Conversion Project.

Muscatine Power & Water (MPW) will place the traffic lights in red flash mode and the City of Muscatine will be installing temporary stop signs on Friday, March 19. The traffic lights are scheduled to be de-energized by MPW on Monday, March 22, and removed by TriCity Electric, the traffic signal subcontractor for the project.

New traffic signals, similar to the ones recently installed at the intersection of East 2nd Street and Cypress, will be placed as full depth patching continues in this section of Park Avenue. New traffic signals will also be installed at the Washington and Park Avenue intersection in the next stage of the project and the traffic signal at Clay-Colorado and Park Avenue will be modified to align with the new lane configuration near the end of the project.

Lane restrictions continue on Park Avenue from just south of the Washington Street intersection to the intersection with 2nd Street. The southbound two lanes are closed to traffic with two-way traffic shifted to the northbound lanes.



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Manatts, Inc., is the prime contractor for the project, with Heuer Construction, Inc., the subcontractor for full depth patching. Once patching has been completed on the west side, the northbound lanes will be closed to allow for work on the east side of Park Avenue.

Drivers are reminded to slow down and use caution when travelling through the construction zone, obey traffic control devices, and be aware of workers. Use an alternate route if possible.

The improvements included in the Park Avenue 4-to-3 Lane Conversion Project will focus specifically on safety, including traffic lane reconfiguration that would change the road from four lanes (two operating in each direction) to three lanes (one lane in each direction and a center two-way, left turn lane) from Harrison Street to the Iowa 92 bridge. The project will also allow for 74 new sidewalk ramps that would be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, full depth patching of the roadway, and an asphalt overlay.

The entire project is expected to be completed by Fall 2021, weather permitting.

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