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### WORK PROGRESSES ON 2ND STREET STREETSCAPE PROJECT

*Full Depth Patching underway on Park, Ford Avenue; asphalt projects being scheduled*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – Scheduled underground work for the 2nd Street Streetscape Project was completed earlier this week. However, during an inspection of the new sanitary sewer and manhole in the Sycamore and 2nd Street intersection City Collection and Drainage staff found a section west of the new manhole had collapsed requiring a 100-foot section of sanitary sewer to be removed and replaced.



Collection and Drainage staff were televising the section Thursday (April 1) to determine how many laterals there were and what supplies will be needed to complete the removal and replacement. KE Flatwork, Inc., the prime contractor for the project, indicated that the underground crew would return early next week to begin that work once the replacement parts are on hand.

Once that underground repair work is completed, KE Flatwork, Inc., indicated that the concrete crew will be onsite to begin prepping the intersection for repaving. That crew is tentatively scheduled to be working in the intersection starting April 12 but that date is dependent on the completion of the underground work and on the weather.



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The full road closure for the intersection is anticipated to last until April 26 when one lane opened to traffic. The preliminary schedule has the intersection being completed by May 17, depending on the weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

Meanwhile, underground work in the 400 block of East 2nd Street has been completed with KE Flatwork, Inc., expected to begin pouring concrete in the removed section on Friday, April 2. The 400 block is currently closed to traffic from Mulberry to Walnut and will remain closed at least through April 26.

KE Flatwork, Inc., will be removing and replacing the sidewalk on the north side of the street next week and begin to work on full depth patching in the East 2nd and Walnut intersection next week. To facilitate the full depth patching of the intersection, the east half of the intersection will be closed to traffic starting on Monday. Drivers are asked to alternate while proceeding through the intersection or turning west onto 2nd Street as the intersection will be reduced to one lane of traffic.

Work from Mulberry to Walnut and in the Walnut intersection is tentatively scheduled to be completed by May 17 depending on the weather and unforeseen circumstances. Project managers indicated that the block could be opened to one lane traffic as early as April 26, again depending on the weather.

#### **PARK AVENUE 4-TO-3 LANE CONVERSION**

Full depth patching on the west side of Park Avenue from Washington to East 4th Street continued this week as part of Stage 2A of the Park Avenue 4-to-3 Lane Conversion Project. Subcontractor Heuer Construction, Inc., has been working on Stage 2A since work resumed on March 15 after the winter shutdown.

Lane restrictions are in place with the southbound two lanes closed to traffic with two-way traffic shifted to the northbound lanes. Manatts, Inc., the prime contractor for the project, indicated that 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.



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Tri City Electric Company of Iowa has completed the installation of the new traffic signals at East 2nd Street and Cypress Street, and have removed the next set of traffic lights at Park Avenue and East 5th Street. The East 5th Street intersection currently has stop signs in place for traffic control. The signals at Washington and Park Avenue will also be replaced and the signals at Clay/Colorado and Park Avenue will be modified as part of the project. All signals will be fully activated once the project has been completed.

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

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.

#### **FULL DEPTH PATCHING**

The Full Depth Patching Project, part of the City of Muscatine 2020-2021 Pavement Management Program, resumed Monday (March 29) as All-American Concrete, Inc., began work on Ford Avenue from Park Avenue to Jody Drive.

Ford Avenue is one of three sections that were included in the contract awarded to All-American Concrete, Inc., at the March 4, 2021, Muscatine City Council meeting. Also scheduled for full depth patching before June 30, 2021, is Logan Street from Fulliam to Cedar, and Fulliam from Kindler to Devitt.

The project was delayed due to the uncertainty of road use tax revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The contract is an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract and some sections could be delayed until the 2021-2022 Pavement Management Program if adequate funds are not available for this contract.



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Pavement removal, grading, and pouring of concrete will be completed over the course of the next four weeks. Drivers are urged to obey traffic control devices, watch for flaggers, and be alert for lane restrictions and construction workers.

## **ASPHALT OVERALL STREET PROJECT**

Manatt's was awarded the contract to complete the 2020-2021 Hot Mix Asphalt Alley Overlay Project during the March 4, 2021, City Council meeting. A pre-construction meeting will be held on April 5 to set the schedule for completion of the project by June 30, 2021.

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Following is the list for the current project:

- Fair Acres Drive: Bidwell Road to Crestline Drive
- Washington Street: Cypress Street to Walters Street
- Busch Street: Hershey Avenue to Mill Street
- Houser Street: Cedar Street to Karen Drive
- Houser Street: Karen Drive to Mulberry Avenue
- Indiana Street: Schley Avenue to Benham Avenue
- Benham Avenue: Indiana Street to Wisconsin Street
- James Place: Parkington Drive to Dead End
- Dewey Avenue: Indiana Street to Oregon Street

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Following is the list for the current project:

- Washington Street, Hawthorne Lane, Park Avenue and Orchard Avenue
- Hagerman Drive, Lorenz Street, Terrace Heights Drive and Roscoe Avenue
- Pine Street, Linn Street, 3rd Street, and 4th Street
- Cedar Street, Walnut Street, 7th Street and 8th Street
- Jackson Street, Monroe Street, Grand Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard
- Chestnut Street, Iowa Avenue, 5th Street and 6th Street
- Harrison Street, McArthur Street, Lincoln Boulevard and Grand Avenue
- Cedar Street, Mulberry Avenue, 8th Street and 9th Street
- Hawthorne Lane, Parkington Drive, Orchard Avenue and Park Avenue

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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.

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