

**DATE:** August 10, 2018

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor Hart

**FROM:** Jamie Knutson, PE, Interim City Engineer

**RE:** **NEWS RELEASE: 2018 CITY ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

It should be noted that all dates listed in this press release are tentative only and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances or weather delays.

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**FY 2017 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, Contract No. 921**

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TENTATIVE START DATE</u>
W. 9 <sup>th</sup> St. (Stage 5)	3759 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	3779 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	Under Construction
(W. 9 <sup>th</sup> will be closed to through traffic between Park Lane and the San Marnan access road.)			

**FY 2018 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, Contract No. 944**

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TENTATIVE START DATE</u>
6th Street, W.	Byron Ave.	Hawthorne Ave.	Under Construction
Baltimore St. (Stage 1)	Easton Ave.	1902/1908 Baltimore St.	Under Construction
Baltimore St. (Stage 3)	1625/1628 Baltimore St.	Mitchell Ave.	Under Construction
Coachman Dr.	Carriage Hill Dr.	1834 Coachman Dr.	Under Construction
Denver St.	Hawthorne Ave.	Bertch Ave.	Under Construction
Kingbard Blvd. (Stage 2)	432/433 Kingbard Blvd.	219/306 Kingbard Blvd.	Under Construction
W. Parker St.	Longfellow Ave.	Burton Ave.	Under Construction
Randolph St.	Grant Ave.	W. 9th St.	Under Construction
E. San Marnan Dr. Access Rd. (Stage 5)	239 E. San Marnan	255/267 E. San Marnan	Under Construction
Golden Valley (Stage 1)	Candlewick Rd.	1638/1639 Golden Valley Dr.	Under Construction
Oakwood Dr. (Stage 1)	Greenbrier Rd.	1537 Oakwood Dr.	Under Construction
Mobile Street	Douglas St.	1015 Mobile St.	August 14, 2018
Medina Rd.	W. Donald St.	Wakonda Dr.	August 22, 2018

**FY 2018 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM, Contract No. 943**

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TENTATIVE START DATE</u>
Idaho St.	Dubuque Rd.	MLK Jr. Dr.	Under Construction
Wilbur Ave.	Janney Ave.	Falls Ave.	Under Construction

### **US 63 (1<sup>ST</sup> STREET) BETWEEN JEFFERSON STREET AND FRANKLIN STREET**

1<sup>st</sup> Street is closed from Jefferson Street to Franklin Street. Northbound traffic is detoured to Mullan Avenue, which has been converted to a temporary two-way street. Jefferson Street, between 1<sup>st</sup> and Mullan is closed. Commercial Street and Franklin Street, between 1<sup>st</sup> and Mullan remain open.

### **US 63 BETWEEN FRANKLIN STREET AND NEWELL STREET**

Highway 63 between Franklin and Newell is closed.

This segment of Highway 63 is a two-year reconstruction project to build an overpass over the railroad. This segment of Highway 63 is expected to be closed until November of 2019. A segment from Franklin to Dane will be completed by the end of this summer. The new overpass segment, from Dane to Newell, will be constructed over two construction seasons – 2018 and 2019.

For the overpass segment, during the first year of construction, work will mostly be below the level of the railroad and will include the removal of both the railroad bridge and pedestrian bridge and construction of a temporary railroad runaround to keep trains moving across the project site during construction. First year work will also include the installation of a groundwater suppression system and filling the remaining hole from the existing underpass. First year work across this segment requires the construction of extensive shoring or temporary supports to allow the contractor to work in the existing underpass. At the end of the 2018 construction season, the underpass hole will be filled, the trains will be running on a new railroad embankment.

The second year of construction will involve construction above the railroad including the building of overpass embankments with retaining walls, the constructing of a pedestrian tunnel crossing Highway 63, and the construction of a bridge structure crossing over the railroad. This railroad overpass segment of Highway 63 is expected to be completed and open to traffic in November, 2019.

During this project, U.S. 63 traffic will be detoured around the work zone using Airline Highway, Airport Boulevard, and U.S. 218. There is also a detour for local traffic using Conger St. to Broadway St. to Franklin St. to Mullan Avenue.

The Iowa DOT reminds motorists to drive with caution, obey the posted speed limit and other signs in the work area, and be aware that traffic fines for moving violations are at least double in work zones. As in all work zones, drivers should stay alert, allow ample space between vehicles, and wear seat belts.

### **FY 2018 UNIVERSITY AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION – PHASE I – GREENHILL RD. TO EVERGREEN AVE., Contract No. 933**

The City of Waterloo and the contractor continue to work on the reconstruction of the University Avenue Reconstruction Project Phase 1 from Greenhill Road to Evergreen Avenue.

**University Avenue will remain open to traffic. The week of August 13<sup>th</sup> the traffic will remain the same. University Avenue traffic will remain head-to-head on the westbound lanes. Falls Avenue is open south of University Avenue and Sager Avenue is closed south of University Avenue. The Ansborough Avenue traffic is head-to-head traffic in the southbound lanes. Dundee Avenue is closed south of University Avenue. The University Avenue Frontage Road Intersection near Casey's will remain open with head-to-head traffic on the west side. Please see the attached map showing the construction zone highlighted.**

The contractor will continue the reconstruction of the University Avenue eastbound lanes and traffic will remain head-to-head on to the westbound lanes of University Avenue from Hackett Road to Magnolia Parkway. The lane closures will be in effect for approximately three to four months, depending on the weather. During this time, University Avenue will remain open and access to the frontage roads will remain.

For safety purposes, please stay away from the construction area. Heavy equipment will be moving back and forth on the closed lanes. It would be advisable to stay behind the sidewalk on the property side during the reconstruction work.

To request road closure notices by e-mail or to unsubscribe, please e-mail us at: [university.avenue@waterloo-ia.org](mailto:university.avenue@waterloo-ia.org).

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