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DATE: December 14, 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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FRANKLIN STREET CLOSURE

On Monday, December 17, 2018, the east bound lanes of Franklin Street will be closed between Oak Avenue to between Thompson Avenue and E. Mullan Avenue. Two-way traffic will be maintained in the other two lanes of Franklin Street. The intersection of Thompson Avenue will be closed. This lane and intersection closure is expected to continue for approximately one week. This closure will be in place to allow for the installation of electrical vaults.

FY 2018 ANSBOROUGH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, FROM US 20 TO SAN MARNAN DR., Contract No. 942

The contractor has begun work along the east and west edges of the roadway. Motorists are advised to use caution when traveling through this area.

LOGAN AVENUE RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE

The Logan Avenue Railroad Crossing is closed from Center Street to south of Conger Street. There is a signed detour route at Logan Ave./Edwards Street intersection, proceeding west to Edwards Street/Lincoln Street intersection, proceeding north to Lincoln Street/Conger Street intersection, proceeding east to Conger Street/Logan Avenue intersection. Closure is expected to be in place until late January.

US 63 (1ST STREET) BETWEEN JEFFERSON STREET AND FRANKLIN STREET

Southbound US 63 (Mullan Avenue) and northbound US 63 (1st Street) are now open. Lane closures will occur in spring 2019 to install the remaining sidewalks, brick pavers, and sodding.

US 63 BETWEEN FRANKLIN STREET AND NEWELL STREET

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 sometime in September. 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.

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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.

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

This project is now on winter shutdown with only street light and traffic work remaining.

The University Avenue intersections, including Casey's Frontage Road, Falls Avenue, Sager Avenue, Ansborough Avenue and Dundee Avenue are open. During this time, lane closures may be needed periodically for traffic signal and street light installation adjacent to the roadway.

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.

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