

# CITY OF WATERLOO, IOWA



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**DATE:** November 16, 2017  
**TO:** The Honorable Mayor Hart  
**FROM:** Eric Thorson, City Engineer  
**RE:** **NEWS RELEASE: 2017 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 921**

<b><u>STREET</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>	<b><u>TENTATIVE START DATE</u></b>
Franklin St.	42 Franklin St.	90 Franklin St.	Under Construction

### **FY 2018 BROCK 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, Contract 932**

Construction is taking place west of, and including, the Martin Rd/Ridgeway Ave. intersection.

### **FY 2018 WATERLOO BOATHOUSE ENHANCEMENTS, Contract 940**

The Waterloo Boathouse parking lot and boat ramp are closed for improvements. Closure is expected to be in place through December. Questions regarding this closure can be directed to Leisure Services at 319-291-4370.

### **FY 2017 4<sup>th</sup> STREET BRIDGE CANOPY REPAIRS, Contract No. 910**

Please see the City of Waterloo website for updates on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge.  
<http://www.cityofwaterlooiowa.com>

### **US 63 CLOSURE BETWEEN DANE AND NEWELL STREETS**

The Iowa Department of Transportation has closed U.S. 63 in both directions between Dane and Newell Streets to test a newly installed ground water suppression system. Motorists are detoured around the construction zone using Airline Highway, Airport Boulevard and U.S. Highway 218. The contractor plans to reopen Highway 63 from Dane Street to Conger/Newell by Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **US 63 (MULLAN AVENUE) BETWEEN JEFFERSON STREET AND FRANKLIN STREET**

*The morning of Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, the contractor plans to reopen Mullan Avenue (southbound 63) and the Franklin Street intersection.*

*W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street (northbound 63) will be restored to multiple lanes by the end of Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.*

The second stage of a two-year reconstruction project on U.S. 63 in Waterloo, which affects traffic patterns, pedestrian usage, and business and residential access is underway.

Traffic impact:

### **FRANKLIN STREET CLOSURE – INTERSECTION OF FRANKLIN STREET AT MULLAN AVENUE**

- Southbound US 63 detour has been switched from Jefferson Street to Commercial Street. At the intersection of W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Commercial Street, southbound US 63 traffic is detoured westerly and southerly on W. Commercial Street to the US 218/US 63 interchange near Westfield Avenue. This detour will be in effect until mid-November.
- The intersection of Franklin St. at Mullan Ave. is closed. Southbound Highway 63 traffic is detoured to W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Franklin Street traffic is detoured at E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to Lafayette St. to Fariview Ave. to Park Rd. to Broadway St. Northbound Hwy 63 traffic wanting to go westbound on Franklin St. is detoured at Lafayette St. to Broadway St.
- Mullan Avenue remains closed from Franklin Street to Jefferson Street.
- E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Almond Street to Jefferson Street remains head-to-head traffic.
- Left turns are prohibited on to Logan Avenue and Almond Street from Highway 63.

Pedestrian impact:

- Pedestrians can use the existing river crossing at First Street (northbound U.S. 63) but pedestrians must utilize a flight of steps to access.
- The city of Waterloo currently has the Fourth Street bridge pedestrian crossing under repair.
- Follow sidewalk detour for North Riverfront Trail closure – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Franklin Street to Oak Avenue.

The closest Americans with Disability Act compliant pedestrian crossing is on Park Avenue, which is three blocks east of the project site, will remain open and will be the only ADA-accessible pedestrian river crossing open within a five-block area.

**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.**