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Harrison Avenue Reconstruction Project - UPDATE
(Harrison Avenue between 9th Street and East of 22nd Street)
(11th Street between Wills Avenue and South of 23^d Avenue)

Beginning Monday September 26, 2016 the intersection of Harrison Avenue and 9th Street will be closed to all traffic for the installation of new watermain and storm sewer. The work duration is expected to be approximately 3 weeks, weather permitting. A detour route will be in place for the duration of the closure. Please use caution when driving in the area.

The intersection of 11th Street and Harrison Avenue is open to one lane of traffic each way, with the exception of Harrison Avenue which remains closed between 9th Street to 11th Street. A detour route is in place for westbound Harrison Avenue. Please use caution when driving in the area.

On Monday, May 2, 2016 full reconstruction work began on Stage 1 of the Harrison Avenue Project. Stage 1 includes drainage channel reconstruction, box culvert reconstruction, road widening, new pavement, curb and gutter, medians, sidewalk, sanitary sewer construction, storm sewer installation, water main replacement, new street lights, new traffic signals, and pavement markings in the westbound lanes of Harrison Avenue between Cannon Street and Hartman Street. Stage 1 construction is schedule to be completed in November 2016.

During the duration of Stage 1 construction, traffic will be shifted to the eastbound lanes of Harrison Avenue between Hanson Street and 22nd Street, and 20th Street between Harrison Avenue and Center Street will be fully closed to traffic with a detour route in place. Additionally, during Stage 1 no access to Harrison Avenue will be allowed at the following intersections: Cannon Street, Sewell Street, Congress Drive, 17th Street, 18th Street, 19th Street, Hartman Street, and 22nd Street (south leg only).

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

The Harrison Avenue Reconstruction Project consists of a full corridor reconstruction of Harrison Avenue between 9th Street and just east of 22nd Street as well as 11th Street between Wills Avenue and just south of 23rd Avenue, including drainage channel reconstruction, box culvert reconstruction, road widening, new PCC pavement, new HMA pavement, curb and gutter, landscaped medians, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, sanitary sewer construction, water main replacement, storm sewer installation, landscaping, street lighting, new traffic signals, and pavement markings. Full completion of the project is anticipated in late 2017.

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