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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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Street & Transportation Superintendent**

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**DATE July 14, 2016**

**Phone: 779 348-7631**

### **STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

#### **STREET SWEEPING:**

**Supervisor: Harry Noble**

**779 348-7619**

Spring residential street sweeping began on April 4, 2016 and was completed on June 29, 2016.

Arterial and Central Business District sweeping cycles will continue throughout the summer months through Mid - September. The fall residential sweeping cycle will commence on or about September 19, 2016.

All Street Division Operations are dependent on existing weather conditions and are subject to change accordingly. Citizens are urged to approach Public Works Crews with caution and at a reduced speed that is below posted speed limits.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation as we perform our Street Maintenance Activities.



## CIP PRESS RELEASE

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July 14, 2016

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### ***Bridge and Roadway Removal and Repairs – 2016***

During the 2016 construction season the City of Rockford will perform the following removals or repairs to these City-owned bridges:

**Location #1: North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge over the Whitman Street Ramp**

- Repairs will be made to the deck joint at the north abutment, structural concrete repair, and painting steel superstructure.

**Location #2: North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge over the Southbound 6<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp**

- Full removal of this structure, which has been closed since March 2015 due to advanced deterioration. The removal will result in a reconfiguration of the off-ramp in order to completely close off access.

**Location #3: 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over Keith Creek**

- Full removal of this structure with associated pavement removal and sidewalk improvements.

**Location #4: 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over Keith Creek**

- Full removal of this structure with associated pavement removal and sidewalk improvements.

On July 18, 2016 work will begin on Location #1 with repairs to the bridge joints and structural steel painting. During the repairs the east lane will be closed to all traffic. The lane closure is expected to last until August 15, 2016. Please use caution when driving through the work zone.

Full removal of the bridge at Location #2 was completed on June 12, 2016. Further work, including a reconfiguration of the existing off-ramp, will be scheduled to start in late July 2016.

Work began on Location #3 and Location #4 on Tuesday June 14, 2016 with removal of the existing roadway pavement. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street are closed to all traffic between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the project will result in the full removal of the bridges.

Further updates regarding the schedule of construction activities at the other locations will be sent in the coming weeks. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zones. Full completion of the project is anticipated by the end of August 2016.

**Harrison Avenue Reconstruction Project**  
**(Harrison Avenue between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and East of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street)**  
**(11<sup>th</sup> Street between Wills Avenue and South of 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue)**

On July 18, 2016 the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Harrison Avenue will be closed for complete reconstruction. During the extent of the closure, the intersection of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Harrison Avenue will be reopened to traffic. It is anticipated that the 11<sup>th</sup> Street intersection will be reopened to traffic on August 15, 2016, at which time the 20<sup>th</sup> Street intersection will once again be closed.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, and 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Hartman Street, and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> Street and just east of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street as well as 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Wills Avenue and just south of 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Walking School Bus Sidewalk Repairs**

The Walking School Bus Repairs sidewalk project has begun. The project consists of repairing sidewalks and intersection curb ramps to current ADA standards along the Lewis Lemon Elementary School Walking School Bus Route, which traverses the south side of Andrews Street (between North Avon Street and North Central Avenue), the east side of North Central Avenue (between Andrews Street and Mulberry Street), and the north side of Mulberry Street (between North Central Avenue and North Independence Avenue). It is anticipated the project will be completed in mid-July.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation during this work.

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Charles Englund (779-348-7614) at the Public Works Department. Thank you for your consideration.

### **City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #C 2016**

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2016 package #C has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work at various locations on the Southeast and Northeast side of Rockford. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

### **Airport Drive and Falcon Road Roadway Reconstruction Project**

**As of Friday, July 8, 2016 Airport Drive is officially open to all traffic.** Please be advised that crews may be working in isolated areas performing routine maintenance items until the landscaping is fully established. The City of Rockford would like to thank everyone for their patience during this massive reconstruction project. A recap of what was included for this project is below:

The Airport Drive and Falcon Road Reconstruction Project will include all roadway on Airport Drive from Kishwaukee Street to Illinois 251 (11<sup>th</sup> Street) and all roadway on Falcon Road from Airport Drive to New Milford School Road. This reconstruction project will consist of pavement removal, excavation, concrete pavement, curb and gutter, median, landscaping, storm sewer installation, street lighting, traffic signal modernization, erosion control and new concrete pavement. Some notable improvements to the project will be constructing a roundabout at the intersection of

Kishwaukee Street and Airport Drive, rail road crossing reconstruction and straightening out the road way east of the rail road crossing.

**City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 2 – 2016**  
**(Residential)**

On Monday, April 25, 2016 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 2 (Residential) project. Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Blaisdell Street from Central Avenue to Sunset Avenue
- 2) Fairview Avenue from Sunset Avenue to Albert Avenue
- 3) Independence Avenue from School Street to Blaisdell Street
- 4) John Street from Garrison Avenue to Ridge Avenue
- 5) North Avenue from Napoleon Street to John Street
- 6) Sunset Avenue from Fairview Avenue to Blaisdell Street
- 7) Burton Street from Carney Avenue to Winnebago Street
- 8) Carney Avenue from Burton Street to Quincy Street
- 9) Carriage Lane from Packard Parkway to Fleetwood Drive
- 10) Fremont Street from Quincy Street to Brown Avenue
- 11) Tacoma Avenue from Auburn Street to Yonge Street
- 12) Buckeye Drive from Thames Way to Tallwood Avenue
- 13) Oxford Street from Auburn Street to Camlin Avenue
- 14) Van Wie Avenue from Douglas Street to Wallace Street
- 15) Van Wie Avenue from Church Street to Court Street
- 16) Foster Avenue from Berkley Street to Preston Avenue
- 17) Henrietta Avenue from Green Street to Anderson Street
- 18) Howard Avenue from East State Street to Elm Street
- 19) Independence Avenue from West Jefferson Street to Andrews Street
- 20) Overland Trail to School Street to Chisholm Trail
- 21) Stewart Avenue from East State Street to Green Street

Bituminous Patching with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Elva Lane Patching at the intersection of Elva Lane and Karen Drive
- 2) Barton Boulevard Patching from Latham Street to Huffman Boulevard
- 3) Pierce Avenue from North Main Street to Huffman Boulevard
- 4) Sun Valley Terrace Patching from Halsted Road to Cul-de-sac

**City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 3 – 2016**  
**(Alley)**

On Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 3 (Alley) project. The project includes alleyway resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Alley 327 from the 2200 Block of Augusta Avenue to the 2200 Block of Louisa Avenue
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Alley 661 from the 1800 Block of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the 1800 Block of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Alley 667 from the 1800 Block of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the 1800 Block of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 4) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Alley 670 from the 0600 Block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street to the 2100 Block of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 5) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 784 from the 0300 Block of Lafayette Avenue to the 0300 Block of Prairie Avenue
- 6) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 785 from the 0300 Block of West State Street to the 0300 Block of Mulberry Street
- 7) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 796 from the 1400 Block of Fuller Street to the 1400 Block of Rural Street
- 8) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 800 from the 1800 Block of Rural Street to the 1800 Block of Guilford Road
- 9) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 804 from the 0300 Block of Olive Street to the 0300 Block of Whitman Street
- 10) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 169 from the 1300 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1300 Block of Holland Street
- 11) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 176 from the 1200 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1200 Block of Holland Street
- 12) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 185 from Alley 176 to Alley 186
- 13) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 186 from the 1200 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1200 Block of Holland Street
- 14) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 196 from the 0400 Block of Morgan Street to the 0400 Block of Loomis Street
- 15) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 299 from the 1600 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1600 Block of Central Avenue
- 16) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 858 from the 0700 Block of Kent Street to the 0700 Block of Morgan Street
- 17) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 862 from the 0600 Block of Blake Street to the 0600 Block of Kent Street
- 18) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 864 from the 0700 Block of Blake Street to the 0700 Block of Kent Street

- 19) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 869 from the 0800 Block of West Street to the 0800 Block of Winnebago Street
- 20) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 872 from the 0700 Block of Cunningham Street to the 0700 Block of Blake Street
- 21) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1044 from the 0900 Block of Ashland Avenue to the 0900 Block of Bruce Street
- 22) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1059 from the 1800 Block of Vermont Street to the West
- 23) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1067 from the 3000 Block of Kenmore Avenue to the South
- 24) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1075 from the 3000 Block of Kenmore Avenue to the 3000 Block of Ridgeway Avenue
- 25) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1080 from the 2000 Block of Elmwood Street to Alley 1085
- 26) 12<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 550 from the 0700 Block of Brown Avenue to the 0700 Block of Van Wie Avenue
- 27) 13<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 933 from the 0200 Block of Hinkley Avenue to the 0200 Block of Tay Street
- 28) 13<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 934 from the 0200 Block of Waldo Street to the 0200 Block of Hinkley Street

Alleyway Reconstruction with 10” stone base and 1.5” of binder mix and 1.5” of surface mix with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Alley 31 from the 1300 Block of Wills Avenue to the 1200 Block of Reed Avenue

### **City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 4 – 2016** **(Arterial)**

On Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 construction work is scheduled to begin on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 4 (Arterial) project. Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, pavement striping, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) 11<sup>th</sup> Street – 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 2) East State Street – Madison Street to Railroad Tracks
- 3) Grove Street – May Street to Kishwaukee Street
- 4) Kilburn Avenue/Auburn Street Intersection
- 5) South Alpine Road – East State Street to Larson Avenue

- 6) South Madison Street – East State Street to Grove Street
- 7) West State Street – Wyman Street to Church Street

**City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 5 – 2016**  
**(Concrete)**

On Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 construction work is scheduled to begin on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 5 (Concrete) project. Full width resurfacing and Road Reconstruction with curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Hutchins Avenue – South Highland Avenue to Washington Street
- 2) South London Avenue – East State Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- 3) 10<sup>th</sup> Street – Brooke Road to Barnum Road
- 4) Custer Avenue – Rockton Avenue to Ridge Avenue
- 5) 10<sup>th</sup> Street – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 6) Belmont Boulevard – Riverside Street to Normandy Avenue

Full width resurfacing with structure repairs as need, partial reconstruction of roadway with new curb and gutter and installation of new dry wells to help improve drainage in the area at the following location:

- 1) 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Roosevelt Road to Sandy Hollow Road

Full width resurfacing with structure repairs as need, partial reconstruction of roadway with new curb and gutter to help improve drainage in the area at the following location:

- 1) Horton Street – Wills Avenue to Reed Avenue

Brick paver repairs, curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Alley 751 – 2000 Block of Rural Street to 2000 Block of Greenwood Avenue
- 2) 328 South First Street Sidewalk Repairs – Sidewalk along Grove Street
- 3) 319-327 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Sidewalk Repairs
- 4) 3300 Block of Burrmont Road Sidewalk Repairs
- 5) 629 Grove Street Sidewalk Repairs
- 6) 703 Grove Street Sidewalk Repairs
- 7) 914 Luther Avenue Sidewalk Repairs

- 8) 400 Block of Oak Street Sidewalk Repairs
- 9) 500 Block of Oak Street Sidewalk Repairs
- 10) 300 Block of Olive Street Sidewalk Repairs
- 11) 400 Block of Olive Street Sidewalk Repairs
- 12) South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Oak Street Intersection ADA and Crosswalk Repairs
- 13) Spring Brook Road Sidewalks – Summerfield Drive to McFarland Road
- 14) 3200 Block of Auburn Street Sidewalk Repairs
- 15) Central Avenue Sidewalk Repairs – Ashland Avenue to Fairview Avenue
- 16) 2006 Grenshaw Street Sidewalk Repairs – Sidewalk along Ridgeway Avenue
- 17) 700 Block of Reynolds Street Sidewalk Repairs
- 18) 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Linden Road Intersection Curb Island
- 19) Rockford Avenue and East State Street Sidewalk
- 20) 5100 Block of East State Street Sidewalk
- 21) 5700 Block of East State Street Sidewalk
- 22) Wyman Street and Jefferson Street Intersection ADA Ramps

Alley reconstruction with new concrete surface, curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Alley 311 – 1000 Block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street to 100 Block of 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Concrete Patching and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) 9<sup>th</sup> Street P.C.C. Patching - South of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 2) Auburn Street P.C.C. Patching – West of Independence Avenue
- 3) Ridge Avenue P.C.C. Patching – North of Auburn Street.

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July 14, 2016

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### HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

*Week of July 17, 2016*

ROCKFORD – The following is an update of the current City of Rockford Unidirectional Flushing Program for the 2016 flushing season.

### UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

**Water Superintendent: Kyle Saunders**

**779.348.7371**

**Assistant Superintendent: Greg Cassaro**

**779.348.7359**

### *Unidirectional Flushing Boundaries:*

North – Spring Creek Road

South – Crosby Street

East – Alpine Road

West – Rock River

### *Project Update:*

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 07/10/16 to 07/16/16:

### *Residential Streets Flushed:*

Hillside Drive

Cynthia Drive

Westchester Road

Edgebrook Drive

Buckingham Drive

Abbotsford Road

Highcrest Road

Barrington Road

Chelsea Avenue

**Projected Flushing Locations:**

During the week of 07/17/2016 to 07/23/2016, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Guilford Road  
Rural Street  
Hilton Avenue

N. Prospect Street  
Highview Avenue  
Vale Avenue

Lundvall Avenue  
N. London Avenue  
N. Longwood Street

**WATER QUALITY CONTACTS:**

**Water Quality Group:**

**779.348.7151**

If discolored water occurs, it is not a health hazard. However, during any flushing procedures, iron (red water) and manganese (black water) may become stirred up within the water main, which can create staining on the porcelain and laundry. For this reason it is vital that the public be aware of the time and area that will be affected. If there are any Water Quality questions, please contact water quality at the number listed.

For a detailed map of hydrant flushing locations and when staff will be working in specific neighborhoods, please visit the City's web site at:

<http://rockfordil.gov/public-works/water-division/hydrant-flushing.aspx>

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### **ARTERIAL PAVEMENT STRIPING**

ROCKFORD –Effective July 18, 2016

Beginning the week of 7/18/2016 through 7/22/2016, the Public Works Department will perform arterial pavement striping on the following roadways:

School St. from Springfield Ave. to Avon St.  
Whitman St. from Kilburn Ave to Bridge  
Avon St. from Elm St. to Curve St.  
Curve St. from Avon St. to Cunningham Rd.  
Winnebago St. from Montague St. to Green St.  
Mulberry St. from Avon St. to Central Ave.  
Reynolds St. from Main St. to 1 Block West  
Cherry St. from Rockton Ave. to Court St.  
Bennington Rd. from Latham St. to Main St.  
Campus Hills Blvd. from Latham St. to Main St.  
Court St. from John St. to State St.  
Custer Ave. from Kilburn Ave. to Main St.  
Elmwood Rd. from Main St. to 2 Blocks East  
Fulton St. from Harlem Blvd. to Huffman Blvd.  
Glenwood Ave. from Kilburn Ave. to Rockton Ave.  
Halsted Rd. from Central Ave. to Main St.  
Halsted Rd. from Rockton to Huffman  
Huffman Blvd. from Bell Ave. to Riverside Blvd.  
Johnston St. from Auburn St. to Elm St.  
Light St. from Main St. to 1 Block East  
Locust St. from Court St. to Main St.  
Myott Rd. from Main St. to Sherman Ave.

Ridge Ave. from Halsted St. to Whitman St.  
River Bluff Blvd. from Main St. to Normandy Ave.  
Shepherd Trail from Main St. to 1 Block East  
Willoughby St. from Main St. to Harlem Blvd.  
Auburn St. from Springfield Ave. to Bridge  
Cumberland from Auburn to Fulton  
Kilburn from Central Ave. to State St.  
Main St. from Whitman to Auburn  
Main St. from Riverside to Elmwood  
Riverside from Bridge to Central Ave.  
Rockton Ave. from Elmwood to Custer  
Rockton Ave. Auburn to State St.  
W. State from Springfield Ave. to Concord Ave.  
Riverbluff from Main St. to Robey  
Myott from Main St. to Sherman Ave.

The operation is dependent on existing weather conditions and is subject to change accordingly.

Arterial pavement striping will continue during the months of July thru September.

Citizens are urged to approach striping crews at a reduced speed that is below posted speed limits. Proceed with caution traveling into the lane adjacent to the pavement striper and maintain a safe distance. Changing lanes in close proximity to the pavement striping crew is not recommended. Recent changes in EPA Regulations have mandated that manufacturers remove solvent based driers from striping paint, thus creating extended drying times. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Any questions contact:

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