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DATE August 4, 2016

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STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING:

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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.



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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 3rd 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 3rd Street Bridge over the Southbound 6th 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: 10th Street Bridge over Keith Creek

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

Location #4: 12th Street Bridge over Keith Creek

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

On July 18, 2016 work began 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 completed during work on Location #1.

Work began on Location #3 and Location #4 on Tuesday June 14, 2016 with removal of the existing roadway pavement. 10th Street and 12th Street are closed to all traffic between 6th Avenue and 7th 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 9th Street and East of 22nd Street)
(11th Street between Wills Avenue and South of 23rd Avenue)

On July 18, 2016 the intersection of 11th Street and Harrison Avenue was closed for complete reconstruction. During the extent of the closure, the intersection of 20th Street and Harrison Avenue will be reopened to traffic. It is anticipated that the 11th Street intersection will be reopened to traffic on August 15, 2016, at which time the 20th Street intersection will once again be closed. The reopening date for the 11th Street intersection is subject to be extended due to utility conflicts or weather issues impacting the construction activities.

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.

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

During the week of August 8, 2016, pavement removal work is scheduled to begin. Work on West State Street, Water Street, East State Street, and South Madison Street will occur overnight. Please be alert for construction activities when driving through these areas in the coming weeks.

On Monday, July 18th, 2016 construction work began 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) 11th Street – 15th Avenue to 18th 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 18th, 2016 construction work began 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 2nd Avenue
- 3) 10th Street – Brooke Road to Barnum Road
- 4) Custer Avenue – Rockton Avenue to Ridge Avenue
- 5) 10th Street – 5th Avenue to 6th 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) 8th 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 3rd 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 2nd 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) 35th 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 11th Street to 100 Block of 12th Street

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

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

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #D 2016

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2016 package #D has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing Sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work on East State Street from intersections at James Avenue west to Welty on the North side of the road. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

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 (11th 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.



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HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

Week of August 7, 2016

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

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

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Assistant Superintendent: Greg Cassaro

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Unidirectional Flushing Boundaries:

North – Crosby Street

South – Broadway Street

East – 20th Street

West – Rock River

Project Update:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 07/31/16 to 08/06/16:

Residential Streets Flushed:

12th Avenue

22nd Street

27th Street

10th Avenue

24th Street

31st Street

Charles Street

Florist Drive

Radcliffe Court

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 08/07/2016 to 08/13/2016, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Revell Avenue

1st Avenue

S. Prospect Street

S. Highland Avenue

Hutchins Avenue

S. Rockford Avenue

4th Avenue

13th Street

Woodruff Avenue

WATER QUALITY CONTACTS:

Water Quality Group:

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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 August 8, 2016

Beginning the week of 8/8/2016 through 8/12/2016, the Public Works Department will perform arterial pavement striping on the following roadways:

Ridge Ave. from Halsted St. to Whitman St.
11th St. Service Rd. from Blackhawk Rd. to Samuelson
Cessna Dr. from Beltline Rd. to The End
Bend Rd. from Condon Rd. to Friday Rd.
Condon Rd. from Bend Rd. to Wagon Wheel Ln.
Rotary Rd. from Skyview School to Valentine Rd.
Sandyhollow from Kishwaukee to Mulford
Blackhawk Park Ave. from Christina to Seminary
Kishwaukee St. from 1st Ave. to Airport Dr.
Christina St. from 15th Ave. to Blackhawk Park
Charles St. from State St. to Alpine Rd.
Louisiana Rd. from Eastmoreland to Log Cabin St.
Broadway from Kishwaukee to 11th St.
Wesleyan Ave. from 20th St. to Ohio Pkwy.
Phelps from Newburg to State St.
Arnold Ave. from Newburg to State St.
Seminary from Blackhawk to Division
20th St. from Sandyhollow to State St.
East Rock Dr. from Harrison to 28th St.
Jefferson from State St. to Kilburn Ave.
Chestnut St. from State St. to Water St.
Chestnut St. from Winnebago St. to Main St.

Chestnut St. from Main St. to Rock River Bridge
Chestnut St. from West Abutment to East Abutment
Madison from Lafayette to Grove
Market St. from Water St. to 4th St.
31st St. from Broadway to 1 Block North
Fairview from State St. to Charles
9th St. / Longwood – All Ramps
Broadway from Alpine to 20th St
Broadway from Kishwaukee to 11th St.
Court from John to State St.
Parkside from Charles to 1 Block North
Larson from Alpine to 1 Block North
Shirley from Fairview to Hawthorne
6th St. from State St. to 23rd Ave.
9th St. from Harrison to Crosby St.
7th St. from 15th Ave. to 23rd Ave.
5th Ave. from 7th St. to 11th St.
23rd Ave. from Kishwaukee to 20th St.
Alpine from Riverside to Harrison
N 2nd St. from Whitman Overpass to Loves Park
N 2nd St. from Y Blvd. to Walnut St.
N 2nd St. & Auburn All Ramps
N 3rd St. from Lafayette to Y Blvd.
Rural St. from Longwood St. to Prospect
Prospect from State St. to Arlington
Guilford Rd. from Alpine to Rural St.
Guilford Rd. from Alpine to Comanche Dr.
Forest Hills Rd. from Exits to Entrances
Highcrest from Comanche to Spring Creek Rd
Maray Dr. from Alpine to Morsay
Morsay from Alpine to Fairview Blvd.
Division St. from Seminary St. to 1st St.
Dempster from State St. to East Lawn
East Lawn from Manhattan to Chalet Dr.
Mulford from Riverside to Harrison

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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