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### *CIP UPDATE*

#### *Harrison Avenue Bridge Deck Replacement*

On May 23, 2014 construction began on the Harrison Avenue Bridge to replace the deck over the Rock River. Construction started on the north side of the bridge first. Traffic is shifted to the south side, with one lane of traffic each way. The Bridge will remain open to traffic, but be prepared for possible traffic delays. Construction is expected to be complete by October 31, 2014. Please use caution when driving in this area.

#### *Bridge Railing Repairs – 2014*

On May 27, 2014 contractors began replace three bridge railing throughout the City as follows:

- Bradley Road over Spring Creek
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street over Keith Creek.
- Safford Road over Kent Creek.

This work will be ongoing throughout the next 30 days. All lane closures will occur only during daytime hours. Please use caution when driving in these areas.

For questions concerning these projects, please contact Martin Ruvolo at 815-961-3772.

#### *Blackhawk Park Avenue & Seminary Street Rehabilitation Project*

Blackhawk Park Avenue & Seminary Street is now open to all thru traffic and pedestrians. There will be some periodic maintenance work completed the week July 28<sup>th</sup> so please be aware of any workers during that time.

Work began on Phase 2 of the Blackhawk Park Avenue & Seminary Street Rehabilitation Project on April 23.

Phase 1, consisting of the rehabilitation of Seminary Street from Harrison Avenue to Blackhawk Park Avenue, was completed in fall 2013.

Phase 2 consists of the rehabilitation of Blackhawk Park Avenue from Seminary Street to Kishwaukee Street and includes the Seminary Street and Blackhawk Park Avenue intersection. The rehabilitation includes removal of the existing concrete pavement, full-depth hot-mix asphalt pavement installation, curb & gutter replacement, inlet adjustments, and sidewalk and driveway replacement within the right of way.

**US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street Sunset Avenue to West of Bridge Over Kent Creek Roadway Reconstruction**

US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street, Sunset Avenue to West of Bridge over Kent Creek, Roadway Reconstruction consists of the complete reconstruction and widening of Business Route 20 and the realignment of Jefferson Street. This includes pavement removal, excavation, PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, storm sewer installation, retaining wall construction, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all other necessary to complete the improvements.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

**IL- 2 / South Main Street – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Roadway Project (South of Pond Street to just North of Cedar Street)**

Kent St. will remain closed for all traffic between S. Church St & S. Main St (1 block) for utility relocation work. A detour will be posted, but drivers are encouraged to avoid the area during the duration of construction. It is anticipated that the road will be reopened at the beginning of August.

The east leg (15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge) of the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Marchesano Drive and South Main Street intersection remains closed to traffic so that improvements may occur. Please note that the intersection will remain open to north-, south-, and west-bound traffic. It is anticipated that the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge will be reopened for traffic at the beginning of August.

The project consists of pavement removal, excavation, roadway re-alignment, PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, landscaped median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, storm sewer installation, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all other necessary items to complete the improvements. The project completion date is late 2015.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. The City will relay information as it becomes available.

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

**IL- 2 / South Main Street – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)  
Roadway Project (Beltline Road to 0.4 miles north of Harrison Avenue)**

Springfield Avenue between South Main Street (Route 2) and Prairie Road remains closed to all traffic for road construction work. A detour will be posted directing traffic to use Prairie Road from South Main Street to Springfield Avenue. Please note that the Harrison Avenue and South Main Street intersection will remain open to all traffic. It is anticipated that Springfield Avenue will be reopened to traffic by the end of next week.

IL- 2 / South Main Street – IDOT Roadway Project is underway. The project consists of widening and resurfacing, pavement removal and replacement, adding lanes and a barrier median, curb and gutter, adding a bike path, providing right and left turn lanes, and installing lighting and traffic signals. IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. The project anticipated completion date is late 2014.

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

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Austin Crull in the Public Works Department at (815) 987-5637. Thank you for your consideration.

**City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #8– 2014**

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2014 package #8 has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to installing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work on Pierpont Avenue at Elm Street and the 200 block of Waveland Avenue. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

## **City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #9– 2014**

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2014 package #6 has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work on the 2200 block of East State Street and the 100 block of Rome Avenue. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

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

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Charles Englund (815-961-3152) at the Public Works Department. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Elm Street/Avon Street Resurfacing - 2014**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 construction work began on the Elm Street/Avon Street Resurfacing project. The project includes abandonment of existing water main, valves, vaults, services and associated appurtenances, construction of 8 inch diameter water main, valves, hydrants, services and associated appurtenances along Avon Street from Cedar Street to Elm Street. Along with full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Elm Street – Winnebago Street to Wyman Street
- 2) Rockton Avenue – Chestnut Street to Green Street
- 3) Avon Street – Cedar Street to Preston Street
- 4) Avon Street – Elm Street to Chestnut Street

For questions concerning these projects, please contact Steven Sumner at 815-967-6743.

### **Broadway/Auburn Street Resurfacing - 2014**

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 construction work began on the Broadway/Auburn Street Resurfacing project. The project includes full width resurfacing with major curb and gutter, sidewalk repairs, and ADA ramps, along with driveway approaches and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) 11<sup>th</sup> Street – Broadway to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 2) Broadway – Kishwaukee Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Patching Only)
- 3) Broadway – 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- 4) Auburn Street – Independence Avenue to Furman Street
- 5) Auburn Street – Kent Creek Bridge to Pauline Avenue

For questions concerning these projects, please contact Steven Sumner at 815-967-6743.

**U.S. Business Route 20/East State Street**  
**Illinois Department of Transportation Resurfacing Project**  
**(Fairview Avenue to Mid-America Drive)**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be resurfacing East State Street from Fairview Avenue to Mid-America Drive during the 2014 construction season. The project scope consists of asphalt pavement milling, pavement patching, inlet and manhole adjustments, traffic signal detector loop installation, new hot-mix asphalt pavement, and thermoplastic pavement markings.

Work will be divided up into three (3) Phases. Phase 1 contains the area from Mid-America Drive to Phelps Avenue, Phase 2 is from Phelps Avenue to Dawn Avenue, and Phase 3 is from Dawn Avenue to Fairview Avenue.

Construction commenced on June 16, 2014. As of July 23, 2014 all hot-mix asphalt binder has been placed for the three (3) phases. Current work items being performed is the adjustment/reconstruction of manholes and inlets and the installation of traffic signal detector loops. Work will occur during the hours of 8:00 PM to 11:00 AM. The road will remain open during construction activities with periodic lane closures. At the completion of work each morning at 11:00 AM all lanes will be re-opened to traffic. The anticipated completion date is late August 2014.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Tyler Nelson, P.E. in the Public Works Department at (815) 967-4311. Thank you for your consideration.

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