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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. Traffic is now shifted to the north 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:

- Pepper Drive just north of SpringBrook.

This work will be ongoing throughout the summer. All lane closures will occur only during daytime hours.

Please use caution when driving in these areas.

Railroad Avenue Bridge Replacement

Starting Monday September 15, 2014 Railroad Avenue will be closed between 8th Street and 9th Street. Construction crews will be replacing the Railroad Avenue Bridge. Construction should last through the fall. Please use caution when driving in the area.

Kishwaukee Decorative Street Light Relocation

On Monday September 29, 2014 construction crews began relocating a decorative street light located just north of 17th Avenue on Kishwaukee Street. Outside eastbound lane at that location will be closed during the duration of the project. The project should last approximately 2 weeks.

Please use caution when driving in the area. Questions concerning these projects, please contact Martin Ruvolo at 815-961-3772.

BROADWAY/AUBURN STREET RESURFACING - 2014

On July 14th, 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) 11th Street – Broadway to 15th Avenue
- 2) Broadway – Kishwaukee Street to 4th Street (Patching Only)
- 3) Broadway – 9th Street to 11th 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.

CITY WIDE STREET REPAIRS GROUP #3 - 2014

On August 18th, 2014 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group #3 project. Work will consist of full width resurfacing with major curb and gutter replacement, sidewalk replacement, ADA ramps, driveway approach replacement, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Hutchins Avenue from South Gardiner Avenue to South Highland Avenue
- 2) Sanford Street from Loomis Street to Montague Street
- 3) Kent Street from Sanford Street to Corbin Street
- 4) 12th Avenue from 29th Street to 30th Street
- 5) 4th Avenue from 7th Street to 8th Street

Full curb and gutter replacement, new curb and gutter installation, sidewalk replacement, new sidewalk installation, driveway approach replacement, brick pavers to be removed and replaced, roadway P.C.C. Patching, with structure repairs as need at the following locations:

- 1) Camp Avenue from Hancock Street to Douglas Street
- 2) Kingsway Avenue Concrete Patching from Larson Avenue to Dempster Avenue
- 3) 10th Street Curb and Gutter from 10th Avenue to Rail Road Tracks
- 4) Clinton Street Curb and Gutter from Harper Avenue to South 200 feet
- 5) Clinton Street Brick Pavers from Brown Avenue to South 100 feet
- 6) Harper Avenue Curb and Gutter at intersection of Harlem Boulevard and Harper Avenue
- 7) Melrose Street Curb and Gutter at 1825 Melrose Street
- 8) Avon Street Curb and Gutter at intersection of Andrews Street and Avon Street
- 9) Concord Avenue Curb and Gutter from Elm Street to Delaware Street
- 10) Independence Avenue Curb and Gutter from Jefferson Street to Mulberry Street

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) Roosevelt Road from 7th Street to Collins Street

Alleyway reconstruction with new P.C.C. surface, alleyway approach, sidewalk, and new dry well to help improve drainage at the follow location:

- 1) Alley 138 from the 1600 Block of Keefe Street to the East

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

CITY WIDE STREET REPAIRS GROUP #4 - 2014

On September 5th, 2014 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group #4 project. Work will consist of full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 6) Thoren Lane from Shadow Ridge Road to End of Thoren Lane

- 7) Soland Drive from Thornberry Drive to Cul-de-sac
- 8) South Rock Drive from Dawes Road to Central Avenue
- 9) Sylvia Avenue from Lucille Street to Martha Avenue
- 10) Wills Avenue from 10th Street to 11th Street
- 11) Court Street from Auburn Street to King Street
- 12) Gladstone Avenue from Grenshaw Street to Edgemont Street
- 13) Grenshaw Street from Garfield Drive to Gladstone Avenue
- 14) King Street from Ridge Avenue to Garrison Avenue
- 15) North Avenue from Auburn Street to King Street
- 16) Richmond Street from Sunnyside Avenue to Gilbert Avenue
- 17) Rockwell Street from Gilbert Avenue to Garfield Drive
- 18) Lawndale Avenue from Winnebago Street to Carney Avenue
- 19) Dawn Avenue from East State Street to Raven Street
- 20) Hilton Avenue from East State Street to Crosby Street
- 21) 20th Avenue from 7th Street to 9th Street
- 22) 22nd Avenue from 10th Street to Parmele Street
- 23) Johns Woods Drive from Briar Lane to End of Johns Woods Drive
- 24) Abilene Trail from Overland Trail to Cul-de-sac
- 25) Arthur Avenue from Bluefield Street to Filmore Street
- 26) Cameron Avenue from West State Street to Driveway
- 27) Forest Avenue from Andrews Street to School Street
- 28) Leslie Avenue from Fairview Avenue to Ashland Avenue
- 29) West Jefferson Street from Miriam Avenue to Johnston Avenue

Reconstruction of roadway with 10” aggregate base and 8” bituminous surface with curb and gutter and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Trainer Road at the Intersection of Trainer Road and East State Street

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

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #10– 2014

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2014 package #7 has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work throughout the city at various locations beginning with the Southeast, Northwest and near West Side of Rockford. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

Spring Creek Multi-Use Path – 2014

Construction of the Spring Creek Multi-Use Path – 2014 will begin on September 25, 2014. The project consists of a multi-use path connection to be constructed on the south

side of Spring Creek Road at the interchange with North Second Street (Illinois Route 251) that will connect the Sinnissippi bike path to Jacoby Place. Construction activities will include the installation of sidewalk, ADA ramps, pavement striping, signage, and landscape restoration.

During construction the North Second Street on-ramps on the south side of Spring Creek Road will be closed for a maximum of three (3) days for each individual ramp. Only one (1) ramp will be closed at a time. A detour route will be posted for the affected traffic. Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #3– 2014

Beginning October 16th, 2014 the City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2014 package #3 will begin. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work at 401 West State Street. 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.

Falcon Road and Airport Drive Roadway Reconstruction Project

Falcon Road will be closed in segments for the reconstruction project. No thru traffic will be allowed except for local businesses. A detour route will be posted for drivers traveling in the area. The Falcon Road Reconstruction Project will include all roadways from New Milford School Road to Airport Drive, including intersection improvements at New Milford School Road, Samuelson Road and Airport Drive. The project will consist of pavement removal, reclaiming existing pavement, curb and gutter, ditch and water way improvements, reconstruction of business entrances, erosion control and new asphalt pavement. It is anticipated that Falcon Road will be completed by November 15, 2014.

Airport Drive is tentatively scheduled to begin road construction on April 2015. The Airport Drive reconstruction Project will include all roadway from Kishwaukee Street to Illinois 251 (11th Street). 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. It is anticipated that the Airport Drive Reconstruction Project will be completed by November 15, 2015.

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. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of October.

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.

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

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

On October 15, Marchesano Drive will be closed to all thru traffic from South Main Street to West Street (1 block) for road construction work. It is anticipated that the road way will be reopened on November 14. A detour will be posted but drivers are encouraged to use alternative routes. Please note – a temporary drive lane will be provided for travelers needing access to the businesses along Marchesano Drive.

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.

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

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

On October 17, Harrison Avenue will be closed from S. Main Street (IL Route 2) to Express Lane (entrance road to Shell Gas Station). An alternative eastern route will be provided 1 block south of the S. Main Street/Harrison Avenue intersection and will end on Express Lane which is accessible to Harrison Avenue. Drivers are reminded to utilize alternate routes when traveling in this area. Please note that the temporary entrance to the Shell gas station and Smokehouse BBQ will be accessible from the detour route.

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

**Illinois Route 251 – Harrison Avenue and 11th Street
Illinois Department of Transportation Resurfacing Project**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be resurfacing portions of Illinois Route 251 during the 2014 and 2015 construction seasons. 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.

The project limits are Harrison Avenue from Kishwaukee Street to 9th Street and 11th Street from Sandy Hollow Road to Alton Avenue. Harrison Avenue will be resurfaced during the 2014 construction season; 11th Street will be resurfaced in spring 2015.

Construction commenced on September 4, 2014 with asphalt pavement milling of Harrison Avenue. The road will remain open to traffic during construction activities

with periodic lane closures. The anticipated completion date for Harrison Avenue is October 2014. As noted above work on 11th Street will occur in 2015.

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.

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 October 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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