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Blackhawk Park Avenue & Seminary Street Rehabilitation Project

Seminary Street has been closed between Harrison Avenue and Quaker Road. Paving of Seminary Street north of Quaker Road is expected to begin next week.

Construction will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 consists of the rehabilitation of Seminary Street from Harrison Avenue to Blackhawk Park Avenue. The rehabilitation includes pavement removal, milling of existing pavement, ditch regrading, and new HMA pavement. During phase 1, Seminary Street will be closed between Harrison Avenue and Quaker Road. Message boards will be installed warning motorists of the closure. A detour will be posted. The phase 1 anticipated completion date is late November 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 milling of the existing concrete pavement, HMA overlay with fiber glass fabric repair system, inlet adjustments, and sidewalk and driveway replacement within the right of way. Phase 2 will begin construction spring of 2014.

Drivers are encouraged to consider alternate routes during the project construction. Drivers are also reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

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

North Main & Auburn Street Roundabout Project

All lanes are open at the roundabout for motorists to utilize.

All work has been completed except for landscaping and punchlist items. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

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

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

Central Avenue from Mulberry Street to Elm Street has closed to traffic and Avon Street has opened to traffic. A detour is in place.

In order to complete construction, pedestrian traffic has been detoured off of West State Street from Kilburn Avenue to Stewart Avenue and Mulberry Street from Kilburn Avenue to Avon Street. All facilities and businesses along West State Street will remain open during construction. The Illinois Department of Transportation has provided a marked detour for pedestrian traffic.

West State Street Roadway reconstruction project is underway. West State Street is closed from Kilburn Avenue to Stewart Avenue and Mulberry Street is closed from Kilburn Avenue to Avon Street. A detour is in place. It is anticipated that West State Street will be closed until mid-November 2013. Central Avenue is open to north and southbound traffic only.

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.

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

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.

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

Traffic control, building demolitions, and pre-stage work is underway. 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 2014.

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 these projects should be directed to Jamie Rott in the Public Works Department at (815) 967-6742. Thank you for your consideration.

Morgan Street Bridge Reconstruction

Work on the project continues. Road work, curb and gutter and lighting on the east and west side of the river is currently being constructed. Landscaping, drive approaches and sidewalk are also being finished up. Work will continue on the project until completion which is scheduled to be December of 2013. Thank You for your patience and cooperation during this improvement to the City of Rockford.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Marty Ruvolo in the Public Works Department at (815) 987-5570. Thank you for your consideration.

City Wide Street Repairs Group #7

On October 7th, 2013 construction began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group #7 project. Work will consist the following:

Full width resurfacing of an existing concrete roadway overlaid with HMA. HMA/Concrete will be removed to a depth of 3". Any potholes in the milled area will be cleaned out and filled in with HMA material. Pavement fabric shall be used in between the binder and surface layers and utility adjustments as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Mulford Road Resurfacing
- 2) Spring Creek/Mulford Road Intersection Resurfacing

Full width resurfacing and bituminous patching at the following locations:

- 1) Halsted Road Patching from Searles Avenue to Central Avenue
- 2) Lyford Road Patching South of Rote Road
- 3) Trainer Road Resurfacing/Patching from Laurel Cherry Road to Newburg Road
- 4) Walton Avenue Patching from Bell School Road to Hilton Garden Inn

Pothole patching of the existing concrete surface at the following locations:

- 1) Christina Street from 15th Avenue to Blackhawk Park Boulevard
- 2) Charles Street from 28th Street to 31st Street.

Full depth bituminous patching at the following locations:

- 1) Searles Avenue from Halsted Road to Greenwood Avenue

Resurfacing/Patching of City parking lots, work must be done in two phases to allow continuous use of the parking lots at the following City parking lots:

- 1) Parking Lot 1 Resurfacing – Parking Lot located at the Northwest corner of Wyman Street and Mulberry Street.

- 2) Parking Lot 13 Patching – Parking Lot located at the Northeast corner of Winnebago Street and Mulberry Street.
- 3) Parking Lot 14 Resurfacing – Parking Lot located at the Southeast corner of 3rd Street and State Street

For questions concerning these projects, please contact Steven Sumner at 815-967-6743. Thank you for your consideration.

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