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CIP UPDATE

ROCKFORD JUNCTION TRACK RELOCATION **BUCKBEE STREET CLOSURE**

As part of the Rockford Junction Track Improvement, Buckbee Street closed on Monday, August 15, 2011. The limits of the project are between Kishwaukee Street and Seminary Street. Buckbee Street is now open to traffic. Please use extreme care when traveling in this area.

STONERIDGE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

Stoneridge Bridge reconstruction is in progress. The bridge will be totally replaced. During construction the bridge will be closed to all traffic. There will be a detour setup for the residents living on Stoneridge Drive. Estimated completion date of the project is the end of November, 2011.

SPRING BROOK ROAD RECONSTRUCT

Reconstruction of Spring Brook Road from Summerfield Commons to Bell School Road has begun. During construction the road will be open to local traffic only. The project should be completed by the end of October, 2011. Please use extreme caution when driving in the area.

FAIRVIEW BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

On September 6, 2011 the reconstruction of the Fairview Bridge began. During construction, the bridge will be closed to all traffic. The bridge will receive a complete new deck, parapet walls, sidewalk and some repair to the piers. Expected reopening of the bridge is on or before November 18, 2011. Please follow the signed detour during construction and use extreme caution while driving in the area.

KISHWAUKEE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II

The second phase of the Kishwaukee Street project has begun. The limits of the project are from Brooke Road to Sandy Hollow Road. The project consists of replacement of some concrete base repair, existing asphalt removal, new binder and surface course, some curb replacement, ADA curb ramps at each intersection, manhole repairs, inlet repairs and other related work. When the project is finished the street will be striped as a three-lane cross section with the middle lane being a bi-directional turn lane the same as the Kishwaukee project in 2010. Kishwaukee will be open during construction with some lane shifting as needed during construction. Please use extreme caution while driving in the construction area.

MORGAN STREET BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

On August 18, 2011 the Morgan Street Bridge closed for the replacement of a complete new bridge. Preliminary work is being completed before the start of the new water main and demolition of the bridge. The limits of construction over the duration of the project are along College Avenue/Morgan Street from Kishwaukee Street to South Main Street. The improvements include replacement of the Morgan Street Bridge, new water main, storm sewer, sanitary improvements, new roadway curb and gutter, sidewalks, recreational path and a roundabout at the intersection of College Avenue and Seminary Street. All residents and businesses will be able to maintain access during construction. Please use extreme caution while traveling within the construction limits. There will be a signed detour set up for those who use the bridge. The detour route traveling east on Morgan Street is south on South Main Street, east to 15th Avenue and north on Kishwaukee Street. The detour route traveling west on 5th Avenue/ College Avenue is Kishwaukee Street south to 15th Avenue north to Kishwaukee Street. The project contract completion date is December 23, 2013.

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