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### **2ND STREET STREETScape IS SUBJECT OF PUBLIC MEETING**

*Public Works staff to answer questions on Downtown Muscatine projects Sept. 19*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – Tentative plans for the 2nd street Streetscape Project will be discussed during a public open house meeting scheduled from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, in the City Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall.

All Downtown Muscatine business owners are invited and urged to attend this meeting along with any interested members of the public.

“Plans are 50 percent complete for the two-year project and we believe this is a good time to receive the input of business owners and the public on the 2nd Street concept,” Jim Edgmond, City Engineer, said.

The City has already held one meeting with downtown business owners and will continue meeting with them throughout the project.

Bolken & Menk of Des Moines, Iowa, is the design consultant for the 2nd Street project that will replace sidewalks and install other amenities along the 2nd Street corridor from Pine Street to Mulberry Avenue. The design firm is expected to finish the plans by the end of October with a



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public hearing before the Muscatine City Council tentatively scheduled for November 21. A December bid letting is anticipated and construction starting in Spring 2020.

The 2nd Street project continues the City of Muscatine's revitalization of the downtown area infrastructure that began with Riverside Park improvements, continued with the Mississippi Drive revitalization, and now focuses on 2nd Street.

Potential staging of the two-year project will be discussed along with some of the placemaking ideas that are expected to be incorporated into the project.

This is just one of two projects that will be working toward completing the infrastructure for the downtown business district. The 2nd and Mulberry roundabout is the final piece of the Mississippi Drive Corridor Revitalization Project to be completed. Muscatine Power & Water (MPW) will be removing the power poles along Mississippi Drive from Mulberry to Broadway at the end of the roundabout project which will provide better views of the Mississippi River to residents and visitors.

The \$2.1 million contract for the 2nd and Mulberry roundabout was awarded to Heuer Construction by the Muscatine City Council at its August 15 meeting. The actual construction schedule for this project that is expected to take 77 construction days has not been established. Business owners had asked the City and contractor to avoid closing the Mulberry and 2nd Street intersection during the months of October, November, and December due to the holiday sales season.