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GRANDVIEW-OREGON INTERSECTION CLOSURE IS EXTENDED

Current, future weather concerns slowdown installation of forced main



MUSCATINE, Iowa – The intersection of Grandview Avenue and Oregon/Warren streets will now be closed to traffic through Friday, July 9, as the installation of two sections of a new dual force main continues through the south side of the intersection.

Mother Nature has not been kind to keeping the intersection work on schedule and weather conditions will continue to play a big part in the length of the

closure.

The intersection was closed to traffic on Monday (June 21) as work began to remove the pavement and dig the trenches where the dual force main will be placed.

Tuesday's three-quarters of an inch of rain slowed down but did not stop the progress with crews working to pump water out of already dug trenches and continue to extend the trenches

toward the railroad crossing. However, with a forecast indicating three- to six-inches of rain through the weekend, progress will continue to be slow as construction crews maintain a safe area to work in.

Public Works officials indicate that the contractor may attempt to complete all underground work (sanitary, storm, water main, and force main) in the intersection before reopening to traffic. The extended work should help the contractor keep on schedule for the first year of the two-year Grandview Avenue Reconstruction contract.

Oregon is closed to through traffic just north of the entrance to Grain Processing Corporation between Schley and Dewey avenues with a full closure of Oregon on the south side of the Canadian Pacific crossing. Access to businesses in that stretch of Oregon will be maintained.

Grandview Avenue is currently restricted to northbound traffic only with a full closure of just north of the White Street intersection. Northbound traffic will be detoured onto White Street to Division Street, and to Evans Street. Traffic will be able to return to Grandview by using Bleeker Street or continue on Evans to Main Street to continue north on Hershey and Mississippi Drive.

Access to all businesses on Grandview Avenue will be maintained during the intersection closure.

The dual use redundant force main will eventually run from Musser Park through the Grandview intersection and ending at the Muscatine Pollution Control Plant (Water and Resource Recovery Facility). The work complies with a DNR/EPA mandate to complete the installation of the dual use redundant force main by 2026 following emergency repairs to the existing force main following a collapse of a portion of the line in November 2017.

MUSCABUS BLUE ROUTE – With the intersection at Warren and Oregon closed June 21-25, those who need picked up by MuscaBus south of Oregon and Warren are asked to call the Transit office at 563-263-8152 to request a ride.



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Drivers are reminded to slow down and use caution when travelling through construction zones, obey traffic control devices, and be aware of workers. Use an alternate route if possible.

For more information on City of Muscatine construction projects visit the Department of Public Works Construction Projects page by clicking on the following link: [CONSTRUCTION](#).

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