**QUICK SUMMARY AND SCHEDULE**

**We are still doing whatever we can to keep the project on anticipated schedule: traffic on the new lane, July 21st.  When we do, please drive slow even if the lanes are a bit wider.  Centerline will be marked with reflectors instead of double yellow.  It is still a no passing zone, with a 25mph recommended highest speed.**

**● Please share if someone got missed on this distribution list.  I can be reached at****(608) 386-3907****.**

● Paving is anticipated to continue next week Monday on the south lanes, from where we ended to the hill.  Expect delays as trucks are flagged in and out of the concrete pour.  We should be finishing up the rest of the curb and gutter and turn lanes around Hiawatha and Hagen.  After the main road is paved, a crew will attach curb and gutter and bike lane and crash walls along the hill.  Asphalt driveways will follow.  As always, watch for changing traffic conditions.

*●*Gerke is putting in storm sewer on hill, they are now around Knobloch.  They will be back to do the north side after traffic is switched.  They will also continue on the hill.  Another contractor will be working on the new retaining walls on the north side of the road.  There will be concrete sidewalk put back where the asphalt sidewalk is now.

● A temporary traffic switch or ‘weave’ for local traffic will allow us to continue grading the hill but begin working on the north side of stage 2.  This will allow the contractor to make up time lost with all the cold weather and rain delays in April, May and June.

● This ‘weave’ will be somewhere between the trailer court and Southdale but will change in order to finish the Boma box culvert. Traffic will be moved to the new south lanes from 32nd street to the new ‘weave’.  When this new stage is in effect traffic will be on the south lanes then switch to where they are now on the north until the hill north side is complete and paved. So watch for changing conditions.

● We will open Hagen as soon as possible for local traffic but it needed to close in order to pave it, and install storm sewer and traffic signals.  We realize this is an inconvenience for everyone.

**FAQ’s:**

● Q: Why can’t we go up Irish Hill?  A:  The surface is rough and not fit for tires.  The Shelby police and county law enforcement realizes there are celebrations and weddings and things, but they still are writing a lot of tickets to people who cannot stay away. Please tell your guests to drive around and come from the LaCrosse side. A ticket or flat tire is not a good way to celebrate.  The road is open from 32nd St. to Norseman.  The road is closed to all access east of Norseman to Knobloch.  There are multiple signs showing this.

● Q: Why don’t truck drivers and flaggers know a lot of information about the project?  A: Crews change daily, yet they are usually all professional.  If you should meet one who isn’t, we’d like to know about it. The operators and truck drivers point out that they often cannot turn, stop or see folks that get close, or go beyond the barricades.

 ● Q: When should I move decorative stuff?  A: Now.  If you have contacted us to look at an area of concern: driveway issues, drainage issues,  remind us if we forgot.  Thank you so much.

● Q: What will you do to contact us about closing our driveway?  A:  Look for paint on the road if you are wondering how wide it will be.  The contractor will put a letter with upcoming driveway removals in the temp. mailboxes.  If you live on the south side, you know how we told you both when you can drive and when you can’t.

● Q: Why do you have conflicting speed limit signs? A:The 30 mph is the slowest we are legally able to post, that is the law.  The 25 mph signs are advisory speeds we’d like to see you drive.

● Q: I have to deliver something, there are not any side road signs?  The order of the side roads is as follows:
Hiawatha; Hagen/Wedgewood Terrace; Southdale; Boma/Eagle Point/Briedle Coulee; Horseshoe; Irish Court; Norseman; Knobloch; CTH F; Forest Ridge.

Have a safe and fun 4th of July, and we will return next week.

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