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To: West 5th Street Property Owners

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Subject: West 5th Street Overlay Project

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Spring is somewhere out there waiting to escape the cold and wind of winter. When it does we should see progress on the West 5th Street Overlay Project so I want to update each property owner along the route and remind you of available resources for future project updates.

The City has contracted with Blacktop Services of Humboldt, Iowa for the project. The bids on the project were favorable and below our estimate; however, there are still some unknowns that can easily raise the cost of the project once construction starts.

We are not sure of when construction on the project will start right now. We have scheduled a pre-construction meeting for the last week of April which will help sort out the schedule and construction details. We do know that this project will impact a large number of properties and other key events occurring in Storm Lake. For that reason we have specifically requested that the project not begin until after school is out for the summer, that the road be in a smooth passable condition for the 4th of July weekend, that access to the hospital be maintained for emergency vehicles, and finally, that they be finished before school resumes in the fall.

Because communication will be essential I want to remind you of the resources the City has in place to help keep you informed about the project moving forward. We have created a web page for the project which is located at www.stormlake.org/W5THproject on the City's web page. Located on that project web page is a link to the project blog which will be updated regularly and contain information about road closures and timing of the project as well as pictures of the project.

In addition to the project web page, notifications will be sent out through the City's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cityofstormlake.org) and on the City's Twitter account (@Storm_Lake). You can get information on this project and other city items through both of these resources as well.

It is our goal to have a solid project with minimal impact to the adjoining property owners but there are always surprises or changes involved in a project like this. It is our goal to keep you informed in a timely manner though these methods.

I appreciate your cooperation and patience. Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.