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NEWS RELEASE

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North Fork Catfish Creek Sanitary Sewer Change to Scheduled Street Closure

Construction to require closing JFK Road south of Pennsylvania

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque has initiated a major sanitary sewer improvement project designed to eliminate bypass pumping of untreated wastewater into the North Fork of Catfish Creek during significant rain events.

The phased project will require temporary closures of some major Dubuque thoroughfares, but the result will be a major improvement in the City's sewer infrastructure. The \$1 million construction project consists of replacing the existing 12-inch diameter clay sanitary sewer with a 24-inch diameter ductile iron sewer. The project will be funded in part with contributions from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources issued a construction permit for the City's North Fork Catfish Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project on July 27, 2009. Portzen Construction, the City's contractor for the project, started construction on July 28. Due to the presence of rock in excess of what was anticipated, construction has been slowed. As a result, the anticipated date when JFK will be closed will be delayed one week:

On or around August 17, 2009 John F. Kennedy Road will be closed to all traffic, both north and southbound, near 1675 JFK (Little Caesars Pizza on the west side of JFK) and 1690 JFK (Sherwin-Williams on the east side of JFK). The closure will last for approximately one week. Depending on the condition of the soils, the roadway may be closed for up to three weeks. While the contractor will do everything in their control to minimize the time that JFK is closed, public safety is their primary concern. A detour will be posted. Access to all businesses will be provided.

The anticipated closure date for Pennsylvania Avenue is the same as what was reported earlier:

On or around August 31, 2009 Pennsylvania Avenue will be closed to all traffic from JFK to approximately 200 feet to the west to allow for the installation of the new sewer from under Pennsylvania Avenue. A detour will be posted. During this final stage, both northbound and southbound traffic on JFK will be restricted to one lane for approximately one week. This final stage will take approximately three to four weeks to complete. Access to all businesses will be provided.

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