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Notice of Neighborhood Street Seal Coating

Contact Information: Any questions should be directed to Nick Nissen, Public Works Director (319-533-1288) or email at nnissen@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov

Contractor: LL Pelling (319-626-4600)

Location: Scobey Road NW from Springville Road to Old Lincoln Hwy NW, A Avenue from 1st Street NE to 2nd Street NE, 2nd Street from A Avenue NE to 2nd Avenue NW, 10th Avenue SW from Summit to 3rd Street SW, Palisades Rd SW the intersection at 15th Avenue SW, the trail from Palisades Road to High School, Ink Road from County line to Colonial Park Drive, Lincoln Drive from Hwy 30 to Hwy 30.

Schedule: Work is scheduled to begin the week of July 11, 2016, weather permitting. We anticipate the seal coat application to take approximately one week to complete. Sweeping of excess aggregate will take place one month after the application.

No Parking on City streets 24 hours prior to seal coating. Streets will be posted with "No Parking" signs 24 hours prior to seal coating. Once the seal coating has been installed and rolled, you may resume parking.

Why seal coat? The reason to seal coat a bituminous pavement is for protection from the deteriorating effects of the environment (sun and water). When pavement is exposed to sun, wind and water, the bituminous hardens, which causes the pavement to become brittle. This leads to cracking due to the fact that pavement is unable to bend and flex to accommodate traffic loads and temperature changes. A seal coat helps extend the useful life of a pavement by providing a waterproof membrane to slow down the hardening and keep moisture out of the street.

What is seal coat? Seal coat is an economical way to prolong the life of the road surface. It is a layer of hot asphalt that is spread on the surface, then immediately afterwards chips no bigger than 3/8 of an inch are spread. The chips are then rolled or compacted into the layer of asphalt by a roller. Not all the chips will be imbedded into the asphalt. The loose rock will then be swept up after curing has occurred. It may take more than one sweeping to collect all the loose rock. The curing process typically takes three to four weeks. In warmer weather this may speed up the curing process. It can become dusty while the curing process is taking place.