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### - 30 DAY OUTLOOK

The waterline work is complete. The contractor is completing the last few water service line connections to individual businesses.

The 30 Day Outlook for construction activities is:

- Begin installing new storm sewers
- Complete sidewalk along Veterans Boulevard north of Pacific Street
- Construct the “switch-back” handicapped accessible sidewalk ramp along Pacific Street

### STRUCTURAL SOIL PLACEMENT

For people closely watching the sidewalk construction progress along Veterans Boulevard, it is obvious that the work is moving relatively slow. Besides the weather, the other reason for the slow progress is time needed for the contractor to become more familiar with working with structural soil. This special soil mixture is placed under the sidewalk for support. The structural soil includes patented ratios of crushed gravel and soil and special “hydrogel” to aid in the mixing. This material was developed by Cornell University many years ago and will allow trees to thrive plus permit the tree roots to grow downward and not damage sidewalk in the future as the tree ages. The transportation and placement of the structural soil requires special attention and the contractor has needed additional time to develop satisfactory methods. Now that the procedures are more refined, the speed of soil placement should significantly increase. In future segments of the sidewalk work, there should only be a relatively short period of time from the time when the contractor removes a segment of sidewalk to the time the sidewalk is replaced.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact City Engineer, David Miller at 417-337-8559.**

### CHANGE ORDER TO THE PROJECT

The Century 21 Real Estate office is located on the lower level of the building on the northeast corner of Pacific Street at Veterans Boulevard. There are existing concrete steps leading from their doorway upward to Veterans Boulevard that do not meet current building standards. A portion of the improvement project is to correct deficiencies and therefore these steps are being removed and replaced. Unfortunately, during the design, the conflict between the Century 21 office air conditioner and glass-block wall was unnoticed. The solution of relocating the air conditioner and modifying the wall has now been added to the construction contract.

### FURNISHINGS UPGRADE

The furnishings to be placed with the improvements include short & long benches, waste receptacles and ash urns. Originally the architects specified that these furnishings would be made of Black Locust wood which was sustainably harvested in the USA. The wood was not to be varnished or treated and within a short period of time would fade to light gray in color. The metal portions of the furnishings would be gray/black metal. Unfortunately, there is currently very high demand for Black Locust and the supplier was unable to obtain any high quality wood. The architect then evaluated alternatives but any wood that was sufficiently hard and low-maintenance came from the rainforest or tropical Australia. These alternatives are not sustainably harvested and are causing environmental issues in those areas of the world. The city then worked with the furnishings supplier and identified a non-wood product that uses recycled materials. The product is 100% high density polyethylene derived from recycled post-consumer packaging such as milk containers. It is resistant to moisture and insects and will not rot, splinter or crack. It is weather resistant and the “driftwood gray” color is very stable. Even graffiti will not adhere to it. The city is now moving forward with this project upgrade. The use of recycled materials will give the downtown area something to boast about to visitors while still maintaining the classic weathered gray color envisioned for the furnishings.

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