Ottumwa Streetscape Project

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Construction Progress

- The landscapers returned on Thursday this week to finish the sidewalk inset bricks on the eastern half of the 200-Block. **The street has reopened to traffic up to the mid-block crosswalk!**
- The curb/sidewalk contractor paved all the curbs down to the Court Street intersection. They also completed most sidewalks in the 100-Block.
- Portzen began paving Market Street, completing all but one drive lane north of the intersection. They started subgrade preparation on the 100-block for pavement as well as installed most of the electric and power bases up the 100-Block.
- Winger continued wiring up the light poles, electric outlets, and installed a high voltage media bollard near the Market Street intersection. This amenity will allow for easier access to adequate power supply for the many downtown events and festivals that typically happen throughout the year.

Next Two Weeks *(Subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances.)*

- The curb/sidewalk contractor is hoping to be mostly complete with their work. They have a little bit of sidewalk, the Court Street intersection, 100-Block sub-slabs, and some biocell adjustments remaining.
- Portzen's paving crew should complete the segments around the Market Street intersection and begin paving up the 100-Block. Winger may start setting light poles and electric boxes around Market Street and into the 100-Block depending on the street paving progress.
- The landscaper is expected to complete the sidewalk bricks and fill planters and biocells with soil in the 200-Block, the Market Street area, and start on the 100-Block. For staging purposes, the western ½ of the 200-Block will remain closed until the Market Street intersection opens. The timing on the installation of the pavers in the Market Street intersection is dependent on street paving progress [but it's not far off!].
- Planting is expected to begin in early September to allow for the perennials adequate time to root. That will likely start in the 300-Block, working west.
- Installation of amenities (trash cans, benches, etc.) will be among the last things completed simply to reduce their potential of getting scratched and dinged by construction equipment.

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