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S. Washburn St. and Osborn Ave. construction set to begin May 8

OSHKOSH, Wis., May 3, 2023 – Construction of the asphalt paving projects on South Washburn Street and Osborn Avenue are set to begin. These projects are being managed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT). The general contractor for the projects is Northeast Asphalt (NEA). NEA plans to close both South Washburn Street and Osborn Avenue to through traffic and start construction on Monday, May 8, 2023. Access will be maintained for local traffic to the businesses within the construction zone.

The limits of work on South Washburn Street are from Dickinson Avenue to West 20th Avenue. The limits of the work on Osborn Avenue are from Knapp Street to the driveway entrance of the National Guard Armory site (approximately 0.6 miles west of Knapp Street). NEA will have a field office set up near the west end of the Osborn Avenue portion of the project.

The purpose of these projects is to pulverize the existing asphalt pavement, stabilize the ground, and install new asphalt pavement. No major changes are planned for location or grade of the streets, and no utility work is planned for these projects. For South Washburn Street, a portion of the shoulder on the west side of the street will be paved, allowing for better utilization by non-motorized users of the street. The existing bike lanes on Osborn Avenue will be restored after paving is completed.

Both projects are being funded by the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) which was signed into law on November 15, 2021. Utilizing the BIL funding provides the city of Oshkosh the ability to resurface some streets that would otherwise wait several years for a reconstruction project to take place. This will improve the overall condition of streets within the city of Oshkosh, addressing an age-old concern within the community, and meeting multiple goals within the city's Strategic Plan.

The WDOT Project Manager for these projects is Matthew Geurts from EXP engineering services. Matthew can be reached with questions regarding the projects at (920) 540-7663.

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