

IA 136/JOHNSON ST. RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE #20

DATE:

October 25, 2024

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IA136/Johnson St. will be opened to traffic on Friday, October 25. The timing of the opening is anticipated between 7:30 and 8:00. Motorists should be vigilant while driving on the new roadway, as a new traffic pattern is present. The new roadway in town will utilize one lane in each direction with a center two way left turn lane. This change was a requirement from the DOT, and will take some time to get used to, but in the long run, it will make traffic flow better and make the corridor safer. The center turn lane is only to be used for left turning traffic and shall not be used for passing of any kind.

Although the roadway is open to traffic as of Friday, the contractor still has some work to do on the



roadway. Due to DOT smoothness requirements, portions of the roadway still need to be diamond ground to meet specifications. This work cannot be completed for multiple weeks due to grinding contractors being booked up until then. The grinding work will at that time be done under lane closures with flaggers, allowing traffic to still use the roadway while the work is being done.

On Friday, Buchanan Street will also return to the way it was before construction. This includes the block between 1st and 2nd returning to one way traffic. Please be aware of other motorists, as it will take time for everyone to get readjusted to this.

Pedestrians using the sidewalks on the corridor are asked to please stay on the sidewalk as grass is attempted to be established before it gets too cold.

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The city, DOT, and MSA would like to thank the residents of Cascade for their patience and understanding while the project was being completed.



If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact MSA or the City Administrator.