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To: All Cedar County Residents along F44 (290th Street) from X-40 (Garfield Avenue to Highway 38

From: Cedar County Engineer's Office

Manatt's Inc. of Brooklyn, IA was awarded the paving contract of F44 (290th Street) from X-40 (Garfield Avenue) to east to Highway 38. The existing road will be profile milled and then topped with an average of 7" of concrete. Concrete fillets, shoulders, new guardrail and pavement markings are then to be completed.

The contractor has elected to close F44 on June 3rd to thru traffic. The contractor is to place safety closures at the ends of the project and also at all cross road intersections. Until the actual paving and grading operations commence, the road will be open to local traffic only for access purposes. Please be cautious of the contractors working on the road. **Drive Slow and Drive Safe.** Thru traffic is not allowed.

When the contractor begins to pave (especially near your property) you will need to drive down the shoulder to the nearest side road unless otherwise directed by the contractor. There will be a time when the contractor is paving past your house that you will not be able to get in or out of your property. Access will be provided before the end of that day's operation to your residence. The contractor is required to communicate with the residents as to when they anticipate paving past the houses. Please keep in mind weather plays an important role in the daily schedule.

Actual paving of the road is scheduled to begin around June 6th and will take approximately 10 working days. Paving that is not cured will be enclosed with orange safety closures at the beginning and ends of tested sections. When it is safe for light traffic to drive on the new pavement, the contractor will place a rock fillet at your drive for you to get onto the road and at the approved side roads. When this occurs, please proceed to the nearest side road to get to your destination. Proceed with caution for there will be a drop-off on the edge of the pavement and construction workers will be working in various areas along the project.

There will be people working throughout the entire project at all times, so please **DRIVE SLOW and BE CAUTIOUS.**

We hope to keep the impact to a minimum, but there will be some inconveniences that we hope to work together on. This is the latest information available to us. If you have any questions please feel free to call our office at the above number.

The official detour route will run on X40 to Interstate 80 to Highway 38 and back to F44. Residents along West Rochester will need to proceed south on Atalissa Road to I80 in designated area while pavement is curing. Rochester Residents will need to utilize 285th Street to Highway 38 while paving is curing east of the Cedar River. For the most up to date information during construction, we encourage you to subscribe to the counties road notification tool located on our website at www.cedarcounty.org. In the middle of the page, click on the subscribe link and enter your email address. Instructions will then be emailed to you to complete the registration. Make sure to select Cedar County when making your choices. We plan to send out daily updates thru this service as to the status of the project when things change. Every effort will be made to accommodate access to the adjacent property owners to the project. Despite the inconvenience that this project will cause, we hope that the finished product will be one in which we all can be proud of.

Sincerely,

Cedar County Engineering Department