



## PACKARD AVENUE STREETSCAPE WORK

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has begun the “softscape” portion of the Packard Avenue Reconstruction Project and will continue during the next several months. Softscape to a road is like putting icing on a cake. This portion of the project includes plantings, fencing, bollard installation, banners and pavement sealing. Although it will have minimal impact to traffic and your business, it will require the DPW to close off sections of the sidewalk and parking lanes periodically during the course of a day. Please read and be informed - and thank you again for your patience and cooperation.



**City to Install “Softscape” on Packard from Cudahy to Pulaski:** The Department of Public Works (DPW) has begun installing shrubs, perennials and annuals in the planter beds along Packard Avenue. A majority of the urban street trees have been planted in the boxes and all that remains is the surrounding mulch and perennials. In addition, the City will be planting grasses and plants suited for the bio-basins located throughout the project. The section between Holmes and Plankinton will also include flower baskets hung from street light poles. This work is dependent on the weather and will take place between May 16 and July 3rd. The crew will be working off the parking lane which, during the course of a day, may require it to be closed off in front of your building. Typically this will happen between 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during a week day. The crews typically do not work on weekends, so any lane closures will not exist on Saturday & Sunday.

**Light Pole Banners** - You should start seeing some of the new banners on Packard beginning Memorial Day. As funds become available the City will be purchasing and changing out banners seasonally.

**Re-Sealing of Stamped Concrete.** As a preventive maintenance measure, the City has brought back the contractor to clean and re-seal the stamped concrete from Cudahy to Pulaski. The cleaning is done with low pressure water and the sealant is applied with a spray solution. Because the application requires low wind speed, the City cannot give an exact day or time on when this is going to be done. It will however be done before July 4<sup>th</sup>. Because the sealer takes several hours to dry, portions of the sidewalk and parking lanes may be closed off to allow for drying.

**Bollard installation** - Vehicular and pedestrian safety was a large part of the design consideration with Packard Avenue. Some of the safety changes required reduced driveway openings and landscape buffer separation between the public sidewalk and private parking lots. Most property owners and businesses respect this, however, there are a few that continue to drive across grass areas, across sidewalks and over curbs to get to Packard Avenue. In order to ensure safety, the City will be installing concrete filled decorative bollards between the sidewalk and parking lots along areas which are problematic.

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