Good Evening,

This is a brief update for the Upton Drive Reconstruction Project as of April 22, 2024.  One of the changes the public may have noticed today is the temporary access established to the Whirlpool’s parking lot off of Marina Drive.  This was needed because Kalin Construction removed the pavement to the driveway on Upton Drive order to continue to lay water main to the north.  This was sooner than originally anticipated and is needed in order for Kalin to continue making progress.  The City also received several resident concerns regarding speeds on Upton Drive north of Virginia Court.  In response, the Public Safety Department will setup up a speed sign and also increase enforcement on Upton Drive.

The following information is provided for those with interest on the details on the project.

A list of some of the more significant work items completed follows.

* Directional drill of the new 12” diameter sanitary sewer force main under the St. Joseph River.
* Jack and bore of a 30” diameter casing for the new 12” diameter water main under the CSX Railroad Tracks.
* Installation of a cofferdam in order to place the new 48” diameter storm sewer outfall to the St. Joseph River.
* Installation of a Stormwater Treatment Unit near the St Joseph River.
* Installation of 24” diameter gravity sanitary sewer to the interceptor sewer on the south side of the St. Joseph River.

Work Underway includes:

* Connection of the new 12” diameter sanitary force main to the system on the south side of the river.
* Laying of water main on the north side of the St. Joseph River.
* Laying of storm sewer on the north side of the St. Joseph River following installation of a 12 foot diameter manhole structure near the stormwater treatment unit.

Photos of the recent work:

A group of men in safety gear

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Figure 1 - Crew preparing HDPE pipe for directional drill under the St. Joseph River (north side of River)

A machine in a field

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Figure 2 - Completed directional drill on the south side of the St. Joseph River

A construction site with a large excavator

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Figure 3 Setting Storm Water Treatment Unit (SWTU) on the north side of the St. Joseph River

A group of men working on a machine

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Figure 4 Jack & Bore of 30" diameter steel casing for 12" diameter water main under CSX Railroad Tracks

As a reminder, additional information including the phasing of the project can be found on the Engineering Department webpage at the following link.  <https://www.sjcity.com/cityengineer/page/upton-drive-reconstruction-project>

The project team thanks you for your patience, and please feel free to contact Project Engineer Tim Drews (telephone: 269-876-9286, email: [tdrews@abonmarche.com](mailto:tdrews@abonmarche.com)) or me with questions or concerns.

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