



NEWS ADVISORY

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Street Division Crews Move to Night Work on Projects

City of Missoula Street Division crews will move to night shift next week for work in critical areas where day work would be highly disruptive to traffic.

Orange Street Underpass: Beginning Sunday, Aug. 21, the underpass will be closed to all traffic from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for milling and repaving. The underpass was originally constructed in the early 1900s and has been a trouble spot for potholes and asphalt deterioration because of water accumulation. Next week's work will improve the drainage and provide a new, smooth street surface. Street Superintendent Brian Hensel anticipates completing the project in four nights, Sunday evening through Thursday morning. Reader boards will notify drivers on Interstate 90, and detours will be in place.

Reserve Street sweeping: Working on the same schedule, crews will clean, sweep and remove debris at the outside edges of Reserve Street between Mullan Road and South Third Street West, where debris from winter street sanding and other sources has accumulated under the guard rail and in some places encroached on sidewalks. During the night, traffic will be limited to one lane in the direction work is being done.

Paxson Street and Brooks Street intersection: If time permits, crews will work on repaving the intersection.

The Street Division will have 22 employees working at night next week. Four employees will stay on day shifts, and four will continue as a sweeping crew. The Division has been focusing on street maintenance this summer, with productive results.

Street Superintendent Brian Hensel is happy to talk with reporters about these projects on

Thursday and next week. He is available at 240-2742 and bhensel@ci.missoula.mt.us.

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