



NEWS ADVISORY

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NEW CHIP SEAL AND PAINT SPRUCE UP EAST SPRUCE STREET

City of Missoula crews have completed chip-seal treatment of East Spruce Street between Madison Street and Higgins Avenue. The street will be repainted the week of Aug. 9, weather permitting.

In response to public comment, the parking configuration will change slightly. Back-in angle parking will remain on the south side of East Spruce Street between Pattee Street and Adams Street. The south side of Spruce between Adams and Madison will return to parallel parking.

The center line from Pattee to Madison streets will move slightly south to allow for a wider bike lane against the parallel parking on the north side of Spruce.

The City experimented with back-in angle parking on East Spruce Street nearly a year ago in collaboration with City Council Ward 1 representatives. The measure has increased safety and increased the number of parking spaces, but residents at the east end of the street expressed concerns.

“We’ve tried it, it works, there were some concerns from the public, so we’re making some slight adjustments,” said Public Works Director Steve King.

Look for the work to be completed by mid-August.

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