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Utility work started on First Street project

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ST. CHARLES – Benchmark Construction is finishing up the stretch of First Street between Illinois and Indiana streets, and will be moving Wednesday into the intersection of First and Illinois streets.

Construction barricades and signs have been placed on Illinois Street at Route 31 and Second Street, and at Riverside, on the east side of the Illinois Street Bridge. This utility work will take two to three weeks to complete.

The first crew will be installing water main within the next few days. A second crew will install the sanitary sewer through this intersection, which will take about a week. The restoration of the intersection should take about one more week.

This schedule is dependent upon the weather, and any changes will be sent via e-mail.

Motorists should note that the intersection of First and Illinois streets will be closed to through traffic for the duration of this work. Customers of businesses in Fox Island Square and the Blue Goose will be able to cross the bridge and access the parking areas from the east. Customers patronizing these businesses from the west side should note the detour signs and access the marked parking lots from Indiana or Prairie streets.

Large, orange signs have been placed on the barricades at Indiana and Route 31; Prairie and First Street; Illinois and Riverside Drive; and Illinois and First Street (for motorists coming from the north). The signs indicate that the businesses on First Street, Illinois and Indiana are open and accessible.

Periodically, the clamps holding these signs in place have been stolen and the signs left on the side of the road. Residents are asked to report signs down so they can be replaced.

The police department will be placing a squad car at Route 31 and Illinois over the next few days to help direct motorists who normally use the Illinois Street bridge through the marked detour route. The pipes and rocks stored in the public parking area on the corner of Indiana and First streets are being used now, so the lot should look more open to parking within the next week or two. A new, updated parking and construction map also is in progress and will be posted on the First Street Web site in the next few days.

This information has also been posted on the First Street Web site – www.1ststreetstc.org – and e-mailed to the e-news distribution. Contact the First Street hot line at (630) 762-7097 or e-mail 1stStreet@stcharlesil.gov with questions or comments.

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