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CONSTRUCTION OF PAVED SHOULDERS TO BEGIN ON G36 (220th St)

Beginning the week of July 8th, construction of four-foot asphalt paved shoulders, with rumble strips, will begin on G36 (220th St) from IA 1 to US 218. This project is being constructed by Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC of Ottumwa, Iowa, who was awarded the contract for \$2,220,839.81 earlier this year. Depending on the weather, it is anticipated the project will take approximately five weeks to complete.

During the duration of this project, G36 will be open to thru traffic; however, traffic will be restricted to one lane while the contractor is working. The contractor will utilize pilot cars and flaggers to help facilitate the flow of traffic thru the work zone, which will change daily as the contractor progresses through the project. The public is urged to use caution when traveling through the work zone and should obey all directions from the contractor.

This work is being done as a safety improvement project as a result of the high volume of commuter, truck, and agricultural traffic consistently causing edge ruts to form along the existing pavement. To address this safety concern, Washington County applied for and was awarded a \$500,000 Transportation Safety Improvement Program grant as well as a \$1,166,000 Highway Safety Improvement Program grant, both from the Iowa Department of Transportation, to help construct these safety improvements.

For more information about this project, please reach out to the Washington County Engineer's Office at (319) 653-7731.

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