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PRESS RELEASE

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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BEGINS IN WELLMAN

Beginning Monday, January 13, 2025, 9th Avenue in the City of Wellman will be closed at the south end of town to replace the City's bridge. The contract for this project was awarded to Iowa Bridge and Culvert, L.C. of Washington, IA for \$904,986.00. Work is expected to take 4-5 months to complete, weather permitting. The official posted detour is from Ginkgo Avenue (W38) taking 170th Street (G26) to Hwy 1, north to Hwy 22 then back west to the City of Wellman. The traveling public is encouraged to use caution when traveling around the project.

The existing bridge was originally constructed in 1928 and later widened by the Iowa DOT in 1964 when they paved old Highway 81, commonly called the Wellman Road. The new bridge will be a 110-foot-long concrete slab bridge. The City of Wellman received Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds which will fund 80% of the construction costs. In addition to these funds, the City received State Highway Bridge Funds to fund the remaining 20% of the construction costs. The Washington County Engineer's Office is providing construction administration services. This project is being done to eliminate a weight restriction on the bridge.

Questions about the project may be directed to the Washington County Engineers Office at (319) 653-7731.

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