

MEDIA ADVISORY



Grand Avenue Bridge Set to Close September 19

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Immediate Release:

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

WHAT: Effective Sept. 19, Grand Avenue between 2nd Avenue and Robert D. Ray Drive will be closed to all traffic with signed detour routes available. The signed detour route will use Walnut Street though all downtown bridges will remain open. Detour signage will also be available for the Principal Riverwalk trail portion interrupted by the closure. The new bridge is expected to be open to traffic in late 2017.

The new bridge will be a concrete beam bridge, which will include 14-foot sidewalks on both the north and south sides of the bridge, one lane of parking on the south side, three travel lanes (one east bound, two west bound), and a west bound bike lane. The bridge railing will feature a more open design versus typical concrete, allowing for a better view of the river for pedestrians. The exterior of the bridge will be made of a painted metal panel façade that creates a 'scalloped' effect on both the north and south sides of the bridge. The scalloped edge will mask the concrete beams that will form the superstructure of the bridge. Both the metal façade and the pedestrian railing will feature LED accent lighting.

For up to date information on the closure, detour maps, and more visit projects.dmgov.org.

WHEN: Effective 8 a.m. Monday September 19

WHERE: Grand Avenue, 2nd Avenue – Robert D. Ray Drive

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