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December 15, 2009

Randy Hill,

Re: Dick Drake Way Roadway Closure

Dear Randy,

In November I met with representatives of Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Pipeline Company regarding an anomaly discovered in their large diameter high pressure gas pipeline in Muscatine. The apparent location is directly beneath the concrete pavement on Dick Drake Way just west of its intersection with Stewart Road. The pipeline will need to be exposed and examined. Based on their findings, Kinder Morgan will mobilize a contractor to perform any repairs deemed appropriate. All work will be performed at no expense to the City.

Due to the serious nature of the work to be performed and the location directly beneath the pavement, I recommend closing Dick Drake Way while repairs are being performed. Traffic can be detoured to Sampson Street. Diagnosis and repairs will take approximately four days. Pavement cure time will be up to one week depending on air and ground temperatures. I will be meeting with Kinder Morgan again on December 21, 2009 for further coordination. Appropriate coordination with surrounding businesses will be handled by Public Works.

However, at this time, I am asking for City Council approval to close Dick Drake Way for this repair at a time deemed appropriate by the City Engineer.

Sincerely,

Jon Lutz
City Engineer