



## PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** August 10, 2015  
**Street:** Civic Center Drive  
**Purpose:** Construction Update

“Construction began August 4<sup>th</sup> on the Civic Center Drive Reconstruction Project, and after only one week the contractor has already paved a portion of phase 1” said Derek Koestel, Lake Saint Louis Director of Public Works. “This week, if weather permits, the contractor will place curb and gutter with asphalt base following the week of August 17.”

Civic Center Drive remains closed to through traffic during construction. The City considered building a bypass for the project to keep the roadway open during the project, but right-of-way constraints and utility conflicts prevented that. In an effort to eliminate or reduce the time the road is closed the City added a \$2,500 per day incentive/disincentive to encourage bidders to reduce closure time, or submit alternatives to the closure. The lowest bidder even after a \$300,000 adjustment to their contract price for closure time proposed 120 days of closure.

“The Contractor was concerned with the wet weather we have had this year” said Koestel. “He has assured us that he wants to complete the project faster than this and will if he gets good weather.”

Currently Karrenbrock Construction Inc. is scheduled to open Stage 1 by the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. With good weather the second stage will be completed by the second week of September which will allow residents on the west side of the lake to access the Schnucks Shopping Center from Civic Center Drive.

In the meantime, motorists should use US 40/I-64 to detour the construction area. Updates to this and other projects funded by the Lake Saint Louis ½ cent capital projects sales tax will be posted on the City’s webpage [www.lakesaintlouis.com](http://www.lakesaintlouis.com).