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South 42nd Street Open to Traffic Soon

6 a.m., Monday, September 3

South 42nd Street will be open to traffic by Monday, September 3 at 6 a.m. The majority of the second phase of the reconstruction project is complete. The second phase included reconstruction of the roadway from Main Street to Mount Vernon Road, new sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting and street trees. The first phase of the project including reconstruction of the roadway from Jasper Road to Mount Vernon Road, a roundabout at the intersection of Jasper Road and South 42nd Street, new sidewalks, lighting, street trees and an improved crossing at South 42nd Street and Mount Vernon Road was completed in December, 2005.

Cleanup work will continue until October 15 and tree planting will continue until December 1. This work will be done with single lane closures, allowing through traffic.

Both phases of the project were funded by money from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). ODOT gave the street to the City of Springfield as part of a jurisdictional transfer. The funds to bring the street up to current standards and improve the pavement condition were included in the transfer. Construction cost for the second phase of the project was \$1.9 million. Phase one cost \$3.5 million.