

## Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

September 16, 2021

- 1. Special Event Downtown Friday, September 24** - Most special events that close roads are either on weekends or evenings when traffic is lower and fewer businesses are open. We received a request for a special event road closure next Friday from 6 am to 12:30 pm. The event is for the Every Child Matters: Native American Heritage Day of Montana. They requested to close Broadway from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N for the entire time and then they are planning a Healing Walk that would take place at 9:30 am. The walk would include a “rolling closure” so the roads would be closed while the participants are walking on a particular block. The walk is south on 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N, then west on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, north on 29<sup>th</sup>, and then east on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N. The event is being reviewed by all departments, so it has not been formally approved but we wanted to inform council as weekday closures tend to raise questions.
  
- 2. WRF Heights Interceptor Repair** - We are planning to provide weekly updates on the progress of the repair of the failed 36-inch Height’s interceptor sewer line. Since the initial break on August 31, 2021, the City of Billings staff has worked to procure both emergency bypass pumping, replacement project related supplies, and additional bypass pumping suitable for construction. The 42-inch replacement pipe has arrived on-site. The critical piece is to install bypass pumping from the top of the 70-foot slope to the bottom of the slope to allow the new pipe construction. Once bypass pumping is in-place for construction, the Contractor will expose the buried portion of the standpipe and determine whether lining is appropriate during the new sewer pipe installation. The lining Contractor has indicated availability to line the standpipe and City staff is awaiting a cost proposal for lining this week. The repair has presented challenges obtaining materials and bypass pumping solutions. City public works staff have done an excellent job of maintaining the current emergency pumping system which has resulted in no further sewer overflows.
  
- 3. Public Safety Mill Levy Presentation**
  - Downtown BID, Monday, September 20 at 9:00 AM
  - Downtown Rotary, September 20 at 12:00 PM
  - Library, September 21 at 5:30 PM
  - Library, September 23 at 5:30 PM
  - Mission Ridge Retirement Home, September 28 at 3:00 PM
  - Heights Task Force, September 28 at 7:30 PM

**Have a wonderful weekend!**