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CONSTRUCTION ON EAST GOBBI STREET; TRAFFIC AND MTA BUS ROUTE IMPACTS ANTICIPATED

Ukiah, CA. August 29, 2024. – Beginning on Tuesday, September 3rd, work to replace the sewer lines will begin on East Gobbi starting at Orchard and moving west to State Street. East Gobbi will have one-lane closures on blocks with active construction; in those areas, traffic will be allowed westbound only. This will, at times, impact MTA's ability to access the Northbound Local 9 bus stops: Co-op, Autumn Leaves, the Ukiah Post Office, Social Security and Big Lots.

MTA will need to reroute the Northbound Local 9 during the hours of construction for affected areas; other traffic will be detoured as well. Thus, neighborhoods in the areas of Waugh Lane, Cooper Lane, Betty Street and Marlene Street should anticipate additional traffic during construction hours.

What are the construction hours? Monday-Friday, 7am - 5pm

Where will lane closures occur? Lane closures will only occur on blocks where there is active construction. The first area will be between Orchard Avenue and Leslie Street. From there, construction will move west toward State Street. At this time, it is unknown how much time will be spent on each section.

Will any traffic be allowed in the construction areas? Yes, but only westbound in those areas.

What about emergency and delivery vehicles? Construction crews will always allow emergency and delivery vehicles through. Residents will also have access at all times.

Why westbound only? The sewer lines are on the south side of the street. Unfortunately, Gobbi Street isn't wide enough to accommodate active construction plus two lanes of traffic.

Will Gobbi Street be repaved after this? Yes. Once the utility and concrete work is complete, Gobbi will be reconstructed.

What about Main Street? Gobbi, Main and Perkins are all part of one large project called the Urban Core Rehabilitation and Transportation project. Main Street is also having utilities replaced and then will be completely reconstructed. Perkins Street will have storm drains added and be repaved. For more info about this project, see <u>www.cityofukiah.com/ucrt</u>

For more information on MTA buses, please call 707-462-1422 or visit www.Mendocinotransit.org; for more information about the construction project, please contact Deputy City Manager Shannon Riley at sriley@cityofukiah.com or visit the webpage at www.cityofukiah.com/ucrt

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