

July 31, 2018

- STREET DEPARTMENT

Dear Resident,

As we look ahead to the remainder of summer and fall of 2018, we are reminded that weather conditions have been contributing greatly to dusty conditions along South K Street. We certainly understand that these conditions have an impact on your ability to enjoy the outdoors and are working towards a solution. In our continuing effort to serve our community, we wanted to let you know that during the week of July 30th our calcium chloride vendor will be providing an additional application of dust control from West 2nd Avenue south to West Larrabee Street. We hope that this will provide some relief. This is part of the ongoing, short-term solution that was described in a letter to you last spring. Please know, however, that calcium chloride is a salt-based application that uses moisture from both precipitation and the soil to adhere the gravel particles together to reduce the spread of dust. The above average dry conditions coupled with recent heavier traffic loads have diminished effectiveness of most these applications.

In addition to the applications to cut down on dust, we have also installed speed limit signage in this corridor to ensure consistent reminders of the need for a slower speed in this area. Traffic enforcement will continue in this area.

It is important to note that while the actions stated above are short-term in nature, the City continues our efforts for a long-term solution. Just this spring, preliminary plans and ideas for the development of South K Street were presented to the City Council. A copy of this presentation may be viewed on the City's website (http://indianolaiowa.gov/AgendaCenter) and is included in the April 16, 2018 City Council Study Session meeting packet. Further discussions are anticipated to take place during the August 20th City Council meetings (1st and 3rd Mondays of the month).

As we progress with this process and work towards a solution, information will be relayed to you and the rest of the community. We also encourage you to refer to our website and social media outlets regularly for updates. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have any questions, please call me at 515-962-5292 or 515-210-3138 or email me at jetnyre@indianolaiowa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jason C. Etnyre

Street Superintendent