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Dear Resident,

While much of the focus over the past two months has been on our collective response to COVID-19, our commitment to updating our infrastructure remains because it is a necessary investment in future economic development and our quality of life.

In addition to the construction of an 8-foot multi-use path along North 38th Avenue announced last fall, the City of Hattiesburg will soon continue transforming North 38th Avenue in appearance and functionality. As a well-traveled street that serves as a western border of the Southern Miss campus, it's imperative to create a more functional and attractive environment to complement our Midtown area.

This project will include new medians, a traffic signal at the North 38th/Montague intersection, lighting improvements, and most importantly, new asphalt for the entirety of North 38th Avenue. The estimated total cost of this project is around \$1.2 million, with 80% of construction costs funded through the state/federal Metropolitan Planning Organization program.

Work is scheduled to begin mid-May and is expected to take 6-7 months to complete. Please note that all construction is contingent on weather. This project will come with its inconveniences. However, this investment is vital to future economic growth and livability of Ward 1 and all of Hattiesburg.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Engineering Department at 601-545-4540 to discuss these improvements with the City Engineer, Lamar Rutland (lrutland@hattiesburgms.com).

On a separate note, we also encourage you to fill out your 2020 Census form if you have not already done so. You can access the form by visiting hattiesburgcounts.com and clicking the first button. All information is confidential. An accurate count is critical to ensure that our city continues to receive its share of infrastructure dollars for projects like this.

All the best,

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