

## **Hickman Road Feeder Main**

*June 2, 2026*

Central Iowa Water Works is installing 4,700 feet of 24" diameter transmission main as part of the Saylorville Plant expansion project. This main will connect to the existing feeder main at Merle Hay Road and Hickman Road and extend westerly along Hickman to the interconnection with the existing feeder main at the intersection of 73rd Street and Wilshire Boulevard. This work will provide greater transmission capacity and water availability to the heavily growing Western portions of the Des Moines Metropolitan Area.

The project is divided into four stages, with an overall final completion date of November 30th, 2026.

### **Project Stages:**

#### **Stage 1 – 70<sup>th</sup> Street from Wilshire Boulevard to Hickman Road. (Substantially Complete)**

The Stage 1 work began in January and was completed in mid-April, with the exception of some restoration items outside of the roadway.

The work included a connection to an existing 36" main in the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and the installation of new 24" water main under 70th Street from Wilshire to Hickman.

#### **Stage 2 – Hickman Road from 70<sup>th</sup> Street to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. (In Progress)**

Traffic control setup for the Stage 2 work began on March 18th. This will remove the two southern lanes of Hickman Road from service and change the northbound lanes to serve traffic in both directions. Access between Merle Hay Road and 70th Street will be severely limited.

Pavement removals along Hickman have been completed. Casing and carrier pipes have been installed under 63rd Street and Westover. Utility relocations have been completed for known utility conflicts. 2,500 lineal feet of the new 24" feeder main has been installed, of a total of 2,800 lineal feet to be installed in Stage 2. The new main will be pressure tested once the remainder is installed to ensure it is leak free. Pavement and site restoration will follow the water main installation.

The anticipated completion date for this Stage is July 31st, 2026. A reduction in the traffic control requirements is expected upon completion of Stage 2.



### **Stage 3 – Hickman Road from 62<sup>nd</sup> Street to Merle Hay Road (Not Started)**

The traffic control will remain largely unchanged throughout the work on Hickman (Stage 2 and Stage 3). Access between Merle Hay Road and 70th Street will be severely limited.

The location of the new 24” water transmission main will shift from under Hickman Road into private easement outside of the Hickman Road Right of Way. The Contractor will continue installing the water main from 62nd Street up to Merle Hay Road. Pavement and site restoration will follow the water main installation.

The anticipated completion date for this Stage is October 31st, 2026. Traffic control along Hickman Road will be removed once this Stage has been completed.

### **Stage 4 – Merle Hay Road (Not Started)**

The final stage of the project is the connection of the new 24” water transmission main to an existing water transmission main located in Merle Hay Road. A localized closure of Merle Hay Road South of Hickman Road will be in place while this work is performed. Pavement and site restoration will follow once the final connection has been made and testing completed.

The anticipated completion date for this Stage (and overall project) is November 30th, 2026.

# Hickman Road Feeder Main Project Update

June 2, 2026



## STAGE 1

### 70th Street

(Wilshire Blvd to Hickman Rd)



- ✓ New 24" water main installed along 70th street from Wilshire to Hickman.
- ✓ Only minor restoration work remains.


## STAGE 2

### Hickman Road

(70th St to 62nd St)



- ✓ Pavement removed
- ✓ Utilities relocated
- ✓ ~2,500 feet of ~2,800 feet of 24" water main installed
- ✓ Traffic is severely limited

 Expected Completion  
**July 31, 2026**

## STAGE 3

### Hickman Road

(62nd St to Merle Hay Rd)



- Work will continue west to Merle Hay Road.
- Water main will move off Hickman Road into an easement.
- Traffic patterns similar to Stage 2; access remains limited

 Expected Completion  
**October 31, 2026**

## STAGE 4

### Merle Hay Road Connection



- Connect new water main to the existing system near Merle Hay Rd & Hickman Rd
- Short closure of Merle Hay Rd (south of Hickman)
- Testing and restoration follow

 Expected Completion  
**November 30, 2026**