

Hickman Road Feeder Main

August 3, 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 – 70th Street from Wilshire Boulevard to Hickman Road. (Substantially Complete)

The Stage 1 work began in January and was completed in mid-April, except for 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 70th Street to 62nd 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.

The new 24" water main installation has been completed through this segment. Pavement restoration is currently in progress. Site restoration and seeding will follow the pavement restoration.

The anticipated completion date for this Stage is August 21, 2026. A reduction in the traffic control requirements is expected upon completion of Stage 2 (removal of all traffic control west of 62nd Street).



Stage 3 – Hickman Road from 62nd Street to Merle Hay Road (In Progress)

Installation of the new 24" water main is complete. Pavement and site restoration will begin through this area in early August.

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.

