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Main and Washington Streets Conversion to Two-Way

MT. PLEASANT, MI, July 9, 2015 – The project to convert Main and Washington Streets to two-way streets is scheduled to begin on July 20th and be completed by August 11th. The conversion project will include on street parking on one side of the street, and through the use of signage and sharrows (shared lane bicycle markings), both bikes and cars will share the two 10-foot lanes.

The primary reasons for converting Main and Washington to two-way streets are:

- To increase the ease of access for residents that live along those streets and for other city residents.
- To reduce the speed of cars traveling on those streets.
- To provide a better connection between downtown Mt. Pleasant and the CMU campus.
- One-way streets are uncommon in Mt. Pleasant and many are confused and go the wrong way.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be upgrading the traffic signals and removing the islands on High Street. In an effort to maintain pedestrian safety at the High Street intersections after those islands are removed, a button activated crossing countdown will be installed.

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