

## Magnolia road rehabilitation project to begin May 14

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Following approval of designs by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, work along Magnolia Road, from Old Vicksburg Road to Northside Drive, is to begin around May 14 and is slated to be completed, weather permitting, sometime in early September 2020.

Residents along Magnolia Road and adjacent neighborhoods should anticipate traffic interruptions during the improvements. City leaders highlighted that this is a full reconstruction of the road. Existing asphalt and expansive dirt base will be excavated and filled with new base to prevent future issues with a bumpy road.

"This is a major road construction rehabilitation project which, while under construction, will certainly be an inconvenience to those that live in the area of the improvements," said Mayor Phil Fisher. "However, it is a project that is long overdue. The City and contractor ask for your patience as we bring a smooth ride to the heavily used road on the eastern edge of the City."

During certain phases of the improvements, travel along Magnolia

Road will be one-way, with either the northbound or southbound lane closed for work. Motorists travelling along this stretch of Magnolia Road need to be aware of and follow the traffic control measures installed.

Motorists that do not live in the area are encouraged to avoid the road if possible and find another route to alleviate congestion in the work zone and delays to their travel plans.

On January 21, 2020, the Board of Alderman approved the bid of \$995,196 to W.E. Blain and Sons for Magnolia Road improvement projects. The project has been in the planning, funding and approval stage since May 2016.

Ward 6 Alderman Mike Cashion, whose Ward includes Magnolia Road, has long advocated for the improvements.

"As the Alderman for Ward 6, I am pleased to see that this project is finally moving forward. Improving the driving conditions of the road will greatly enhance the viability of the eastern side of town for economic stabilization and community pride," Cashion stated.

Project completion, dependent upon weather, is slated for September 2020.

## Thompson of Clinton receives Ink-Slingers scholarship



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Lauren Thompson, the daughter of Steve and Leigh Ann Thompson of Clinton, is the recipient of the Clinton Ink-Slingers annual \$100 student scholarship. Thompson is a second-year art major at Mississippi College. Pictured (l to r) are J. Moffett Walker, president; Joedda Gore, public relations for the Clinton Ink-Slingers; and Lauren Thompson. Thompson's ink drawing of *In Sync* won third place at a recent Mississippi College student exhibit at the Samuel Marshal Gore Gallery, Clinton.

**SO DO NOT FEAR**  
*for I am with you;*  
**BE NOT DISMAYED,**  
*for I am your God.*  
**I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU**  
*and help you;*  
**I WILL UPHOLD YOU**  
*with my righteous hand."*

**Isaiah 41:10**

