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MEDIA ALERT

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Mellwood Avenue — OPEN by 5 PM today

Mellwood Avenue — between Brownsboro Road and Muncie Avenue — will open to traffic by 5 PM, Friday, November 17. MSD has completed the work in this section of the roadway ahead of schedule.

This section of roadway was closed to traffic beginning October 2 to allow construction of MSD's Force Main Extension Project for the Clifton Heights Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Basin. This section of the larger project is now complete, and the roadway patched with concrete.

Mellwood Avenue — from the Mellwood Arts Center to Brownsboro Road — will be milled and repaved at the completion of the Clifton Heights CSO Basin Project in 2018.

Background

The Clifton Heights CSO Basin will capture seven million gallons of combined sewer overflow, in an average rainfall year. This underground-covered basin will offer the public and Beargrass Creek protection from combined sewer overflows during periods of wet weather. When completed, the project will be largely invisible to the public.

Underground storage is part of MSD's larger endeavor to prevent sewage from overflowing into Louisville's waterways. These underground storage areas retain the mixture of rainwater and sewage until the rain subsides and capacity is available for treatment, then gradually release it back into the sewer system.

About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 630 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.