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Several blocks of East 5th St., those between Highway 61 west to Leech St., will be closed starting Monday.

That's when the city's street paving contractor, Concrete Products, Inc., of North Platte, hopes to begin the milling of East 5th in preparation for a new concrete street.

Access will be available to the United Methodist Church and all businesses along East 5th St., via other streets, said Public Works Supt. Pat Davison.

The city is opening East 4th St., one block south of East 5th, which will provide access to the businesses on the south side of the street, while other access points will be available to those businesses on the north.

Imperial city crews planned to open East 4th St., this week, and haul in additional gravel for the surface.

Davison said he realizes the work will cause some inconveniences, but asks the public for cooperation as they take other routes to the businesses along that street.

A large machine will be brought in to take up the current asphalt surface, grind it then pile the millings off site for later use.

Once that is done between Highway 61 and Leech, the contractor will do some dirt work, then bring back in the millings that will be packed onto the dirt. That will be followed by seven inches of new concrete.

Davison said the contractor expects to have that section of East 5th St., closed 30 to 45 days, weather permitting.

All the businesses and church along East 5th will have to use the alternate access points during the work, Davison said.

One exception is Imperial Yost Farm Supply along Highway 61 and East 5th. Employees and customers will have access from the easternmost lot entrance off East 5th only.

The contractor plans to come back and finish that small easternmost section after the rest of the street is done and can be driven on, Davison said. At that time, access to Imperial Yost Farm Supply will be able to be made from the East 5th entrance on the west end of their lot.