



City of
Urbandale
Iowa

Economic Development Newsletter

Interstate Improvements in the Urban Loop Nearing Completion

We are excited to broadcast to the Des Moines region the Interstate 80/35 improvements through the Urban Loop are expected to be complete in September 2020! Both the Highway 141 flyover ramp and the Meredith Drive Interchange will open for traffic. This means it's time to celebrate and benefit from new access to Urbandale opportunities! For more information, please take a look at the [Iowa DOT's recent press release](#).

To commemorate the completion, private funding has committed to install a searchlight in the corridor to highlight its completion and literally 'shine a light' on the new roadways in Urbandale. We will be asking you in the coming weeks to help us spread the word and celebrate the accomplishment. Stay tuned to your inboxes....

New Fiber Optic Network Coming to Urbandale

The Urbandale City Council recently approved an Agreement with MetroNet, a multi-state fiber-optic internet, TV, and phone provider, to install a comprehensive fiber network reaching nearly every address in town. Given the changes to doing business, health care and education during the pandemic, many have noted the need to have fast reliable internet and media connections not just in the office, but at home too. Offering internet speed of up to 1 GB up and down will remove a barrier working and learning from home for Urbandale residents. This agreement with Metronet lays out the commitments to achieve complete buildout of the new network in 2022. Read the [press release](#) on the project.

Blueprint Magazine Article Featuring Urbandale

In a recent edition of Blueprint Magazine, a publication of the HBA of Greater Des Moines, City Manager A.J. Johnson wrote an article highlighting the challenges, response, and growth during the COVID-19 response. Every industry has been affected by the response, and your local government has made many efforts to still be of service to businesses in these challenging times. Feel free to click on the link to the [Blueprint Magazine online version](#) to read the article

New Developments in Town to Know About

A site plan for a new Glow Car Wash was approved at the southwest corner of Meredith Drive and Urbandale Ave. This fully automatic car wash project adds a new amenity to the growing Meredith corridor.

Urbandale welcomes a new employer, Express Logistics, to the community. They recently moved their area operations to town along Meredith Drive just on the west side of the I-35/80 Urban Loop. Doing significant tenant improvements, they are excited get into the new location and keep growing.

Iowa Bankers Association (IBA) is beginning construction on their new headquarters building on Northpark Drive between 86th and 100th streets. IBA joins several other Urbandale primary employers that benefit from the easy access to retain and recruit a strong workforce

104th Street Reconstruction Nearing Completion

The long awaited reconstruction of 104th street is in the final stages of the multi-year project. The last phase includes repaving of the northern portion near Douglas Avenue and is expected to be complete this fall. Should you want more detail on the progress, our colleagues in the Engineering division to a great job of updating their [City Projects](#) page on the Urbandale website.

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