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## Pedestrian Traffic Limited at Intersection of E 2<sup>nd</sup> & S Kimball

Construction of ANB Bank includes sidewalk improvements

Casper, Wyoming (June 23, 2017) – Construction of a new ANB Bank at 485 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will include the construction of new sidewalks, ADA infrastructure, curb, and gutter along with the removal of the existing right-turn lane and island. The removal of the right-turn lane and island was designed with the intent to reduce traffic speeds at this corner and increase pedestrian safety.

Casper-adopted building codes require that any building more than 8 feet in height and between one-fourth and one-half the height of construction from the lot line to be fenced off. In addition, Casper building codes require the protection of pedestrians by either providing a walkway into the street with barricades or providing signage to redirect pedestrian traffic.

The City of Casper Building Department has enforced the above codes for the protection of pedestrian traffic along this site. Because construction requires the removal and reinstallation of the existing curb, gutter, and sidewalk along 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kimball Streets for the length of the construction site, it was determined that the barrier was required. Rather than closing a lane of traffic to create a temporary pedestrian walkway along E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and S Kimball Street, it was determined to close the sidewalks and allow all traffic lanes to remain open.

Currently, the ANB Bank contractor is in the process of providing signage to redirect pedestrians to the north side of E  $2^{nd}$  Street and to the west side of S Kimball Street. This signage will be in place beginning the week of June 26, 2017, and will remain until completion of the project.

The City of Casper would like to thank the public for their patience during this time of construction.

For questions or additional information, you may contact Dan Elston.

