

News Release
by Highway 18 LLC

Highway 18 LLC makes this news release for the purpose of responding to various inaccurate assertions contained in the September 18, 2021 Globe Gazette newspaper article pertaining to the property located at 503 S Federal, Mason City, Iowa.

The City of Mason City has gone out of its way to impugn the reputation of Highway 18 LLC by publicly implying the delay to make repairs is solely its fault. Said implication is false. On a day during the second week of July, during an in-person meeting with Curt Suave and Dave Randall, a masonry contractor, a 2-page drawing and oral proposal was given to Mr. Suave, showing and describing a plan to reinforce the two 45 degree parapet wall junctions with steel, on the northwest wall of the warehouse. So far, no response from the anyone at or on behalf of the City of Mason City has been received regarding this plan.

Meanwhile since June, the City of Mason City has made many demands of Highway 18 LLC. Most of these repair demands are for cosmetic defects or for decades-old reinforcement features that are and remain stable and have nothing to do with any legitimate safety concern of the structure.

Highway 18 LLC wants to work with the City of Mason City, and will gladly do so once the City ceases making unreasonable demands.

Unreasonable demands from governmental entities make working with governments difficult. When those unreasonable governmental demands follow government-contract-caused damage to property, the entire situation becomes extremely frustrating.

Highway 18 LLC believes that the damage to its property, and part of the reason why the east parapet wall collapsed, is directly related to the reconstruction of highway 122 in 2018. During said reconstruction project, on August 14, 2018, eleven events were recorded that exceeded the project vibration limit. Review of the waveforms indicated that this was likely caused by pavement demolition, occurring in close proximity to the west wall of the warehouse.

Triggered Event Summary

Monitor: Monitor V3: 503 S. Federal Avenue: Basement West Wall
Recorded Vibration Activity:

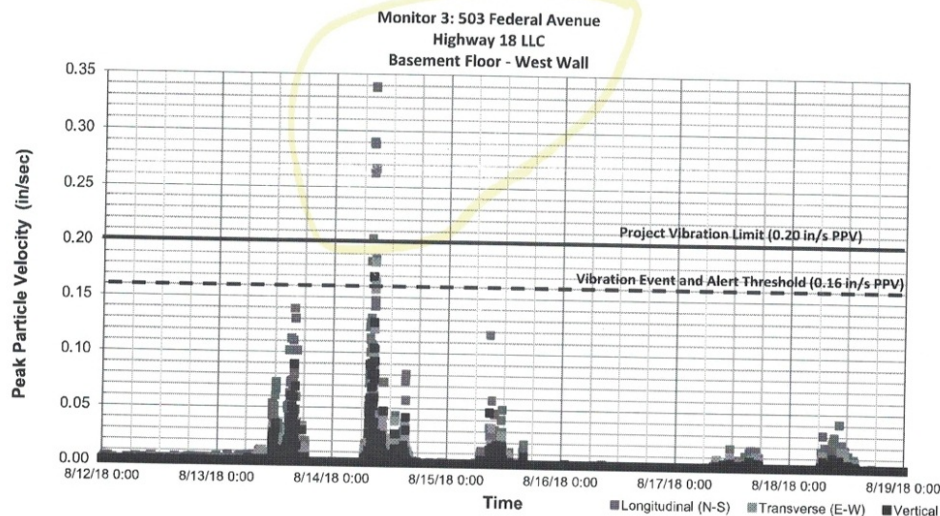
Time	Vertical		Longitudinal (N-S)		Transverse (E-W)	
	PPV (in/sec)	Freq. (Hz)	PPV (in/sec)	Freq. (Hz)	PPV (in/sec)	Freq. (Hz)
2018-08-13 15:42:43	0.0938	110	0.163	102	0.0368	156
2018-08-14 07:47:20	0.0588	60.4	0.183	45.2	0.0376	23.4
2018-08-14 07:53:11	0.08	32.6	0.203	72.3	0.0482	17.2
2018-08-14 08:00:31	0.0626	34.4	0.201	54.3	0.0396	53.8
2018-08-14 08:00:44	0.0898	55.2	0.29	51.4	0.0664	74.1
2018-08-14 08:08:42	0.0628	43.7	0.194	51.1	0.0388	42.1
2018-08-14 08:08:53	0.069	18.6	0.262	30.6	0.052	26.7
2018-08-14 08:09:07	0.135	131	0.288	42.8	0.0686	14.4
2018-08-14 08:16:27	0.142	97.9	0.338	33	0.0686	31.8
2018-08-14 08:16:38	0.0928	92.8	0.195	31.8	0.077	29.8
2018-08-14 08:16:49	0.169	97.5	0.276	71.2	0.0764	13.8
2018-08-14 08:17:05	0.117	34.5	0.192	110	0.0546	17.2
2018-08-14 08:26:25	0.0856	120	0.25	27.9	0.0658	37.6
2018-08-14 08:26:36	0.127	91.7	0.254	42.3	0.0876	42.5
2018-08-14 08:26:47	0.107	38.1	0.266	52.3	0.0948	29.4
2018-08-14 08:27:18	0.104	38.8	0.178	101	0.0694	36.2
2018-08-14 08:29:08	0.127	115	0.226	119	0.122	29.8
2018-08-14 08:35:46	0.0788	52.1	0.163	51.9	0.0204	20.9
2018-08-14 08:36:00	0.092	18.5	0.185	51	0.0278	23.3
2018-08-14 08:38:33	0.081	64.1	0.142	77.1	0.164	49.8
2018-08-14 08:39:59	0.113	123	0.145	116	0.182	66.1

Disposition of Event: The subject events consisted of repeated short-duration (<0.4 second) transient vibrations occurring primarily in the longitudinal (N-S) axes. One event recorded on 08/13/2018 did not exceed the Project Vibration Limit of 0.20 in/s PPV and occurred at frequencies greater than 100 Hz. Eleven events recorded between 07:47 and 08:40 on 08/14/2018 exceeded the Project Vibration Limit of 0.20 in/s PPV. Review of the waveforms indicates that the events were likely caused by pavement demolition occurring in close proximity to the west wall of the building.

PEAK PARTICLE VELOCITY vs. TIME IA-122 Reconstruction - Cerro Gordo County

MAXIMUM OF THREE AXES

Report Period: 08/12/2018 - 08/18/2018



When this report was received, an inspection of the west basement wall of the warehouse on August 21, 2018 showed that fragments of concrete had been dislodged and were laying on the basement floor next to the subject wall.



There was also damage to the Color Couture Salon building, across the street from the warehouse.

My name is Brenda Adams. I own Color Couture Salon, 516 S Federal Ave, Mason City, IA 50401 (641) 423-1228

On August 14, 2018, there was road construction work on highway 65 - Federal Avenue in front of my business. They were breaking up the pavement. I could feel the vibration. Afterwards, my front door was racked. It would not open and close properly. My husband Jason had to rework the door frame so it would open and close properly again. Also, after this time, we had significant water coming into our basement since that time. We have to continually sump pump it out. Our basement water has been a problem and this has been ongoing since they broke up the pavement out front. Water is coming in our East wall now; it wasn't a problem before.

The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and memory.


Brenda Adams

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Date

Since the out of limits vibration during pavement demolition on August 14, 2018, the water mains on both the warehouse and Color Couture Salon have ruptured, requiring emergency excavation and repair in the same area of the pavement demolition noted in the vibration report.



Emergency water main repair December 2018, west wall of warehouse on Highway 65, 4 ½ months after the reported out of limits vibration during pavement demolition.

Color Couture Salon's water main finally ruptured this summer, requiring additional road closure on highway 65 for repair.

Not surprisingly, no governmental entity has accepted any responsibility for the 2018 property damage.

As of this writing, Highway 18 LLC continues to wait for a response from the City of Mason City. It would be nice to hear something constructive from the City of Mason City, rather than read about legal threats in the local newspaper.