



City of Franklin

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CITY OF FRANKLIN PROVIDES UPDATE ON WEST PUETZ ROAD SINKHOLE**

FRANKLIN, WI., (May 31, 2024) – The city of Franklin has released an update on the status of the sinkhole located on West Puetz Road just east of the Root River Bridge. On Friday, May 24, the City of Franklin Department of Sewer and Water Utilities was informed of a 4'x4' sinkhole, and along with the Department of Public Works, it was determined that for the safety of the public, an immediate road closure would be implemented. On the afternoon of May 24, the City of Franklin DPW closed W. Puetz Road from S. 51<sup>st</sup> - S. 68<sup>th</sup> Street.

Over the past week, the city consulted with engineering and leak detection firms, and it was determined the sinkhole was created by a leak from a MMSD manhole. Repairs will begin the week of June 3 and are expected to take a few days.

Mayor John Nelson thanks residents for their patience and will issue an update when the road is expected to reopen.

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