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**Lake Shore Drive closed to through traffic**

*Area will be used for crews to conduct Water Filtration Plant maintenance*

**OSHKOSH, Wis., December 12, 2023** – Lake Shore Drive, the road adjacent to Lake Winnebago near the Oshkosh Water Filtration Plant, will be closed between the two driveways to the Water Filtration Plant, effective immediately. This closure will allow crews to access Lake Winnebago in order to conduct maintenance of a Water Filtration Plant intake pipe.

This maintenance work is anticipated to be complete by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A recent maintenance inspection revealed that up to 60% of the 60-inch water intake pipe entry is blocked by sediment that built up over time. The city of Oshkosh declared an emergency in May, 2023, to address this blockage and has recently been granted authorization by the Department of Natural Resources to conduct the necessary maintenance work.

For questions about this road closure and maintenance work, please contact the Oshkosh Department of Public Works at (920) 236-5065.

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