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Sioux City Public Museum announces skywalk route change

A change to the skywalk system at the former J.C. Penney building and site of the new Sioux City Public Museum was announced today by Steve Hansen, Museum director. The change in skywalk route is part of the construction package that is currently ongoing and ultimately will lead to a dramatic new look for the exterior and interior of the building.

The skywalk has been rerouted to the interior of the building and will serve as a temporary skywalk until the spring of 2010. The skywalk can be accessed from the same entrances at Nebraska Street on the west and Jackson Street on the east side.

When completed, the south side of the skywalk through the building will feature a glass façade that will allow skywalk users a 2nd story look into the museum area and also a view of the new museum plaza and adjacent Terra building.

Demolition of the existing southwest corner exterior began in early September and will accelerate over the next few weeks. The completed exterior southwest walls will feature a glass façade that will allow viewers to look in to the museum and the two story atrium area. The new museum will occupy most of the first floor of the building — approximately 55,000 square feet of floor space.

The first phase of the project is expected to be completed by March 31, 2010 followed by interior and exhibit construction. The museum is still on track for a 2010 grand opening.

For more information about "Our New Museum," visit www.siouxcitymuseum.org. The website includes the latest news as well as giving information and a pledge card.