

June 5, 2020 | Project Update #10

Highway 15/Main Street Reconstruction in Hutchinson



Photo above: the intersection of Highway 15 and Washington Avenue is open to cross traffic.

During construction this week

- Continued installing sanitary sewer and water main from 1st Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South.
- Poured sidewalk from 2nd Avenue North to Washington Avenue. However, ramps at the corners of the intersection on this stretch still need to be poured.

What's coming up next

- Removing the temporary pavement at the Highway 15 and 2nd Avenue North intersection to prepare for the concrete paving.
- Paving concrete from 2nd Avenue North to Washington Avenue on Monday, June 8, weather permitting.
- Continuing to work on utility services between 1st Avenue South and 2nd Avenue South.
- So far, work has centered on the reconstruction part of the project. Next week, we will begin work on
 the resurfacing part of the project, as well. That area extends from the roundabout at County Road
 115/Airport Road to 5th Avenue South. We will start with sidewalk and pedestrian crossing
 improvements on the west side of Highway 15 beginning at Milwaukee Avenue and work south. During
 this time, expect temporary shoulder closure, sidewalk closure, and side street closures.



Image at left: the map shows the two different work areas associated with the Highway 15/Main Street project: the reconstruction part of the project is highlighted in red, while the resurfacing part of the project is highlighted in orange.



Photo above: currently, reconstruction work is in Stage 3, which is closed to all traffic between Washington Avenue and 3rd Avenue South.

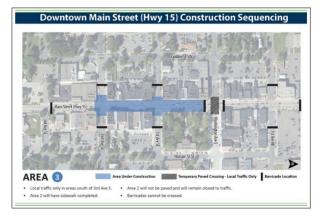
Getting from here to there

Traffic notice: vehicles will not be able to turn from Franklin Street/2nd Street Northwest to travel northbound on Highway 15 for approximately two weeks.

Reconstruction in the downtown area is taking place in stages. While Highway 15 remains closed during the project, working in stages keeps as many intersections and sidewalks open for as long as possible. We are currently in Stage 3.

During Stage 3

- Work takes place at the intersections of Highway 15 with 1st Avenue South and 2nd Avenue South.
- > The area is closed to vehicle traffic from all directions.
- Crosswalks in the work zone are closed to pedestrian traffic.
- > Sidewalks will remain open for business access when possible. Check with businesses for the best entrance to use during construction.
- Customer parking is available on streets and in parking lots on the back side of Highway 15/Main Street businesses.
- > Local traffic only in areas south of 3rd Avenue South.
- People can use Franklin and Adams Streets to get to homes and businesses.
- People can cross Highway 15 at Washington Avenue and 5th Avenue South.



Highway 15/Main Street is a work zone

Visitors to Main Street are welcome to checkout progress on the project from a safe place, such as Library Square or designated sidewalks. While viewing construction work or traveling near work zones, MnDOT reminds everyone to use caution, and to:

- Slow down when approaching every work zone, then navigate with care and caution
- Stay alert; work zones constantly change
- Watch for workers and slow moving equipment
- Never enter a roadway that has been blocked with barriers or cones
- Obey posted speed limits; fine for a work zone violation is \$300
- Minimize distractions behind the wheel and while walking or biking
- Be patient; expect delays, especially during peak travel times



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