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## Highway 15/Main Street Construction in Hutchinson

Both parts of the project remain on schedule. A traffic change is coming next week – the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South intersection will close to cross traffic; however, people will be able to cross Main Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South and at Washington Avenue.



Photo above: paving the asphalt tie-in to the new concrete on Main Street at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South.

### During the reconstruction project this week

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- Completed storm sewer between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.
- Completed concrete paving from Washington Avenue through 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.
- Completed asphalt paving tie-ins on side streets from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North.
- Performed grading operations from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South to prepare for curb and gutter installations.
- Continued removing temporary lighting and installing permanent light poles.

### During the resurfacing project this week

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- Continued removing old pavement and installing new concrete curb, road and sidewalk.
- Completed asphalt paving at all the tie-in points that had been removed.

## What's coming up next

- Next week, there will be a traffic switch: 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South will be open and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South will close to complete work in the intersection.
- Grading operations will continue from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South.
- On the resurfacing part of the project, continue removing old pavement and installing concrete curb, road and sidewalk.

## Getting from here to there

**Highway 15 will remain closed to north/south traffic between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South for the duration of the downtown portion of the project.**

Work is taking place in stages (areas) in order to keep as many intersections and sidewalks open for as long as possible. The project is in Stage 4; however, construction work is also taking place in earlier stage areas simultaneously. To protect everyone's safety, the road will not be opened to north/south traffic until all stages of reconstruction and related work are complete in the downtown area.



**The resurfacing part of the project (south of 5th Avenue) remains open to traffic.** People will encounter temporary lane and shoulder closures of Highway 15, as well as temporary side street and sidewalk closures as work progresses.

### During Stage 4

- Much of the work takes place at the intersections of Highway 15 and 3rd Avenue South, 4th 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.
- 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 **until next week.**
- When 5th Avenue South closes next week, the 2nd Avenue intersection will be open, along with Washington Avenue. **The 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South intersection may be closed for up to 20 working days.**

## Highway 15/Main Street work zone reminders

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For your safety, and the safety of workers, MnDOT asks everyone to use caution near work zones, and to:

- Slow down when approaching every work zone, then navigate with care
- 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



Photos above: (left) temporary lighting was removed this week and permanent light poles installed; (right) storm sewer installations were completed between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

## Stay up to date

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Photo at right: paving the asphalt tie-in to the new concrete on Main Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.

