

## Highway 15/Main Street Construction in Hutchinson

Asphalt paving is well underway south of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The resurfacing project was combined with the downtown reconstruction project this year as most of the traffic going through the area would be detoured, meaning less traffic would be passing through the work zone. We truly appreciate everyone's patience while we improve the road surface and upgrade pedestrian crossings along Highway 15.



*Photo above: paving rollers compact the asphalt on Hwy 15 near Grove Street.*

### During the downtown reconstruction project this week

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Crews continued installing lighting systems and began installing the tinted boulevards. Traffic signals are going up at the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North and Washington Avenue intersections.

#### ***Coming up next***

- Continue to install sidewalk and tinted boulevard.
- Concrete pave remaining areas.

## Getting around downtown

- Highway 15 remains 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.
- The area is closed to north/south traffic.
- Sidewalks 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.
- Use Franklin and Adams Streets for north/south travel.
- Cross Highway 15 at Washington Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.



*Photo above: tinted boulevards and lighting systems are being installed in the downtown area.*

## During the resurfacing project this week

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Asphalt paving of Highway 15 from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to just north of the roundabout at County Road 115 / Airport Road began this Tuesday and is scheduled to wrap up next Monday.

### Coming up next

- The road will be striped once paving is complete.

## Getting around south of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- The roadway south of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue remains open to traffic.
- Temporary lane and shoulder closures can be expected on Highway 15.
- Temporary closures to side streets can be expected.
- Allow extra time to get to your destination.



Photo above: asphalt paving operations in progress on Hwy 15.

## Highway 15/Main Street work zone reminders

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- 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

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