

Highway 15/Main Street Reconstruction in Hutchinson



The Highway 15/Main Street Hutchinson reconstruction project has completed two full weeks of construction.

During construction this week

- Stage 1 was completed Monday, April 20. However, Hwy 15 is part of the active work zone and remains closed to traffic.
- Stage 2 began this week and will continue into June. The road was closed at the south side of the intersection of Washington Ave. and Hwy 15. Most of this area will be closed to traffic through August.
- The old concrete roadway was removed from 1st Ave. N. through Washington Ave.
- Water main and sanitary sewer installations were completed from 2nd Ave. N. to 1st Ave. N.





What's happening next

- The contractor will next install the storm sewer between 2nd Ave. N. and 1st Ave. N.
- The sanitary sewer and water main between 1st Ave. N. and Washington Ave. will then be installed.

Getting from here to there

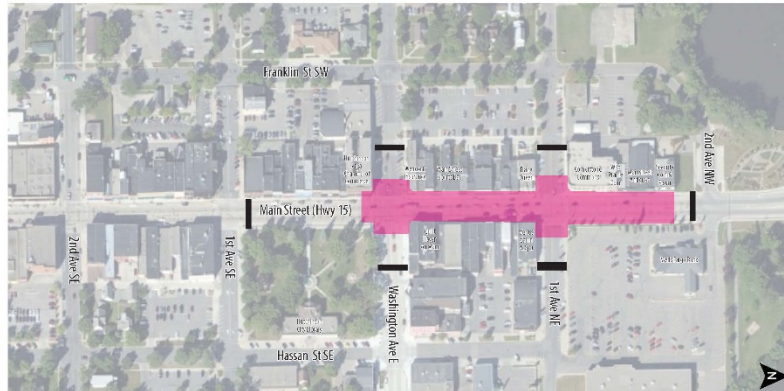
Reconstruction in the downtown area is taking place in stages. While Highway 15 remains closed for the duration of the project, working in stages keeps as many intersections and sidewalks open for as long as possible.

It's important for motorists and pedestrians to watch for traffic control signs. Signs will help direct visitors to the downtown area. Barriers will be in place to prevent through traffic and keep people from entering the work zone.

During Stage 2:

- Work takes place at the intersections of Hwy 15 and Washington Ave, 1st Ave. N., and 2nd Ave. N.
 - The intersections at Washington Ave. and 1st Ave. N. will be closed to vehicles from all directions.
 - The intersection at 2nd Ave. N. will be open for people turning east to go to Wells Fargo, or to turn west onto 2nd Ave. N.
 - Crosswalks will be closed to pedestrian traffic at various times; signs will direct pedestrians to alternate routes.
 - Sidewalks to businesses will remain open as long as possible.
 - Signs will designate temporary pedestrian access during each stage of the project.
 - Customer parking will be available on streets and in the parking lots on the back side of businesses on Hwy 15/Main St.
 - Wells Fargo employees and customers can enter/exit to Hwy 15 and go north to Hwy 7 for the duration of the project. **This outlet is for Wells Fargo access only. MnDOT discourages drivers from using the Shopko parking lot as a cut through.**
- People can use Franklin and Adams Streets to get to homes and businesses.
- People can cross Highway 15 at 2nd Ave. S. and 5th Ave. S. until Stage 3 begins (about May 7).

Downtown Main Street (Hwy 15) Construction Sequencing



AREA 2

- Local traffic only in areas south of 1st Ave S.
- Barricades cannot be crossed.

Stage 2: Begins the week of April 20

Road work during COVID-19

MnDOT road work has been identified as a critical service in Gov. Tim Walz's Stay at Home executive order. We are being as flexible as possible with schedules during this period of lower traffic volumes to keep projects moving forward and minimize the impact to motorists. Following guidance from state and federal health officials, and to prevent further spread of COVID-19, crews will maintain social distancing practices while working.

Stay up-to-date

Find more information at mndot.gov/d8/projects/hwy15downtownhutch. Learn about the project through a [virtual open house](#) available through April 24.

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