

## Highway 15/Main Street Reconstruction in Hutchinson



*Photo above: Preparing for the middle lane concrete pour.*

### During construction this week

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- Poured the 13-foot concrete middle lane on Highway 15 from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North to Washington Avenue.
- Continued installing sanitary sewer and water main services from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.
- Installed storm sewer through 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South.
- Began work on the resurfacing part of the project, which extends from the roundabout at County Road 115/Airport Road to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.
- Started the resurfacing part of the project by removing the old sidewalk and side street portions of the first few blocks south of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

### What's coming up next

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- We will pour the next two lanes adjacent to the 13-foot lane (that was poured this week) that runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North to Washington Avenue.
- We will finish the utility services between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South today or early next week.
- Work will then begin on the storm sewer from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.

- We will continue removing old sidewalks and begin pouring concrete in the areas that were removed.
- The resurfacing part of the project (south of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue) will remain open to traffic, however, people can expect temporary lane and shoulder closures of Highway 15, as well as temporary side street and sidewalk closures.



Photo above: Pouring the 13-foot middle lane running from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North to Washington Avenue.

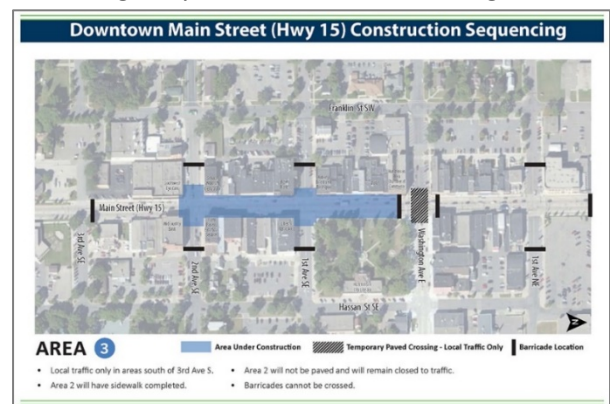
## Getting from here to there

**Traffic notice: vehicles will not be able to turn from Franklin Street/2<sup>nd</sup> Street Northwest to travel northbound on Highway 15 for approximately one more week.**

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

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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



*Photo above: the completed 13-foot concrete middle lane.*

## Stay up-to-date

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