

## Highway 15/Main Street Construction in Hutchinson

The project continues to run smoothly. We are about 10-14 days ahead of schedule due to the dry weather that we've experienced to date.



*Photo above: looking south from Highway 15 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North. The center 13-foot lane is installed, as well as much of the curb, gutter and sidewalk.*

### During the reconstruction project this week

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- Finished pouring concrete at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North; the intersection crossing has reopened for local traffic.
- Finished installing utility services between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.
- Began installing street lights from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North through Washington Avenue.

### During the resurfacing project this week

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- Began filling in the areas that were removed with new concrete curb, road and sidewalk.

## What's coming up next

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- Early next week, we plan on pouring concrete for the next two lanes adjacent to the 13-foot lane from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North to Washington Avenue.
- Storm sewer installation will be completed between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.
- Preparations will begin for curb installations from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.
- On the resurfacing part of the project, we will continue removing old sidewalks and then install concrete curb, road and sidewalk.



*Photo above: a more expansive view of the Highway 15 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North intersection, which has reopened to local traffic.*

## Getting from here to there

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**The resurfacing part of the project (south of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue) remains open to traffic, however, people can expect temporary lane and shoulder closures of Highway 15, as well as temporary side street and sidewalk closures as work progresses (see 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue closure pictured at right).**

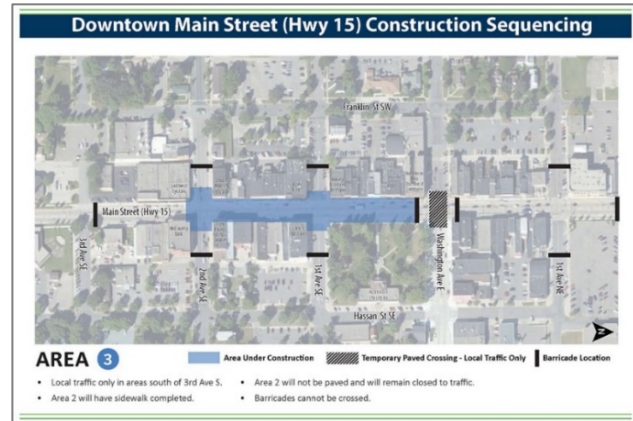
Reconstruction in the downtown area is taking place in stages. While Highway 15 remains closed during the project, working in stages keeps as many intersections and sidewalks open for as long as possible. We are currently in Stage 3, but have progressed one block into Stage 4. While the majority of tasks are completed before moving on, each stage is never entirely finished as there are always things to tidy up.





### 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



## Stay up-to-date

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