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## Work zone safety important for motorists as road construction and maintenance work begins

Orange cones will once again be lined along highways as construction season is underway for 2016. The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) announced another large construction program today with approximately \$680 million in projects being bid this year.

This year, the NDDOT along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol and the Associated General Contractors of North Dakota (AGC of ND) are working together to inform motorists the importance of slowing down and paying attention in work zones.

Maintenance and construction work zones are set up to allow highway workers to complete major projects on highways which adds economic benefits to North Dakota. "When motorists travel through a work zone there is no room for error," says Grant Levi, NDDOT Director. "Last year 155 crashes occurred in work zones resulting in one fatality as compared to 242 crashes and two fatalities in work zones in 2014. Drivers need to pay attention and minimize distractions."

Major road construction projects taking place this year include:

- Westbound I-94 from near Montana state line to Missouri River
- Roundabout at junction of US 52 and ND 200 in Carrington
- Southbound I-29 from Argusville to the Hunter Separation
- West Fargo Main Avenue
- Dickinson NW Permanent Bypass
- North Washington Street in Bismarck
- US Highway 85B in Watford City
- *Please see list below for more projects in specific areas*

"Please be alert when traveling through construction zones and obey the posted speed limit. These simple actions will ensure safety for those working in these areas along with motorists traveling through," says Colonel Michael Gerhart, NDHP superintendent.

When traveling through a work zone, motorists should follow a few basic tips:

- Don't speed. Obey posted speed limits at all times, even when workers aren't present.
- Minimize distractions. Don't talk on your cell phone, change the radio station or do anything that takes your eyes off the road.
- Be patient. Work zones aren't present to inconvenience drivers, they're an important part in maintaining and rebuilding our state's infrastructure.
- Stay alert. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.

The NDDOT works extensively with contractors from all over the state and country to ensure projects are carried out successfully. Russ Hanson, Executive Vice President with the

Associated General Contractors of North Dakota stresses to drivers the importance of obeying construction signs as they are in place to keep everyone safe. “The contractors and construction crews work right alongside the roadway with traffic to improve our transportation system. Please slow down and give them room to work,” says Hanson.

Motorists can stay up to date on construction projects in several ways:

- Travel Information Map at [www.dot.nd.gov](http://www.dot.nd.gov)
- Call 511
- NDRoads smartphone app
- Subscribing to work zone email updates at:  
<http://www.dot.nd.gov/govdelivery/landing.htm>

## 2016 NDDOT Highway Construction Projects

Below is a list of some of the NDDOT road construction projects taking place on state highways during the 2016 construction season. The projects are listed according to the NDDOT District in which they are located.

### **Bismarck District:**

McLean, Sheridan, Oliver, Burleigh, Kidder, Morton, Grant, Sioux, Logan, Emmons, Mercer, Wells and McIntosh counties. Major projects include:

- ND Highway 3 from Jct ND Highway 34 near Napoleon north to I-94 near Dawson
- ND Highway 21 from Jct ND Highway 31 near Flasher east to the junction of ND Highway 6
- US Highway 83 (northbound and southbound) from Wilton to Washburn
- Old Red Trail in Mandan from 47<sup>th</sup> Ave NW to 37<sup>th</sup> St NW

### **Dickinson District:**

Golden Valley, Billings, Dunn, Mercer, Stark, Slope, Hettinger, Bowman and Adams counties.

Major projects include:

- ND Highway 200 from Jct US Highway 85 to Jct ND Highway 22 at Killdeer
- ND Highway 49 from the Mercer/Morton County Line to Beulah
- I-94 (eastbound and westbound) from Belfield to South Heart

### **Williston District:**

Divide, Burke, Williams, Mountrail, McKenzie and Ward counties.

Major projects include:

- ND Highway 58 from the Jct ND Highway 200 near Fairview to Jct ND Highway 1804
- ND Highway 200 from the Yellowstone Bridge to the Jct of US Highway 85 near Alexander
- ND Highway 68 from the state line to Jct US Highway US 85 near Alexander
- ND Highway 23 roundabout near Keene
- US Highway 2 in Williston at the intersections of 42nd St and 9th Ave

**Minot District:**

Renville, Bottineau, Mountrail, McHenry, Ward, McLean, Sheridan, Wells, Rollette and Pierce counties. Major project include:

- ND Highway 23 from Jct ND Highway 28 to Jct US Highway 83
- US Highway 83 (northbound and southbound) from Minot to the Minot Air Force Base
- US Highway 2 (eastbound and westbound) from near the junction of ND Highway 14 to east of Towner
- US Highway 2 (eastbound and westbound) between Surrey and Rugby

**Devils Lake District:**

Rollette, Towner, Cavalier, Pierce, Ramsey, Benson, Wells, Eddy, Nelson, Foster, Griggs and Stutsman counties. Major projects include:

- ND Highway 30 from Jct ND Highway 15 north to Maddock
- ND Highway 19 from Devils Lake to the Jct of US Highway 281
- ND Highway 20 from Devils Lake north to the south junction of ND Highway 17 near Starkweather
- US Highway 281 from Dunseith north to the state line

**Valley City District:**

Stutsman, Barnes, Logan, Lamoure, McIntosh, Dickey, Kidder, Foster, Steele and Ransom counties. Major projects include

- I-94 (eastbound) near the Lippert Interchange to the Bloom Interchange
- ND Highway 1 from the North Dakota state line to the north junction of ND Highway 13 near Verona
- ND Highway 11 bridge replacement near Ludden
- ND Highway 13 from Edgeley to LaMoure

**Fargo District:**

Traill, Cass, Richland, Sargent, Ransom, Steele, Grand Forks, Lamoure and Dickey counties. Major project include:

Reconstruction of southbound I-29 from Argusville to the Hunter Separation

- I-29 (northbound) from the state line north 11 miles
- ND Highway 46 from 9 miles east of Enderlin to the east Jct of ND Highway 18 west of Kindred
- ND Highway 13 from Wyndmere to I-29 near Mooreton

**Grand Forks District:**

Pembina, Nelson, Walsh, Grand Forks, Griggs, Steele, Cavalier, Ramsey, Traill and Cass counties. Major projects include:

- Columbia Road in Grand Forks from 17th Ave S to 11 Ave S
- US Highway 2 (eastbound) from near Michigan to east of Petersburg
- US Highway 2 (eastbound) from near the junction of ND Highway 18 near Larimore to near the Grand Forks Air Force Base
- ND Highways 5 and 18 in Cavalier
- ND Highway 18 near Larimore

*\*This is a list of NDDOT state highway projects bid for the 2016 construction program and does not include multi-year projects. For information on local city or county projects, please contact local officials.*