What have we learned about Memorial Highway?

CURRENT CONDITIONS

2.4

Miles

the length of the Memorial Highway Reconstruction Project

112

Access Points

where vehicles can enter and exit the roadway

47

Miles per hour

the 85th percentile speed of traffic traveling on Memorial Highway

164

Crashes reported

in this section of highway between Jan. 2016 and Dec. 2018

Memorial Highway is a busy stretch of road, with an 85th percentile speed of 47 mph. It can be challenging for drivers to adjust when slower moving vehicles are entering the roadway at one of 112 access points. From 2016 through 2018, 164 crashes have occurred with 45 (28%) of them taking place at areas outside of controlled intersections.

What are we doing to improve those conditions?

KEY IMPROVEMENTS

Additional Traffic Signal

Consolidating Access

Bike & Ped Enhancements

Some of the things that we are doing to improve traffic operations include:

Traffic Signals The addition of a traffic signal at 3rd which will provide more opportunity for protected left turns, click here to experience the interactive renderings of Memorial at 3rd Street.

Consolidating access points Entrances/exits to businesses are being evaluated and consolidated where possible. How does consolidating access points impact business? Learn more about Intersection Safety on the Federal Highway Administration website Corridor Access Management page.

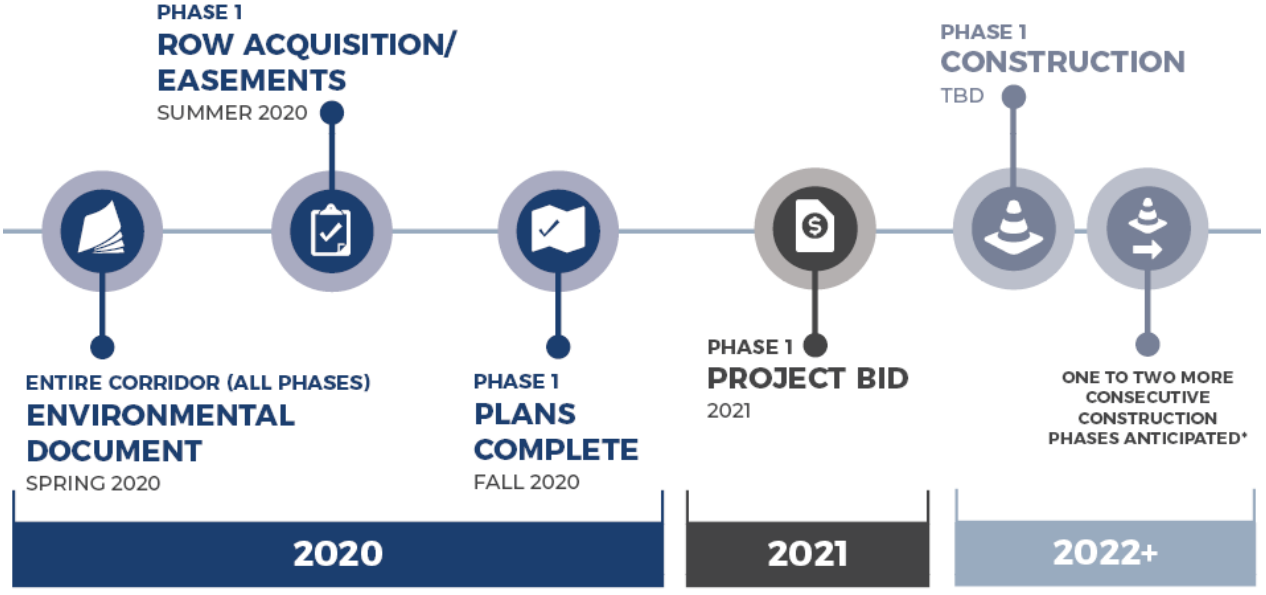
Medians Raised medians will more efficiently channel traffic and allow for more properly aligned turn lanes which result in improved sight lines. The Federal Highway Administration has provided more information on the importance of medians in the publication Safety Benefits of Raised Medians and Pedestrian Refuge Areas.

Bike & Pedestrian Protection The 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan identified Memorial Highway as a planned bicycle and pedestrian connection route. Traffic signals will provide protected movements for bicycles and pedestrians. To read more about this see page 23 of the Bismarck - Mandan Bicycle + Pedestrian Plan.

What might these improvements look like?

To help illustrate what these improvements might look like, we have developed an interactive rendering of a portion of the highway which allows users to get a 360 degree view of what these improvements will look like. Click here to explore the rendering.

Here's what's next...



Tentative Schedule

The North Dakota Department of Transportation has created a website for the project. Visit *dot.nd.gov/projects/memorialhwy* for more information. To submit comments, email *input@memorialhighwayproject.com*. Periodic updates will also be posted to the *cityofmandan.com* website.

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