

These questions are based on the feedback that NDDOT, City of Mandan and HDR received from surveys sent to businesses earlier this year. We appreciate your continued feedback on the reconstruction of Memorial Highway between Main Street and 46th Avenue in Mandan.

Q: How will the project be funded?

The cost share for the roadway reconstruction and storm sewer improvements is split 80.93% Federal, 9.07% State and 10% Local (City). In addition, costs for water and sanitary sewer improvements are 100% Local (City) funds.

Q: What portion of the cost will be passed on to me (how will the Local cost share be funded)?

The local cost for the street and storm sewer improvements will be shared by all City of Mandan residents and those directly benefitted by the project. Consistent with previous roadway improvement projects, costs will be split using 25% sales tax, 25% property tax and 50% special assessments. The funding for water and sanitary sewer improvements may potentially come from a variety of sources including the City Utility Fund, special assessments and other funding sources.

Q: Will additional traffic signals be installed with this project?

A speed study was conducted as part of the project, which indicated a signal is warranted at the intersection of 3rd St SE and Memorial Highway near McDonald's. Upgrades to existing signals are also anticipated as part of the project.

Q: How will access be maintained to my business during construction?

The project team will evaluate several options for construction staging as part of the design process. Temporary accesses will be maintained during construction; however, there is potential for short closures during construction activities such as underground utility installation and roadway paving.

Q: How will construction affect my business?

With a project of this size and duration, through traffic may choose a different route to avoid construction. However, customers seeking to access businesses along the corridor will still be able to access your business as mentioned in the previous question. The project team will assist local business owners by providing signage if traffic needs to be rerouted to access certain locations temporarily during construction. We recommend business owners develop materials (fliers, postcards, signage, etc.) to inform customers of business access during construction. NDDOT can provide businesses with construction access information to enable you to develop these materials. The project team would also recommend

business owners on the corridor have special sales or promotions during construction to encourage continued patronage.

Q: How will roadway drainage be improved?

The roadway is planned to be reconstructed as an urban section including curb and gutter and an underground storm sewer system. Additional drainage improvements may include a shallow ditch in some areas to collect off-site storm water and reduce ponding on adjacent properties where possible.

Q: Will the project impact property adjacent to the roadway?

A majority of project components are anticipated to stay within the existing right-of-way; however, easements may be necessary for some improvements such as grading to improve drainage adjacent to the corridor or to blend project improvements to the adjacent property. Utility relocation or access modification may require additional acquisition, but has not been fully evaluated at this time.

Q: How will you keep businesses and landowners informed throughout the project?

We will utilize several methods of communication. Email, mail and phone will be the primary forms of communication with business owners along the corridor. We will also hold more in-person meetings as the project progresses to address individual concerns with business and landowners as the project progresses through the design process. A website will also be developed as part of this project, which will house updates throughout the duration.

Q: How long will construction take?

Reconstruction of the entire stretch of roadway between Main St. and 46th Ave. will likely be spread over two or three consecutive construction seasons. The entire corridor will not be under construction at one time. The project team is currently evaluating construction phasing alternatives and will make final recommendations during the design process.

Q: When will construction start?

Construction of Phase I (the limits of this phase are yet to be determined) is scheduled in the NDDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to begin in Spring 2022.



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

If there are topics or issues you're looking for information on, we want to know.

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