

Plans are in the works to improve Main Avenue in Fargo between 25th Street and University Drive.

The project purpose is to:

- Replace aging pavement and infrastructure on Main Avenue
- Improve system deficiencies
- Upgrade pedestrian facilities.

This project will include a full reconstruction of Main Avenue from 23rd Street to just west of University Drive including new pedestrian facilities, utility and drainage upgrades, and lighting improvements. Sidewalk widening will also be completed on the south side of Main Avenue between 23rd and 25th Street.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What are the latest updates on this project?

In February 2023 NDDOT, FHWA, and the City of Fargo started an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project, to complete a detailed evaluation of potential impacts from the proposed alternatives.

The Draft EA was completed, and NDDOT and the City recommended that Alternative C2 with Option 1 and Option 3 be selected as the Preferred Alternative.

This recommendation was included with the release of the EA on November 1, 2023. Visit the project website (QR code and link to the right) for information on how to view the EA. Next steps:

- EA 30-day public review period: November 1 - December 1, 2023
- Public Hearing November 16, 2023
- Final environmental determination and approvals (by FHWA) - early February 2024

When will construction take place?

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in Spring 2026 and end in Fall 2027.

How will construction affect my commute and how do I access businesses on the corridor?

Options for construction work zone traffic control are still being evaluated. Work zone traffic control will likely be similar to the recent downtown Main Avenue construction, where Main Avenue was closed to through traffic for a few blocks at a time.

Traffic detours may utilize nearby parallel routes such as 1st Avenue N. Business/property access along Main Avenue will be maintained during construction, using side streets and 1st Avenue S when possible, or from the Main Avenue work zone if necessary.

Will my property be needed for permanent right of way or temporary easements?

Possibly, depending on your property's location on the corridor.

It is likely that we will need additional narrow strips of right of way (ROW) and/or easements from some properties to construct this project. Estimated widths of ROW strips needed are shown on the project maps displayed at the Public Hearing and available on the project website. We will have more detailed information as we move through project development.

Will there be changes to my driveway access to Main Avenue after construction is complete?

Private driveway access will be modified as part of this project. Changes could include:

- Closing, combining, or narrowing driveways
- Driveway modifications for ADA compliance

Your input is requested to help guide decisions regarding access consolidation and closure options.

How will the project be funded, and who will be assessed?

Funding will be a combination of federal, state, and City funds. A portion of the City's funding will come from special assessments, per the City's infrastructure funding policy. Information on the City's special assessment policies can be found at the following link: www.fargond.gov/specialassessments

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO:

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Input and ideas to improve this corridor are welcome.



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