

I-94 INTERCHANGE (EXIT 161) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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North-South Traffic Will Remain Open

NDDOT is pleased to let the public know that the design of this project allows for the interchange to remain open throughout construction: northbound and southbound traffic movements along with access to and from the interstate will continue through the duration of the project.

A minimum of one lane in each direction on the I-94 corridor will be open for the duration of the construction season. The north/south traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction with a dedicated left turn lane where required.

The new bridge can be entirely constructed while the existing bridge is still in service. The existing Exit 161 bridge will be removed after traffic is completely shifted to the new bridge.

For more information, visit www.dot.nd.gov/exit161



CATEX Report Approved

Large construction projects like the I-94 interchange at Exit 161 require Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) studies. A CATEX document examines the natural and human environmental impacts of a project. The Federal Highway Administration recently signed and accepted this project's CATEX—an important milestone in moving forward with construction.

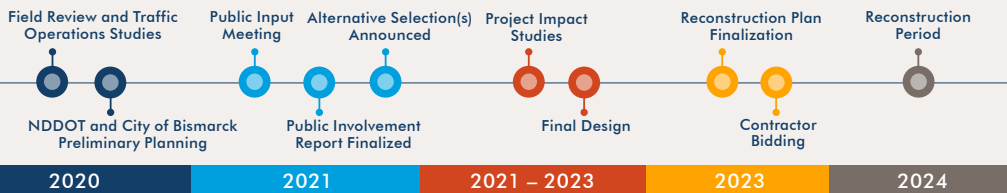
The current CATEX concludes that the project will have negligible to minimal impact on wildlife, and that human impacts of traffic adjustments, noise, and safety are all well within NDDOT, FAA, and other government agency guidelines.

Watch The Explainer Video

A reminder that NDDOT has released a short explainer video clarifying how, when, and where the Exit 161 interchange reconstruction project will take place.



This video shows the current interchange and presents a computer-generated birds-eye view of the future interchange, a modified single-point urban interchange (SPUI) model.



Update on Utility Work

Construction of the I-94 Exit 161 Interchange project will require moving underground and overhead utilities. NDDOT has started reaching out to affected utility companies within the project area in preparation for this work to begin next year. This work should have limited impact on the traveling public.

Exit 161 In The News

You may have seen this project in the news lately. NDDOT transportation engineers Brian Raschke and Sam Welch were interviewed this fall about the new construction design. Follow the links below for more details.

KX interview: <https://www.kxnet.com/news/local-news/i-94-exit-161-future-design-change/>

KFYR interview: <https://www.kfyrtv.com/2022/09/25/i-94-exit-161-will-get-new-look/>

Stay in touch with new developments on the I-94 project via this e-newsletter.

Go to www.dot.nd.gov/exit161 for more information.

Questions can be directed to Sam Welch at swelch@nd.gov.