



Memorial Highway Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will traffic be maintained along the corridor?

A: The corridor will include a three-lane section on the south side of the project, including two travel lanes and a shared center turn lane.

Q: When will the project be completed?

A: The project was bid as a two-year project (2025 and 2026) with an interim completion. Reede Construction has indicated that, even with this year's delay, they will meet their July 9, 2026 contract completion deadline.

Q: Will business access be maintained?

A: Yes. The contractor is required to maintain safe and reasonable access to all businesses.

Q: What will my business approach and access look like for the winter?

A: All business approaches on both the north and south sides will have hard surfacing before winter. This will provide stable, all-weather access to businesses through the season. Regarding snow removal, the NDDOT will clear snow within the temporary extensions to the north-side approaches, while the approaches themselves will remain the responsibility of each business. Like usual, snow storage within the right of way is not allowed for safety reasons.

Q: How does this impact the cost of the project?

A: There will not be a significant impact. Any temporary measures necessary to maintain corridor functionality and access over the winter is at the contractor's expense.

Q: Will I be reimbursed for impacts to business operations?

A: We understand the impact construction can have on businesses and thank you for your patience throughout this multi-year project. Federal funding regulations do not allow reimbursement for loss of business or revenue. NDDOT and the contractor continue to coordinate access to help reduce disruptions.

Q: Why didn't the NDDOT stop the project earlier when it fell behind schedule?

A: This project was bid as a two-year project and because it's not uncommon for construction projects to experience delays, it's in the best interest of the project and community to keep moving forward. When NDDOT recognized the project was falling behind, they worked closely with the contractor to find solutions and adjust plans where possible. Ultimately, though, progress depends on the completion of the work.

Q: What happens if the interim completion date is not met?

A: The interim completion date is Nov. 23, 2025. Penalties are assessed daily to reduce the total cost of the project.

Q: Does this affect the next phase of the overall Memorial Highway reconstruction?

A: No. The second phase of Memorial Highway is planned to be bid in November 2025 for construction taking place 2026 - 2027. The majority of the work in 2026 will be from Main Street to Riverwood Avenue SE. 2027 construction will be from Riverwood Avenue SE to 32nd Avenue SE.

Q: What happens if weather conditions worsen or change unexpectedly?

A: Project progress, as well as weather conditions and forecasts are evaluated daily. If conditions change, the plan may adjust as weather allows.

Q: When will work resume?

A: Work is expected to resume by April 15, 2026, or earlier as weather conditions allow.

Q: Where can I find updates this winter?

A: We'll continue sharing newsletter updates as long as construction is happening. You can also find the latest information at dot.nd.gov/memorialhwy and on the City of Mandan's social media channels. Any major changes, including when construction resumes in the spring, will also be shared through the email newsletter.

Q: Who can I contact with questions or concerns?

A: Call 701-667-1033 or fill out the form found at dot.nd.gov/memorialhwy. Our team will work to respond as quickly as possible.