



MEMORIAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

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Project Update

Crews continued making steady progress this week as work concentrated around 40th Avenue SE and along the east end of the project.

- 40th Avenue SE Intersection – Concrete and gravel placement continue as Reede Construction prepares the area for paving. The intersection remains closed, with reopening now expected by the end of October, pending weather and progress.
- Lift Station - This week crews finished installation of pumps and instrumentation setup for the new lift station. It is now in operation.
- Business Access – Businesses along 40th Avenue SE, including D&S Auto and Trailer Sales, Kist Livestock, Bobcat, Midway Machining, and Builders FirstSource, remain open. Access is available by using 19th Street SE or 21st Street SE and traveling north on 40th Avenue SE.
- 43rd Avenue SE Intersection – Now open to traffic.
- Utility Work – Weisz & Sons is completing water connections and sanitary connections on the west end. Once these connections are made the remaining storm sewer trunk line can be installed to the west end. Crews are also working on underdrains, inlets, and laterals.
- Maintenance & Safety – Crews continue to maintain travel surfaces, sweep, and use illuminated flagger wands to enhance visibility as daylight hours shorten.



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A Note About Watermain Breaks

Recent water shutoffs have understandably caused frustration. Throughout the corridor there are private underground water crossing ran into businesses. In most cases along Memorial Highway, there are no records for the locations of these lines and they cannot be marked with One Call. Since water services do not always follow straight lines, the likelihood of hitting these crossings vary greatly. The results of a hit can vary greatly as well. There can be no effect if the line has been abandoned. Or the service line can pull out of the watermain causing leaks that need to be fixed.

To fix these leaks, it requires shutting off the valves on the watermain at each end. The existing watermain valves are old and sometimes do not operate, so the watermain must be shut off further away from the affected area.



Safety Reminder

As fall continues, daylight hours are shorter and visibility is reduced. Please watch for flaggers, equipment, and lane shifts throughout the corridor. Your attention helps keep everyone safe.

Looking Ahead

Next Major Milestones:

- Mainline paving
- Business approaches
- Paving and traffic signals on 40th Ave SE



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Memorial Highway Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: When will the project be completed?

A: The project was bid as a two year project (2025 and 2026) with an interim completion. The work that is scheduled to be completed in 2025 is the underground, water, sanitary and storm sewer line, the aggregate base and 5-lanes of concrete surfacing, lighting, and permanent signing. The work remaining to be completed by July 1, 2026, includes constructing the bike path, sidewalks, raised medians, and miscellaneous cleanup work.

Q: When is winter shutdown?

A: There is no required date for shutdown in the contract. However, there is an interim completion date which requires all underground work and mainline paving to be completed by November 23, 2025.

Q: Will the paving be complete by winter shutdown?

A: The contractor has committed to the NDDOT Director to have 5 lanes of hard surfacing completed by November 23.

Q: Why not just remove the old road, complete the underground work and pave it, rather than putting in a temporary road?

A: Temporary roads were part of the original design to give underground crews enough room to safely install utilities. There simply wasn't enough space to complete this work without removing the old road first.



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Q: How cold can it be before concrete work stops?

A: Once air temperatures drop below 40°F, crews use insulated blankets and other curing methods to ensure quality and durability.

Q: Are there any public meetings planned?

A: No, not at this time. All business and landowner concerns will be handled by Department or Contractor personnel. This will provide the most efficient and quickest method for getting concerns addressed.

Q: Is there another project on Memorial highway next year?

A: Yes, the second half of Memorial Highway is planned to be bid in November 2025 for construction in 2026 and 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.



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