

I-94 INTERCHANGE (EXIT 161) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

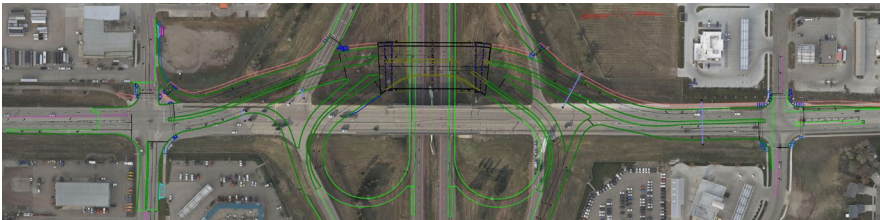
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CONTRACT BIDDING TO OPEN MARCH 1

The I-94 Interchange (Exit 161) reconstruction project has reached an important milestone. Project designs have been finalized and posted to the NDDOT Plans and Proposals webpage. Contract bidding will open for this project March 1, 2024. NDDOT expects to award the project to a contractor this spring, with site preparation and dirt work operations expected to begin soon after. This is a great time for the Bismarck-Mandan community to review information on this interchange reconstruction project.



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Delays are currently a problem for northbound Centennial Road traffic entering I-94 from the westbound ramp and eastbound I-94 traffic exiting onto Centennial Road. Traffic along the corridor has grown more than 56% north of the interchange and more than 20% south of the interchange since 2011. As this area of Bismarck continues to grow, delays are expected to get worse if no action is taken. NDDOT's traffic operations analyses have concluded the intersections along the Bismarck Expressway/Centennial Road segment would operate at an unacceptable delay at some point in 2045. In a 2021 NDDOT community survey, the community overwhelmingly agreed this reconstruction project was very important. After extensive site inspections and consideration of impacts to the public, environment, and safety, the modified Single Point-Urban Interchange design was selected as the best possible option.

WATCH HERE FOR A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THIS PROJECT

We've recently refreshed this project's explainer video series to help you understand how the new interchange at Exit 161 will help traffic flow more efficiently with projected growth in the neighborhoods and schools northeast of the interchange.

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NDDOT invites you to stay updated on this project by visiting the [dedicated project webpage](#). This page will be updated throughout the lifetime of the project with traffic impacts, anticipated work in each construction phase, and important safety information.



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.

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