



MEMORIAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

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Project Update

This week, crews made strong progress along Memorial Highway, particularly near 40th Avenue SE, while safely managing several moving parts across the project.

- Traffic Shift Implemented – Earlier this week, NDDOT and Reede Construction began a partial traffic shift along Memorial Highway. This switch allows crews to begin work on the north side and continue efficiently and safely through the next phase of reconstruction.
- Southside Storm Sewer Line - Crews are projected to complete this portion of the project next week.
- 40th Avenue SE – Crews poured curb and gutter and completed additional concrete pours Wednesday morning. Gravel placement continues through the end of the week as weather allows. Once underground work and underdrain installation are complete, paving of 40th Avenue SE is expected to begin early next week.
- 40th Avenue SE Reopening Timeline – Reede Construction is targeting late October to early November for reopening 40th Avenue SE, weather permitting.
- Utilities & Lift Station – Weisz & Sons finished sanitary work earlier this week and installed the remaining water line connections. The new lift station is now fully operational and running automatically.
- 43rd Avenue SE Intersection –The intersection remains open to traffic as crews are finishing concrete and sealer work in the area.
- Safety & Maintenance – As daylight hours shorten, flaggers are equipped with lighted wands and illuminated safety gear to ensure visibility during early morning and evening work.



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Did you know:

The water seen running near the project area is from groundwater dewatering, not a water main leak. Crews are pumping groundwater from beneath the surface to keep work zones dry and safe for ongoing utility and paving operations.



Looking Ahead

Next Major Milestones:

- Mainline paving
- Paving and traffic signals on 40th Ave SE
- Milling and waterline installation on north side



Business Concerns

If your business experiences any issues related to construction, whether it is water service, utilities, or access, please reach out right away. Prompt notification helps the team respond quickly and minimize disruptions. Reach out by scanning the QR code on the left to email the team or call us at 701-667-1033.



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Memorial Highway Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What was the original timeline for the Memorial Highway Project?

A: The Memorial Highway project was designed as a two-year effort (2025–2026).

- Year 1 (2025): Includes all underground work—water, sanitary, and storm sewer lines—plus the aggregate base, five lanes of new concrete pavement, lighting, and permanent signage. The target completion date for this phase is November 23, 2025.
- Year 2 (2026): Will focus on finishing touches, including sidewalks, the shared-use path, raised medians, and final site cleanup.

Q: What factors have contributed to the delays, and why have there been so many water main or service line hits?

A: Several factors have impacted the project timeline. Work on key items has taken longer than planned, and once the schedule fell behind, it became difficult to bring in additional crews to assist.

Water main and service line breaks have also played a role. Many of the water lines in this area are old asbestos-concrete pipes installed in the early 1900s—they're brittle and unpredictable. In addition, some private service lines were never mapped or recorded, making them hard to locate and avoid. These lines don't always run in straight paths, so even with careful planning, unexpected hits can occur.

When leaks happen, crews repair them as quickly as possible. Because the existing valves are also aging, water sometimes must be shut off farther away from the repair area to isolate the issue safely.

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Q: What's currently happening at 46th Avenue SE?

A: Crews have completed a traffic switch at 46th Avenue SE to allow work on the north side of Memorial Highway. This includes removing the old asphalt, installing a new water main through the intersection, and pouring concrete to finish the intersection and ramps.

Q: Will winter contingency plans be needed?

A: The project team has developed winter contingency plans in case weather conditions prevent final paving or surface work. However, the goal remains to complete as much work as possible before the end of the season to minimize what carries over into spring 2026.

