



Milwaukee Construction News & Updates: South 2nd Street (from National Avenue to just north of the Menomonee River)

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The City of Milwaukee in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will begin construction of South 2nd Street Tuesday, July 6, 2010. The City has assigned a **community liaison** to this project. Working in conjunction with DPW staff, the liaison will meet with neighborhood organizations and businesses, provide construction updates, provide information about available city programs, and advocate on behalf of project stakeholders with the DPW. The liaison on this project is:

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Frequently asked questions and answers

Q. What is the scope of the work to be done on this project?

A. The improvements include removal of the existing roadway asphalt surface and concrete base and placement of new concrete on a crushed stone base. Old trolley rails will be removed in the process. Curb, gutter, sidewalk, and driveway approaches will be replaced. New sewer structures and pavement marking will also be placed. The roadway will be narrowed from 58 feet to 50 feet with the reduction of traffic lanes from 4 to 2 lanes and the addition of a striped bike lane and a new 6.5 foot grass terrace in each direction. New trees, light poles, and lighting will be included. At abutting intersections asphalt pavement will be milled and replaced.

Q. What is the project timeline and will traffic still be able to use the street?

A. The construction is set to begin July 6 and be completed by November 15, 2010. It will be done in two basic stages.

Stage 1: July 6 through approximately Labor Day includes removal on the west 2/3 of the roadway. One lane of north bound traffic will remain on the east side of the roadway. Southbound traffic will be detoured to adjacent streets.

Stage 2: Early September through mid-November includes removal of the east side of the roadway with two-way traffic restored to the west side of the roadway.

(CP Rail will conduct railroad work, rail, signal, and sign replacement for a 2-3 week period in October that will necessitate complete closure of 2nd Street from St Paul to the bridge.)

Q. Will parking remain on South 2nd Street?

A. No, to accommodate construction and keep traffic flowing, there will be no parking allowed on South 2nd Street from West National Avenue to the Menomonee River during construction. Parking will be available on side streets. Pierce, Bruce, Florida, and Oregon will be closed to traffic from 2nd Street as work is conducted on those intersections but parking will be allowed east and west of the construction zone. National, Virginia, Pittsburg, and Seeboth will be open for traffic and parking.

Q. Will customers and pedestrians still be able to access my business?

A. Yes, the contractor will be removing walk throughout the project and will place temporary gravel access at business entrances, bus stops, and pedestrian crossings. In stage 1, while removing walk on the west side of South 2nd Street, all walk will remain on the east side of the street. This allows pedestrian to walk through the project on the east side of the street out of the construction zone. All walk and other concrete work must be complete in stage 1, before the contractor can begin removals in stage 2, the east walk.

Q. Will my driveway access be restricted?

A. The contract with the construction firms requires that local access to residences and businesses within the project area shall be maintained to the maximum extent possible. No residential or commercial drive approach shall be closed without sufficient notice given to the occupants of the premise to remove their vehicles prior to removal or closing of the drive approach. Reasonable access to abutting business location shall be maintained at all times.

Q. What about bus routes?

A. Milwaukee County Transit has two bus routes on South 2nd that will be moved onto South 1st Street for the duration of the project. Signs will be posted directing transit users to new route.

Q. How can I keep informed about the progress of the project?

A. We are working on providing a variety of methods to keep stakeholders informed of the construction project as it proceeds:

- Once the project gets started, construction updates will be posted on the City of Milwaukee website at: <http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/mpw/supportforbusiness/Projects>
- If you would like to have updates sent to you via email, sign up on the city website or send an email to the community liaison at: martinsek.secondstreet@gmail.com
- Periodic construction meetings will be held where DPW and the contractors are available to answer stakeholder questions.
- The community liaison will contact organizations such as business improvement districts and business associations to assure they have updated information for their members.

Q. Who are the people who will be working on this project?

A. A **construction supervisor** who is an experienced City of Milwaukee DPW engineer will visit the project at least once a day to address contractor concerns, monitor changes in conditions and provide answers and solutions. DPW **project inspectors** oversee the contractors' work and ensure that the concerns of the public and businesses are being addressed. A **community liaison** is a private contractor hired by DPW to work closely with the community to explain the project and to articulate neighborhood concerns to DPW. They will also help local businesses access city business support resources.

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