

Business 51, villages of Whiting and Plover

Current activities

- Utility crews are relocating their facilities between Elm Street and County HH. Crews are also installing a new gas main along County HH/McDill Avenue from Locust Street to Business 51.
- Crews continue grading and base course placement operations.
- Crews are preparing for concrete paving operations next week.
- Crews are beginning to install storm sewer from Beech Street to the south.

Scheduled ahead for the next week

- Utility crews will continue relocating their facilities between Elm Street and County HH.
- Utility crews will continue installing the new gas main along County HH/McDill Avenue from Locust Street to Business 51.

Traffic impacts and business access

- The intersection of Business 51 and Hickory Drive will be closed for approximately two weeks to facilitate paving operations. The closure is currently scheduled to begin Tuesday, October 16. The schedule is weather dependent and subject to change. An electronic message board will be placed on Hickory Drive in advance of the closure.
- With the recent heavy and constant rain in the past week, pot holes are forming along Business 51 in the project zone. Crews will continue to fix them as they appear. Please slow down and stay alert to changing conditions.
- The sidewalk from Minnesota Avenue to County HH has been removed. Pedestrians and bicyclists are asked to use the sidewalk on Nebel Street and County HH. Signs are placed at Nebel Street and County HH to identify the route.
- The intersection of Locust Street and County HH may be closed for a couple of days to install a new gas line.
- Motorists can expect lane closures, flagging operations and lane shifts.
- Pedestrians may encounter some sidewalk closures and detours.
- Pedestrian traffic north of Tommy's turnpike to County HH is detoured using Locust Street, Elm Street, School Avenue/First Avenue and the paved pathway constructed on the village of Whiting Utility easement. Bikes and pedestrians are encouraged to use this route to avoid hazards inside the construction zone. Some of the roadway for pedestrian and bicycle use has been delineated by white tape. Motorists on this route need to exercise caution as there will likely be increased pedestrian traffic.
- Crews reduced County HH to one lane in each direction between School Street and Minnesota Avenue. This work is scheduled for completion in mid-November.
- Some side road intersections have a gravel surface. Please modify speed accordingly.

Contact information

- The project field office is located at 2525 Post Road, Stevens Point

- Business and property owners can contact the on-site Project Leader Korey Boehm at 715.459.2943 or the project field office at 715-544-6462.

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