

## **Business 51, villages of Whiting and Plover**

### **Recently completed**

- Crews finished grading and base course placement operations from Mac Arthur Road to approximately 700 feet south of Cedar Street, on the east side of Business 51.
- Crews finished trimming base course ahead of the concrete paving operations.
- Utility crews completed the installation of the new gas main along County HH/McDill Avenue from Business 51 to Locust Street.

### **Current activities**

- Crews are installing storm sewer from Willow Street to the south.
- Utility crews are relocating their facilities along County HH.
- Crews are preparing for concrete paving operations this week.

### **Scheduled ahead for the next week**

- Crews will begin concrete paving later this week.
- Crews will continue installing storm sewer from Willow Street to Cedar Street.
- Utility crews will continue relocating their facilities along County HH from Business 51 to Locust Street.

### **Traffic impacts and business access**

- Beginning October 19, northbound Business 51 will be closed and detoured using County HH and Nebel Street. This detour is necessary to complete utility work in the Business 51 and County HH intersection. This detour is expected to be in place until approximately mid-November.
- Southbound Business 51 will remain open.
- The intersection of Business 51 and Hickory Drive will be closed for approximately two weeks to facilitate paving operations. The schedule is weather dependent and subject to change.
- 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.
- 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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