

Newsletter

May 2021



Progress to date:

Construction has been underway for approximately three months. During this time, the following work has been completed (see map below for general locations):

- 1 Approximately 82,666 cubic yards of borrow material has been imported, spread, and compacted along the north side and south sides of the I-90 westbound off-ramp and on-ramps, and the eastbound I-90 off-ramp.
- 2 Concrete paving (3,336 square yards) was completed on the I-90 westbound off-ramp at LaCrosse Street, along with the installation of a portion of storm sewer in this area. Topsoil and permanent seeding of the westbound off-ramp area was completed.
- 3 Four pilings have been driven adjacent to the Maple Avenue bridges. These pilings will be used to support deck widening which is necessary to widen the bridges to accommodate an auxiliary (third) lane in each direction on I-90.
- 4 Due to safety concerns related to merging traffic from LaCrosse Street to westbound I-90, the ramp has been temporarily closed. This closure is anticipated to be in effect through August 2021. A signed detour route to Mall Drive and west to Haines Avenue is provided for the traveling public wishing to travel westbound on I-90.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The I-90 (Exit 59) LaCrosse Street Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project will be the first of its kind in South Dakota. This type of interchange will provide much needed improvements for the I-90 (Exit 59) Interchange, including:

- Improved Safety (14 conflict points versus 26 for traditional diamond interchange)
- Increased capacity and efficiency by eliminating left turn signals on N. LaCrosse Street
- Reduced delay and congestion

This construction project kicked off in February 2021 and is expected to be completed by June 2023. A periodic newsletter will be sent out with an overview of the project and planned activities. The website and social media channels will also be updated with the latest news.



If you have any questions or concerns, we would be happy to meet individually with you.

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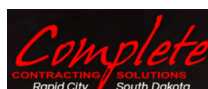
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Current Work Items



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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Fill will continue to be imported on the eastbound off-ramp area. The asphalt tie-in to the recently-poured concrete at the top of the westbound off-ramp is planned and the temporary asphalt exit will be removed. Topsoil will be placed on the westbound on-ramp to prepare for seeding. Stormwater piping will be installed in this area. Concrete paving will take place in the westbound lanes starting on the west end, moving toward the east to tie into the westbound on ramp.

The Maple Ave. bridge abutments will be extended and the bridge deck widening will commence.

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Once the Maple Ave. bridge deck widening is complete, concrete will be poured to connect the new bridge deck with the concrete on the westbound interstate.

Work will commence on the I-90 LaCrosse eastbound on-ramp, with import of fill to widen the ramp. Traffic control will be altered to enable trucks to safely enter the work area to dump the imported fill material.

Once the fill material has been completed, topsoil will be placed on the disturbed areas on the eastbound off-ramp.

Work on the retaining wall below the LaCrosse Street bridge will commence.

To date, approximately 82,600 cubic yards of borrow has been imported to widen the I-90 Exit 59 approach lanes to ultimately connect with the interchange over the LaCrosse Street bridge.

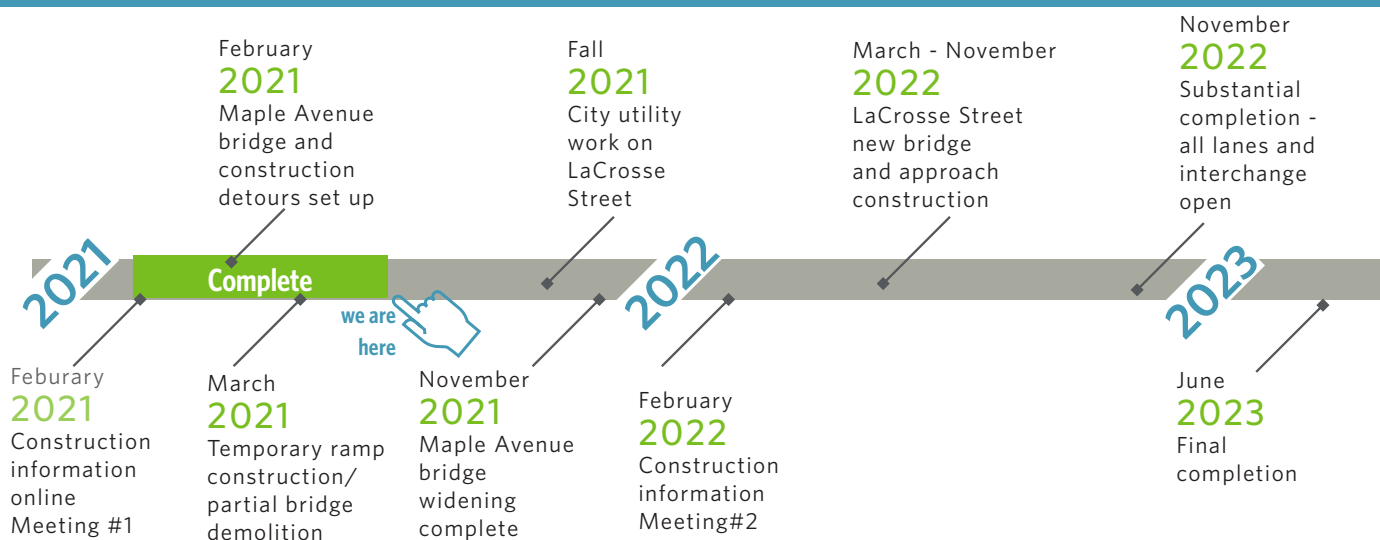


Topsoil and seeding completed on the westbound off-ramp.



Pilings for the Maple Avenue bridges widening task will continue to be installed by using a crane to drive piling to a depth to reach load bearing capacity. To date, four pilings have been installed.

OVERALL PROJECT SCHEDULE



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