

Newsletter

November - December 2021



Progress to date:

Construction has been underway for approximately 10 months. During this time, the following work has been completed:

- 1 The four ramps at I-90 and LaCrosse Street (two on-ramps to I-90 and two off-ramps from I-90) have been sufficiently widened to accommodate the traffic expected for the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI).
- 2 The I-90 eastbound and westbound Maple Avenue Bridges have been widened to accommodate the I-90 auxiliary lanes between Exit 58 and Exit 59.
- 3 Two concrete supports have been installed as the initial steps to building a second, parallel LaCrosse Street Bridge for the new interchange configuration.
- 4 Painting of the existing LaCrosse Street bridge has been completed.
- 5 City utility work, including water and sanitary sewer line replacement, in the LaCrosse Street Corridor has been completed for the season.

I-90 and LaCrosse Street have been fully re-opened and will remain without lane closures or restricted movements until the next phase of the project starts in the Spring of 2022.

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
- 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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Completed Work Items



Photo Courtesy of Jason Reaves, American Concrete Pavement Association.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 2021

A small amount of concrete work for the new LaCrosse Street Bridge will continue.

Clean up below the Maple Avenue bridge will be completed, and Maple Avenue, to and from the Rushmore Mall, will be re-opened.

JANUARY - MARCH 2022

The DDI floor display is currently on display to the public in the west end of the the Rushmore Mall main concourse. This display shows how traffic will move once the intersection is constructed. As other venues for the floor display become available, we will send e-mail notifications and post to the project social media pages regarding these locations.

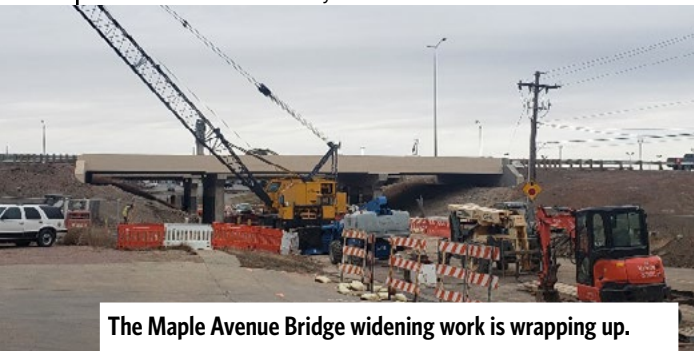
A public meeting will be held for the second construction season. We anticipate this meeting will be held in late February 2022.



This floor display of the Diverging Diamond Interchange is available to the public at the Rushmore Mall through the Holiday season.



This QR code links to the [www. I90lacrosseddi.com](http://www.i90lacrosseddi.com) website and shows video animation of how traffic will flow through the DDI.

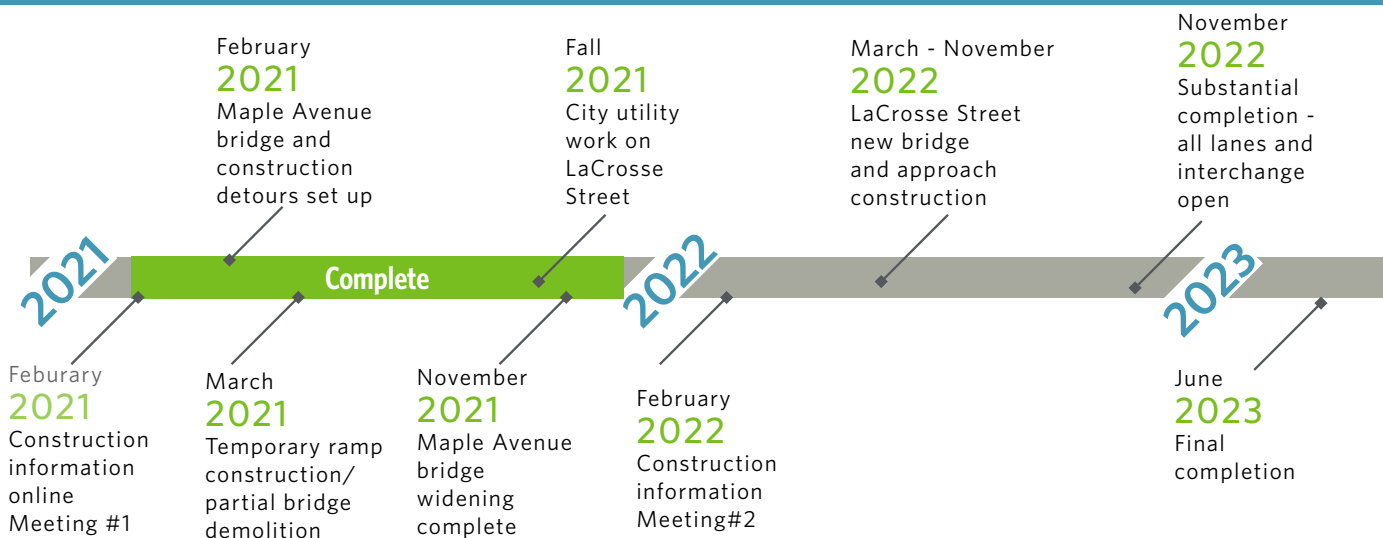


The Maple Avenue Bridge widening work is wrapping up.



Disturbed areas along I-90 have been seeded.

OVERALL PROJECT SCHEDULE



Follow the project progress on social media and <https://www.i90lacrosseddi.com/construction.html>