

# US 2 Belknap Street Project

Spring 2016

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in coordination with the City of Superior, is in the process of final design for the reconstruction of US 2, Belknap Street, from Banks Avenue to Hill Avenue. This proposed project includes improvements on most of the connecting side streets north and south of US 2, Belknap Street, back to the respective alleys. Belknap Street is both a principal arterial and an over-size/overweight truck route, and it connects the Wisconsin US 2 corridor with Minnesota.

## Current Project Schedule for Final Design

May 2016 - August 2016: Final Plan Package

Spring 2017: Year 1 Construction Begins (West and East Portions)

Spring 2018: Year 2 Construction Begins (Middle Portion)

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## Construction Traffic and Access 2017 and 2018

- ◆ A truck detour route and a vehicle detour route for through traffic would be used to reduce congestion and increase work zone safety during construction.
- ◆ Roadway may be constructed "half-at-a-time" with additional short duration, intermittent roadway closures.
- ◆ Installations of new utilities crossing US 2, Belknap Street may require short duration, intermittent intersection closures.
- ◆ Each roadway portion under construction will be open to local traffic, with one lane of traffic in each direction.
- ◆ Roadway constructed over a two year period and broken into three portions:



For additional information please visit:

<http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/us2belknap/default.aspx>

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## Project Need:

The US 2, Belknap Street project is being reconstructed due to pavement deterioration. A lack of underground roadway drainage has caused the existing concrete pavement to be compromised to the degree that it requires reconstruction to correct. A new storm sewer system for underground roadway drainage and surface roadway drainage within the right-of-way would be included in the project. Reconstruction of the roadway would incorporate improved roadway safety. The project will include improvements to parking, sidewalk, street lighting and partial bike accommodations.

## New Project Features

The re-designed and reconstructed roadway would provide safety solutions for local business traffic and pedestrian usage needs:

- ◆ US 2, Belknap Street would have four through lanes, two in each direction.
- ◆ All seven existing traffic signals would be replaced, as well as re-timed, for current and future traffic needs.
- ◆ Due to safety and congestion, the new US 2, Belknap Street roadway would include 12-foot-wide left turn lanes.
- ◆ In select locations, raised medians for pedestrian refuge would be added.
- ◆ A raised safety median would be installed near the rail corridor.
- ◆ Partial Belknap Street bike accommodations are provided:
  - Banks Avenue to Catlin Avenue: 14-foot-wide shared bike/vehicle outside lane (sharrow) would be installed next to the 8-foot parking lane.
  - Catlin Avenue to Hill Avenue: 4-foot-wide bike lane would be provided next to the 11-foot-wide driving lane.
- ◆ Access points revised for efficiency and to minimize driver confusion:
  - Re-opened and re-designed Fisher Avenue to the south.
  - Clough Avenue becomes 2-way traffic.
  - Cypress Avenue becomes 1-way traffic to the north.
  - Cedar Avenue to the south closes for safety; adding community green space and a separation of the residential neighborhood from the more commercial zones of Belknap Street.
- ◆ Aesthetic treatments and amenities would be provided in accordance with the State Community Sensitive Design policy. Additional amenities or features may be added depending on agreements with the City of Superior.



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