

# US 2 / US 53 - East 2nd Street Resurfacing Project

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## 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue East to 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East Traffic and Transit



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the design phase for a pavement resurfacing project on US 2/ US 53 from 29th Avenue East to just past 53rd Avenue East. The project, scheduled for 2021, includes spot concrete pavement repairs, a coarse grind and overlay of the pavement, traffic signal replacement at 39th Avenue East, and rehabilitation of the Nemadji and Bluff Creek bridge structures. Curb ramps will be updated or installed at pedestrian crossings, and spot repairs of sidewalk panels are planned.

Traffic will be maintained on US 2/ US 53 but the completion of these improvement activities will require at least a partial shutdown of travel lanes within project limits. Rehabilitation work on the bridges, and travel lanes where medians exist, would occur in at least two separate stages. Two-way, two-lane traffic is maintained on the northbound lanes while the southbound lanes are under construction, and vice versa. Where medians do not exist, the contractor would selectively shut down lanes to do the necessary repairs.

WisDOT looks at the ways to handle traffic during construction. Thought must be given to through-traffic as well as to business, tourist, transit (bus) and emergency services traffic. The way traffic is handled needs to be coordinated with affected people and local units of government. The reduction in the number of through-lanes on East 2nd Street during construction is expected to result in impacts to traffic travel times and congestion.

A Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) bus route runs along East 2nd Street from 31st Ave East to approximately 50th Ave. East. On-demand stops can currently be made at most intersections along the route, and these periodic stops will likely block traffic and add congestion during construction. It is anticipated that select stops will be closed while construction work is occurring near those stops. WisDOT, in coordination with the City of Superior and DTA, are looking at ways to lessen the impacts to the bus service.

### **Please complete the section below and return to WisDOT**

Do you or anyone in your household rely solely on bus/transit for transportation?    **YES**    **NO**

What days of the week and what times of day do you require bus service? (Insert times)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Do you have any additional comments or questions?


