



PROJECT PROGRESS UPDATE: BROADWAY AVENUE (CSAH 2)

From 2/1/10 To 2/15/10

1. Washington County opened contractor bids for the CR 83 Overpass Project on February 11, 2010. Nine bids were received; the construction contract will be awarded to the low bidder and announced in March. Construction is scheduled to begin early spring.
2. An informational pre-construction meeting for residents and businesses owners in the project area will be held prior to any significant construction activity in the CR 83 area.
3. Washington County, SRF and the City of Forest Lake have been working with Mn/DOT on possible locations near the CSAH 2 interchange for a welcome monument into Forest Lake. The monument location must be located in a safe and cost effective location, and adhere to Mn/DOT's policies regarding the placement of monuments within state Right-of-Way.
4. SRF and Washington County are finalizing the design standards for the CSAH 2 interchange and Broadway Avenue utilizing input from Mn/DOT and the City of Forest Lake engineering staff. One of the project goals is to minimize Right-of-Way impacts while meeting design standards and maintaining safety.
5. Mindy Hoeschen, Washington County Business Liaison, is working with the FLACC on setting up a County booth (complete with roundabout simulation) at an upcoming expo in Forest Lake. She is also planning to schedule office hours by the end of February.
6. Washington County is in the process of hiring a firm to do property appraisal work along CSAH 2.
7. Next Steps:
 - a. Washington County has scheduled a general utility coordination meeting for upcoming County projects on February 22nd, 2010, with a focused discussion on CSAH 2 at the end of the meeting.
 - b. Finalize approach to construction staging and traffic control for the CSAH 2 project.



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From 1/1/10 To 1/31/10

1. Washington County's business liaison (Mindy Hoeschen) is looking into various state publications and/or locations to post CSAH 2 construction information. She is also preparing a complete database of project stakeholders that she will remain in contact with during construction.
2. A pre-bid meeting for the CR 83 project was held on 1/27/10. This meeting gave contractors an opportunity to learn more about the project details and ask questions prior to submitting their bids.
3. As part of the CR 83 project, Eureka Avenue will be closed to through traffic in the Spring of 2010, north of 217th Street to west of 15th Street. Driveway access to commercial businesses west of 15th Street will be maintained during construction. Residents on 217th will still be able to access Eureka Avenue to get to/from TH 97. The DNR boat launch will also remain open. Eureka Ave should be reopened in late Fall, 2010, but will be closed again in Spring 2011 during the CSAH 2 detour.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Washington County plans to open contractor bids for the CR 83 project on February 11, 2010. Contractor award will take a few weeks to process. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with adjacent residents/businesses prior to any significant activity in the CR 83 area.
 - b. Washington County plans to schedule a general utility coordination meeting for upcoming County projects on February 22nd, 2010, with a focused discussion on CSAH 2 at the end of this meeting.



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From 11/30/09 To 12/31/09

1. A meeting with the FLACC, and members of the CSAH 2 Project Management Team, was held on 12/8/09. The meeting included discussions about possible communication tools/methods available to help keep area businesses and the public up to speed on project activities during construction, while looking for opportunities for business promotion.
2. A Business/Property Owner Meeting was held on 12/17/09 at the Washington County North Service Center in Forest Lake. Over 40 people were in attendance. Information regarding project progress, construction staging and schedules, and communication strategies were presented. Primary construction personnel contact information was also shared:
 - a. Business Liaison: Mindy Hoeschen (Washington County) 651-470-7754
 - b. Construction Manager: Dan Busch (SRF) 612-419-2545
3. Various utility relocations began in the CR 83 project area in December and will continue into 2010.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Washington County plans to award the CR 83 project to a construction contractor in January/February, 2010. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with adjacent residents/businesses prior to any significant activity in the CR 83 area.
 - b. Continue the Right-of Way acquisition process for Broadway Avenue.
 - c. Obtain required approvals on environmental documents and schedule public hearing.



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1. Washington County is in the process of developing a public communication plan that will be used during construction of projects in the Forest Lake area over the next few years. Various media sources and communication tools are being analyzed to provide Forest Lake residents, commuters, businesses, elected officials, tourists, I-35 traffic, etc. with continuous up-to-date information regarding construction schedules, detours, and other related activities.
2. Washington County is finalizing required bid documents for CR 83 and anticipates project advertising in December, and project award in January. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with area residents/businesses prior to any significant activity.
3. Intersection Control Evaluation Reports have been approved by the City, County and Mn/DOT for the northbound and southbound ramp terminals at I-35 and Broadway Avenue.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Various public utilities near the CR 83 Overpass will begin relocations the second week in December.
 - b. Prepare the CR 83 Overpass final bid documents for project advertisement by 12/11/09.
 - c. An informational meeting with the FLACC is scheduled for 12/8/09 from 2:00 to 3:00 at the Forest Lake Library and Service Center.
 - d. An informational meeting with Forest Lake Area Businesses and Property Owners is scheduled for 12/17/09 from 11:00 to 12:30 at the Forest Lake Library and Service Center.



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1. The environmental documents and construction plans for the CR 83 Overpass project were approved for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. This is a key milestone in the overall Forest Lake project implementation process.
2. Washington County continues to meet with private utility companies in the CR 83 Overpass project area to provide construction information. County surveyors are staking proposed construction to help the utility companies determine relocations prior to construction.
3. SRF and Washington County have been utilizing the feedback from individual property owner meetings to develop the limits of construction along the CSAH 2 corridor and prepare information for the next information meeting with Businesses and Property Owners in the project area.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Prepare the CR 83 Overpass final specifications and bid proposal for project advertisement in December 2009.
 - b. County surveyors will continue to stake proposed construction in the field.
 - c. An informational meeting with Businesses and Property Owners in the project area is tentatively planned for mid-December, 2009. Details coming soon.



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1. Mn/DOT has been performing routine maintenance on I-35, and along the ramps at Broadway Avenue. Because of the poor condition of the ramps, they were overlaid with 2" of new bituminous. The paving operation is now complete, but there is still clean-up work remaining. Note that this work is not part of the Broadway Avenue project that will commence in 2011.
2. Project documents for CR 83, requiring final approvals, are currently being reviewed by Mn/DOT. These documents will be approved by mid-November.
3. Washington County is finalizing utility relocations and will be out surveying and staking in the CR 83 overpass area.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Obtain final agency approvals on project related documents.
 - b. Prepare the CR 83 Overpass project for contractor bidding.



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1. On 10/1/09, a coordination meeting was held with private utility companies to discuss their plans and schedules for relocations based on impacts caused by the construction of CR 83 and CSAH 2.
2. On 10/12/09, The Forest Lake City Council approved the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Forest Lake and Washington County for construction cost and maintenance of CSAH 2, and the County Road 83 Overpass. The City Council also adopted Resolution No. 10-12-09-01 approving plans for the Washington County projects within the City limits as presented.
3. Washington County is in the process of delivering final plans, specifications and estimates to Mn/DOT for final approval. The CR 83 Overpass project is on track for a January 2010 bid letting.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Obtain final agency approvals on project related documents.
 - b. Prepare the CR 83 Overpass project for contractor bidding.
 - c. Continue to work with property owners along CSAH 2 regarding project impacts and driveway access.



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From 9/15/09 To 9/30/09

1. Washington County is developing a project cost participation policy for review by the City of Forest Lake. The policy will disseminate the various pools of available federal funding, as well as estimate both county participation and local match.
2. Washington County has been continuing their on-going project coordination efforts with various public agencies such as the DNR, FHWA, Mn/DOT, ACOE, RCWD, Anoka County, City of Columbus, and City of Forest Lake.
3. Washington County has been developing agreements with private utility companies regarding relocations of their utilities that are caused by project related impacts.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Finalize project related documents such as plans, specifications and cost estimates.
 - b. Seek final agency approvals on project related documents.
 - c. Prepare for upcoming Forest Lake City Council meetings.

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1. Washington County has been authorized to receive \$5,000,000 in federal stimulus funding under America's Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the CR 83 overpass project.
2. Washington County surveyors are in the field picking up supplemental topography survey data for the CR 83 project.
3. On-site meetings with private utility companies are taking place to identify potential areas for utility relocations. Xcel energy plans to relocate their gas main near CR 83 this Fall.
4. Washington County will be installing a permanent traffic control signal system at the intersection of CR 83 and 12th Street as part of the CR 83 overpass project. This intersection will be heavily used as part of the planned detour route when the Broadway Avenue Bridge is being reconstructed.
5. Next Steps:
 - a. Seek final agency approvals on project related documents.
 - b. Finalize project related documents such as plans, specifications and cost estimates.



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From 8/15/09 To 8/31/09

1. The roadway design team is in the process of addressing comments from the City, County and Mn/DOT based on their reviews of the final road design and bridge design plans.
2. Electrical Engineers are working on lighting designs for the CSAH 2 and CR 83 corridors, including the new bridges.
3. Mn/DOT has reviewed and commented on proposed streetscaping elements along CSAH 2.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Seek final agency approvals on project related documents.
 - b. Finalize project related documents such as plans, specifications and cost estimates.



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1. The Project Management Team met on 8/6/09 to review design details and the project schedule. Design progress is on track to meet project deadlines.
2. Final road design and bridge design plans for the CR 83 overpass have been submitted for City, County and Mn/DOT review.
3. Project coordination with regulatory agencies (i.e., DNR, ACOE, FHWA) have been productive and will continue into the Fall.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Seek required agency approvals on project related documents.
 - b. Analyze geotechnical report and make design modifications as necessary.



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From 7/15/09 To 7/31/09

1. Soil explorations have been completed. A geotechnical report will be produced that summarizes the soil conditions, and will make recommendations for any soil corrections that may be needed. This information will assist designers with footing requirements for bridges; understand the structural integrity of soils under roadways that will be repaved; and to analyze the ability for in situ soils to infiltrate water in planned ponding areas.
2. Significant design progress has been made on the CR 83 project. Final design plans for the CR 83 overpass will be 60% complete by August 2009, and 100% complete by September 2009.
3. Roadway design plans are being developed for CSAH 2.
4. Signal Justification Reports and Intersection Control Evaluations are being completed for major intersections along CSAH 2. These documents are required by Mn/DOT.
5. Next Steps:
 - a. Seek required approvals on environmental documents associated with the project.
 - b. Continue meeting with property owners regarding project impacts and private access.



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1. Soil explorations have begun. You will be seeing drill rigs in the project area over the next few weeks. This information will assist designers with footing requirements for bridges; understand the structural integrity of soils under roadways that will be repaved; and to analyze the ability for in situ soils to infiltrate water in planned ponding areas.
2. The Project Management Team met on 7/9/09 to review project progress and to refine aspects of the bridge designs for CSAH 2 and CR 83.
3. Detail design work is currently focused on the CR 83 project. Final design plans for the CR 83 overpass will be 60% complete by August 2009.
4. Signal Justification Reports and Intersection Control Evaluations are being completed for major intersections along CSAH 2. These documents are required by Mn/DOT.
5. Next Steps:
 - a. Concentrate design efforts on the CR 83 overpass to meet schedule and funding requirements.
 - b. Continue meeting with property owners regarding project impacts and private access.



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From 6/15/09 To 6/30/09

1. A presentation was given to the Forest Lake EDA on 6/22/09 regarding preliminary streetscaping designs and plans for construction staging/detours.
2. A meeting was held on 6/22/09 with representatives from regulatory and permitting agencies to review project progress, and to discuss project impacts to wetlands and how these impacts will be mitigated.
3. Washington County has a geotechnical consultant under contract to begin soil explorations in the project area. You should start seeing drill rigs in the area next week.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Meet with DNR to discuss impacts to the WMA site near Howard Lake Road.
 - b. Hold a Project Management Team meeting on 7/9/09.

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From 6/1/09 To 6/15/09

1. A meeting with private utility companies to verify utility locations, and to discuss initial plans for relocations, was held on 6/4/09.
2. Final design plans for the CR 83 overpass will be 50% complete by July 2009.
3. Washington County is getting a geotechnical consultant under contract to begin soil explorations in the project area. You should start seeing drill rigs in the next few weeks.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Give follow up presentation to the Forest Lake EDA regarding preliminary streetscaping designs and plans for construction staging/detours.
 - b. Washington County to begin meeting with property owners regarding property impacts and driveway access.



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From 5/15/09 To 5/31/09

1. A business/property owner informational meeting was held on 5/21/09. Information regarding preliminary streetscaping designs and construction sequencing/detours were shared.
2. Mn/DOT is currently reviewing the preliminary design layout for the CR 83 overpass.
3. Current design progress is focused on details related to construction sequencing.
4. Next Steps:
 - a. Follow up with permitting agencies on project status and next steps
 - b. Meet with private utility companies to verify utility locations
 - c. Washington County to begin meeting with property owners regarding property impacts and driveway access



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From 5/1/09 To 5/15/09

1. The Project Management Team met on 5/7/09 to review construction staging alternatives for the project Broadway Avenue interchange at I-35.
2. Traffic data was collected at various intersections along Broadway Ave in preparation for new traffic signals that will be installed with the Broadway Avenue project.
3. Project representatives gathered field data related to local historical architecture and potential sites of archeological significance near CR 83.
4. Next steps include developing a preliminary streetscaping layout for the corridor that may include decorative street lighting, planting areas, and other amenities.