

47th Street/Osgood Ave N



Project Newsletter #1

Safety Improvement Project

What is the 47th Street/Osgood Ave N project?

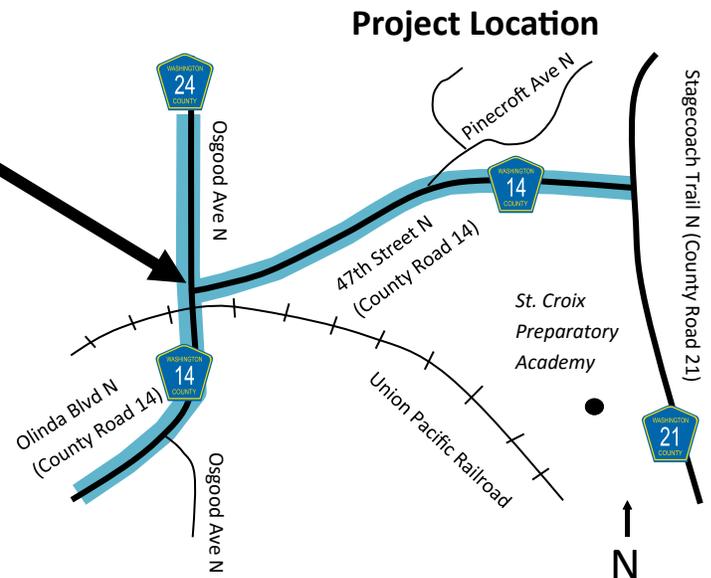
Washington County has begun the preparation of design documents for a variety of improvements to 47th St N (County Road 14) and Osgood Ave N (County Road 24). The improvements, currently planned to be constructed in 2017 or 2018 (dependent on coordination with the railroad), will extend the life of existing road pavements in the corridor and improve intersection and corridor safety.

Reconstruction of the County Road 14/County Road 24 intersection and existing Union Pacific Railroad crossing is proposed to improve safety and operations at this location. Additionally, Washington County plans to construct a “mill and overlay” on the County Road 14 segment between County Road 24 and Stagecoach Trail N (County Road 21). The mill and overlay project will result in a new pavement surface, extend the life of the pavement, and improve the drainage along the County Road 14 corridor.

Proposed improvements at the County Road 14 and 24 intersection include a shift in the alignment of these roads to create better sightlines for motorists and safer turning movements. Additionally, the elevation of these roads will be modified to correct for recent changes to the Union Pacific Railroad crossing, allowing for a smoother crossing and preventing hang-ups of low-clearance vehicles.



Osgood Avenue N Railroad Crossing (looking south)



What will happen at the railroad crossing?

Union Pacific Railroad recently reconstructed their crossing at County Road 14 to increase the bank in their curve (known as “superelevation”) that allows their trains to move through the corridor at higher speeds. The rail project resulted in a “ramp” on County Road 14 and a need to greatly reduce speeds at this location. By modifying the road elevation to match the cross-slope of the railroad and realigning the County Road 14/24 intersection, the road bump will be less pronounced and traffic operations will be safer.

Learn More and Provide Input!

See the backside of this newsletter for information about an upcoming Open House.

Visit the project website:

www.co.washington.mn.us/County14-24



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Who will be impacted by this project?

The County's preliminary design efforts for this project help to identify the extent of potential right-of-way needed for the proposed improvements. Several residential properties adjacent to and near the County Road 14/24 intersection may be affected by the realignment and change in road elevation. Most impacts will consist of modifications to the existing driveway access to properties. The roadway realignment is expected to require the acquisition of new right-of-way in the area of the County Road 14/24 intersection. The extent of that right-of-way impact is still to be determined. Property owners with impacts will be contacted by Washington County Staff.

Washington County is evaluating several options for managing traffic and access during construction of this project. Public input on this topic is welcomed.

When is construction expected to happen?

Washington County has scheduled construction to occur during the summer/fall of 2017 or 2018 (dependent on coordination with the railroad). Construction of this safety improvement project is anticipated to be completed in one construction season.

How can I stay informed and provide input?

Meet the project team and learn more about this project! A public open house will be held by the County to share project maps and information about the proposed improvements. Staff will be on hand to answer your questions. You will also be invited to provide your contact information so we can inform you of project news and future open house opportunities.

County Road 14/24 Project Open House

October 11, 2016

Baytown Community Center

4020 McDonald Drive N, Stillwater, MN 55082

5:00—7:00 pm

If you are unable to attend or have questions about the project, please contact Andrew Giesen at (651) 430-4336 or by email at andrew.giesen@co.washington.mn.us.

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