

Sawyer Rd Interchange – Project Update

August 17th, 2011

Work Accomplished:

- Delafield Rd. (west):
 - Has been reopened from the west, through to Sawyer Rd. Landscaping work has been completed along the full alignment. Most signing has been erected and all pavement markings applied, and work on this segment is nearly complete.
- Sawyer Rd. (south section) and Elm St.:
 - Are reopened. Sawyer Rd continues north through the West DR roundabout to provide access to EB I-94 via the new entrance ramp. Street lighting is in place and operational. Landscaping is complete except for decorative tree, shrub and hedge plantings within the roundabout, which will be done in cooler autumn weather. Signing and pavement marking on the open portions of Sawyer Rd are mostly complete, with the exception of certain guide signs yet to be erected. Elm St work is fully complete.
- EB I-94 and the new exit and entrance ramps:
 - The final surface of the new EB I-94 roadway is complete, and the Stage 3 traffic shift has relocated both eastbound & westbound traffic onto the eastbound alignment to permit work to proceed on the westbound roadway and bridge. The new entrance ramp to EB I-94 is open for use. The new EB exit ramp remains closed, and will open at the end of the project.
- Eastbound I-94 Bridge:
 - Is open to traffic. Staining work will be proceeding on the decorative concrete finish of the columns, abutments, and bridge parapet.
- WB I-94 and north of I-94:
 - The Stage 3 closure of Sawyer Rd and East DR within the project limits began last week. Traffic is being detoured via STH 67 to the south and via Valley Rd/CTH B to the east. Extra measures have been taken to divert outside motorists from moving through the community, with additional signing and advance advisories, and with polite, personal communication by project staff to those motorists who continue to attempt driving through from Delafield Rd to Sawyer Rd and beyond. Summit Police have also maintained an increased, visible presence to prevent outside traffic. For the immediate future, access to the community will be via 1st and 2nd Lanes to Delafield Rd, with north Sawyer Rd fully closed to incoming and outgoing motorists.

- The old WB bridge structure has been demolished, and work will continue to remove the former substructure, and to excavate for the foundation of the new bridge. Earthwork continues on the north side of the interchange, with grading along the alignment of relocated Sawyer Rd and construction of the embankment for the new entrance ramp to WB I-94. Storm sewer installations will continue in the same area. The retaining wall along the future WB I-94 exit ramp has been constructed, and work will soon begin on the retaining wall adjacent to the future westbound entrance ramp. The Lake Country Trail remains open to pedestrians and cyclists via a signed detour.
- Project-wide:
 - Project personnel continue to actively monitor erosion control through weekly inspections and following heavy precipitation events, and DOT specialists make regular visits to augment those inspections. We have continued to experience no failures of any project erosion controls.
 - Traffic controls and detour routes are inspected daily, and any corrections needed are communicated to the contractor for immediate attention.

Upcoming:

- Pavement removal of the former Sawyer Rd and East Delafield roadways will begin, and earthwork and grading for their relocated alignments will continue.
- Grading for the new Sawyer Court at Schimmel and Huebner Rds, and the project's portion of the future Pabst Farms Boulevard will begin.
- Grading for the two north retention ponds, and installation of the storm sewer network will continue.

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday September 21st, 1:00 PM; Village Town Hall