

Sawyer Rd Interchange – Project Update

September 21st, 2011

Work Accomplished:

- Delafield Rd. (East):
 - Remains closed to all traffic at 2nd Lane. The old pavement has been removed and the new, slightly shifted alignment is being graded.

- Sawyer Rd. (south section):
 - Remains open through the Delafield Rd roundabout, and north to the entrance ramp to EB I-94.
 - Sod and seeded areas have become well-established, and erosion controls have been removed.

- Sawyer Rd. (north section):
 - Remains closed to through traffic at the north end of the project. Access has been provided for the use of local residents; however caution must be exercised, especially during construction operations, and at all other times due to the rough surface. Traffic control drums with steady-burn lights have been placed to provide visual alignment guidance for motorists choosing to use that route.
 - Storm sewer installations are largely complete, and conduit for roadway lighting has been installed and connected.
 - The new alignment of Sawyer Rd and the entrance to future Pabst Farms Boulevard has been graded and the subbase gravel has been placed. The roundabout at that intersection has taken shape.

- Sawyer Court:
 - Sawyer Court is being graded and is taking shape.

- EB I-94 and the new exit and entrance ramps:
 - The new EB exit ramp remains closed, and will open at the end of the project.
 - The new EB entrance ramp is open to traffic and is getting regular use.

- Eastbound I-94 Bridge:
 - Is open to traffic. Staining work continues on the decorative concrete finish of the columns, abutments, and bridge parapet.

- WB I-94 and the new exit and entrance ramps:
 - Pavement removal in the reconstruction area of WB I-94 is complete.

- The embankment for the exit and entrance ramps has been completed, the subbase of the roadbed has been placed and graded, and placement of concrete pavement was begun today.
 - Ramp slopes have been graded and seeded, and erosion controls are in place.
 - The retaining wall along the exit ramp has been constructed, and the retaining wall along the new entrance ramp is more than 50% complete.
 - The new WB bridge structure is well underway, with bridge piers, columns and the east abutment in place. Bridge girders were placed earlier this week, and more will be erected in the coming days.
- Lake Country Trail
 - The Lake Country Trail north of the freeway 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 experienced 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:

- Concrete paving will begin Friday 9/23 at the north end of Sawyer Rd. This will necessitate an absolute full closure of access from the north effective Thursday 9/22, while the contractor prepares the roadway bed and places the concrete, and for the period during which the concrete cures to its minimum opening strength. That period is typically 7 days. During that time, *all Huebner Rd traffic will need to come and go via Schimmel Rd.*
- The new WB freeway exit and entrance ramps will be paved, the retaining walls will be completed, and roadside grading will take place.
- The new concrete pavement on WB I-94 will be placed, and the existing asphaltic surface within our work limits will be milled.
- Concrete for the west abutment of the new WB bridge over Sawyer Rd will be placed, the remaining girders will be erected, and bridge deck formwork will be installed. Placement of the concrete for the new bridge deck is anticipated to take place the latter half of October.
- Grading for the two north retention ponds will continue.

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday October 19th , 1:00 PM; Village Town Hall