

Hwy 61 Resurfacing

WABASHA TO MINNESOTA CITY



Project Overview

The project extends approximately 27 miles from Wabasha to Minnesota City and construction is scheduled spring to fall 2022 with the following work:

- Repaving southbound lanes of Hwy 61
- Improving 4 southbound and 3 northbound bridges
 - Northbound and southbound bridges over the Zumbro River north of Wabasha
 - Northbound and southbound bridges over Snake Creek north of 608th St.
 - Southbound bridge over East Indian Creek south of Wabasha Co. Rd. 14
 - Northbound and southbound bridges over Whitewater River south of Weaver
- Installing a reduced conflict intersection (RCI) at Hwy 61 and Hwy 42
- Improvements in Weaver
 - Resurfacing 0.3 miles of Hwy 74
 - Removing portions of sidewalk
 - Installing ADA ramp connection to a historic building
- Replacing and updating portions of guardrail
- Improving drainage



Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI)

- Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) will be installed at Hwy 61 and Hwy 42
- Two unique features of the design include a pedestrian and bike crossing for the Mississippi River Trail and an offset southbound Hwy 61 right turn
- The offset right turn will help Hwy 42 vehicles see around other vehicles turning from southbound Hwy 61 onto Hwy 42
- Videos are on the [project website](#) that show how to navigate through an RCI



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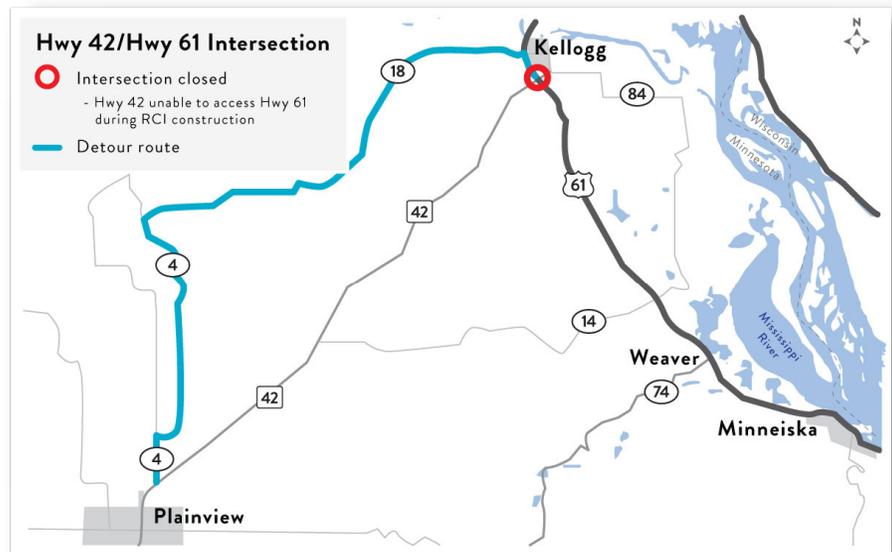
Detour and Traffic Control

Repaving

- Traffic will be reduced to a single lane for northbound and southbound Hwy 61 during repaving work
- A zipper merge and signage will be used to shift traffic from two lanes to one lane prior to the lane closure area
- The single-lane traffic sections may be up to 14 miles long but will include at least 2 miles of spacing in between
- At times, work may cause short-term access closures to businesses and homes. The contractor will be in contact prior to any closure

Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI)

- Occasionally, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction to allow the contractor to work on constructing the new turn lanes and sections of the RCI
- Traffic on Hwy 61 will not be detoured
- Hwy 42 and County Road 18 will be detoured when the contractor begins work on the Hwy 61 access points
- Traffic will be detoured to County Road 4, to County Road 18 into Kellogg, and back onto Hwy 61
- Residents and businesses near the construction site will be able to continue to access their properties, however may need to use a different route depending on the work done that day. The contractor will be available for questions and concerns
- Residents and businesses on the detour are encouraged to reach out to the project manager with any questions or concerns



Bridge Work

- Similar to when the road is repaved, traffic will be reduced to a single lane for northbound and southbound Hwy 61
- A zipper merge and signage will be used to shift traffic from two lanes to one

Mississippi River Trail (MRT)

- Bicyclists will be permitted to use the closed outside lane to ride in but must be mindful of construction vehicles
- In areas of bridge, ditch, culvert, or guardrail work, MRT bikers will use the travel lane to pass through the section
- Signs warning vehicles and bicyclists to share the road, reduce speed ahead, and or narrow lanes ahead will be posted
- Communications about which sections of roadway are under construction will be shared and updated on the project website and the MRT site

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