

U.S. Highway 75

Project Summary

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will be resurfacing U.S. Highway 75 from Township Road 127 to the east junction of Highway 7 using cold-in-place recycling plus three inches of new pavement.

The project includes upgrading sidewalks and pedestrian ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards in the city of Bellingham and make them more accessible for everyone. Culverts along the project area will be lined and guardrail will be replaced. Shoulders are being increased from two-feet wide to six-feet wide and will be paved. A chip seal will be applied to the new pavement.

This project will require a detour due to the extensive nature of the resurfacing.

Project Location

- U.S. Highway 75 from Township Road 127 to the east junction of Highway 7

Project Benefits

- Smoother road surface
- Enhanced safety
- Improved drainage
- Upgraded sidewalks and pedestrian crossings in Bellingham

Project Cost

- \$7.9 million

Contractor

- Duininck, Inc.

Project Timeline

- Construction begins: July 6, 2020
- Construction ends: October 30, 2020

Additional Project Details

- Cold-in-place recycling is a method of removing and reusing the existing asphalt surface.
- Chip seals, also referred to as seal coats, protect the pavement, increase skid resistance and extend the life of the road. Although it seems natural to avoid a road that has been recently coated or fixed, chip sealing is unique in that it does not keep drivers off the road.

- You can drive on a freshly chip-sealed road after it has been swept.
- A road that has been chip sealed will not be as quiet as a new pavement. After a winter of plowing, the vehicle noise will diminish and you will notice that the road will not sound as loud.

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