

HWY 7 ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

Lester Prairie, MN

Project Overview

MnDOT, in partnership with McLeod County, is building a roundabout at the intersection of Hwy 7 and CR 1 near Lester Prairie in 2023. Work includes the addition of a multi-use trail on all sides of the roundabout to provide future connection in the area.

Construction is anticipated to begin July 17, 2023 (after Winstock Country Music Festival and Lester Prairie Days) and be completed by October 2023 (weather permitting).

Project Benefits



The roundabout will slow vehicle speeds and lower the risk of serious and fatal crashes



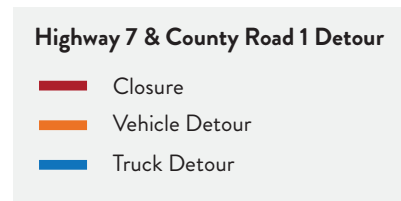
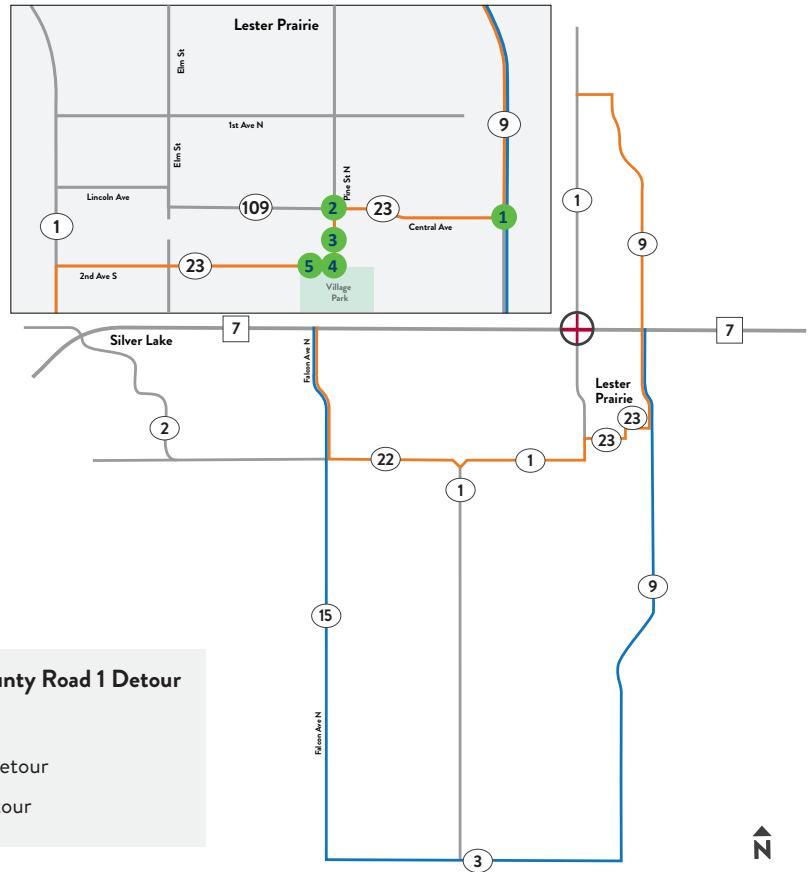
Reduce traffic backups and improve traffic flow



Provide a safer crossing for people who walk and bike



Improve future pedestrian and bike connectivity by adding ADA-accessible sidewalks and multi-use trails where they do not exist today



Traffic Impacts & Detour

Work will require a detour. Several safety enhancements are planned as part of the official detour. These enhancements are temporary and will be removed once the project is complete and the detour is removed. The detour route and corresponding safety enhancements are shown on the map above.

- 1 A pedestrian crossing sign will be installed in the middle of the crosswalk of CR 9 and CR 23/Central Ave. The crosswalk will be repainted to make it more visible.
- 2 A four-way stop with larger more visible stop signs will be installed at the intersection of CR 23/Central Ave. and Pine St.
- 3 A northbound advance bicycle crossing sign will be installed at the crossing on Pine St.
- 4 A southbound flashing stop sign will be installed at the intersection of Pine St. and CR 23/Second Ave. S
- 5 An eastbound flashing stop sign and pedestrian crossing sign will be installed.

OTHER ENHANCEMENTS

- Two trailer mounted dynamic speed signs will be used in town that can be moved to different locations within and around town as needed
- A number of portable message boards will also be used during the project to keep drivers informed.
- Truck route signs will be removed or covered to discourage truck traffic through town during the project.



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