

News Release

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Weekly project update:

St. Croix Crossing project team answers common questions from the public

STILLWATER, Minn. – The first year of construction on the St. Croix Crossing project is nearly complete. The project team has been at community events throughout the summer where several common questions surfaced. Below is a list of these questions.

When will the project be complete?

- The Minnesota approach work will be complete by the end of 2014, weather permitting.
- The Wisconsin approach work will begin in 2014 and complete in 2016.
- The bridge will be open to traffic in fall 2016.
- The Loop Trail and Stillwater Lift Bridge conversion to a bicycle and pedestrian bridge will be complete in 2017.

What is happening at the Greeley Street/Oakgreen Avenue and Osgood Avenue intersections with Highway 36?

Traffic signals will remain at the Highway 36 intersections with Greeley St./Oakgreen Ave. and Osgood Ave. Crews will move the Greeley Street intersection to the east, and the frontage road connections will be further away from Highway 36. Those new frontage road intersections will also have traffic signals. Crews will add additional turn lanes to both the Oakgreen Avenue intersection and the Greeley Street/Oakgreen Avenue intersection.

Will Highway 36 still have access directly to Beach Road?

No. The new ramps will directly connect Highway 36 and the new Highway 95. The new Beach Road bridge will connect to the newly extended S. Frontage Road.

How will I access Lookout Trail once Highway 95 construction is complete in 2014?

Lookout Trail will be accessible from the north via Highway 95 and from the south by using the extension of the new South Frontage Road, then crossing the new Beach Road Bridge.

What's happening to the Stillwater Lift Bridge?

The lift bridge will be converted to a bicycle and pedestrian bridge as part of the Loop Trail. It will continue to have a similar lift schedule and will be converted in 2017, after vehicle traffic moves to the new bridge.

Why isn't there an interchange at WIS 35/WIS 64?

A full interchange must exist at County Road E, and a second interchange so close together would be unsafe for motorists. Also, an interchange at the bluff would have major environmental impacts.

When will the Loop Trail open?

The full 4.7-mile Loop Trail will open in fall 2017. The first section will be complete by the end of 2014 in Minnesota, and the second section by the end of 2016 across the new bridge and through Wisconsin. The last stage of the loop trail is converting the Stillwater Lift Bridge into a bicycle and pedestrian bridge in 2017.

Who is building the bridge?

Contractors are now working on their bids for the superstructure contract. MnDOT will announce the selected contractor on Nov. 1, 2013. The Minnesota approach work is being completed by Ames/Lunda Joint Venture. The bridge foundations work is being completed by Edward Kraemer & Sons. The contractor for the Wisconsin approach work will be selected in December 2013.

For more information about current traffic impacts and other project information, visit www.mndot.gov/stcroixcrossing.

When all work is finished, motorists will have smoother highway pavement surfaces, improved flow at intersections, an improved frontage road system in Oak Park Heights and a new river crossing between Minnesota and Wisconsin. All of this will occur while maintaining or restoring the area's cultural, historic and environmental resources.

Stay connected, ask questions or provide comments to the St. Croix Crossing project team:

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