



Welcome

Dear Milwaukee Business Owner,

It's time to think of road construction in a new and positive way: When city infrastructure improves, our city's economy improves. The Milwaukee Department of Public Works (DPW) oversees nearly \$50 million of roadwork annually – and, because of federal stimulus funding, there will be even higher level of construction here during the next two years.

These improvements in Milwaukee's infrastructure are critical to its long-term economic development. However, we recognize that construction can impact surrounding businesses in the short term. That's why we've created the Public Works Support for Business Program. Incorporating best practices from around the country, it is designed to help nearby businesses before and during construction.

This web site outlines elements of the program and how you can take advantage of them, as well as providing you with helpful tools, project summaries and links to sign up for regular e-mail updates about the projects in your neighborhood. We look forward to working with you to build a better Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett
Mayor of Milwaukee

Jeff Mantas
Commissioner, Milwaukee DPW



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Project Summary

South First Street (from Lincoln to Kinnickinnic):

This project will involve an area from East Lincoln Avenue to South Kinnickinnic Avenue and is scheduled for completion in mid-October. Work will include the removal of existing pavement; grading and base aggregate; concrete repaving of the street, curbs and gutters; and sidewalks, conduit and pavement marking.

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Project Summary

South Second Street (from National to Menominee River):

Scheduled to run from July through mid-November, this project will involve the area from West National Avenue intersection to just north of the Menomonee River. The work will be extensive, involving street paving, removal of existing pavement and railroad ties and the installation of new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches. The project will also include construction of a new green terrace area with trees, as well as decorative street lighting poles and fixtures, including harps and lanterns.

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Project Summary

North Avenue/Brewers Hill neighborhood (from Martin Luther King to Booth):

The Brewer's Hill neighborhood, located east of Historic Martin Luther King Drive Business Improvement District, will undergo an extensive streetscape improvement project along North Avenue from Martin Luther King Drive to North Booth Street. Work will include the removal of existing pavement; grading and base aggregate; and concrete repaving, including concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Storm sewer work will also be done, along with conduit and pavement marking. Construction is expected to be completed by August 31.

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Project Summary

North Avenue/Bronzeville district (from Martin Luther King to Seventh):

The Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District, soon to be one of Milwaukee's premier destination places, will undergo Phase One of an extensive streetscape enhancement project along West North Avenue from the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to North Seventh Street. The streetscape improvements will include concrete repaving, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and distinctive pavement treatments in designated intersections. Additional street amenities will be included such as informational kiosks, street furniture, commercial district signage, extensive landscaping and greening of public spaces. Construction is expected to be completed by September.

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Project Summary

West Keefe Avenue (from Seventh to Humboldt):

Work has just begun on a repaving of West Keefe Avenue from North Seventh Street to North Humboldt Boulevard. The project includes the removal of pavement, grading and base aggregates and concrete repaving, including concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks. In addition, bump-outs will be built at North Richards Street. The anticipated completion date of this project is mid-November.

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Cesar Chavez Drive (from Greenfield to Pierce):

The Cesar E. Chavez Business Improvement District, located just south of downtown Milwaukee and the Manomonee Valley, will undertake an extensive streetscaping and repaving project along Cesar Chavez Drive, from West Greenfield Avenue south to West Pierce Street. In addition to asphalt street repaving, this project will also include construction of new curbs and gutter, distinctive colored stamped pavement in designated intersections and enhanced pedestrian friendly Milwaukee Harp and Lantern style lighting. Additional street amenities will be included such as decorative street furniture, trash receptacles, new bike racks, and the greening of public spaces. It is scheduled for completion in August.

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Project Summary

South 13th Street (from Cleveland to Wind Lake):

The section of South 13th Street between West Cleveland Avenue to West Wind Lake Avenue will be getting a facelift this summer. Not only will the roadway, curb, sidewalks and driveways be replaced, a new green space and terrace area will be added, along with 53 trees and a bike lane. New street lighting conduits and cables will also be installed. Construction is expected to run from mid-May to mid-October.

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Tools

Milwaukee Construction Survival Handbook

Want to know how to survive (and thrive) during construction? Download the Milwaukee Construction Survival Handbook. In addition to information on potential resources available, it gives business owners basic tips on how to prepare for construction and get through the active construction period. The handbook also includes an overview of construction processes and what to expect during construction; ideas for temporary alternative business operations; and contact information for Milwaukee DPW, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, community liaisons and others.

[Download it here.](#)

"Open for Business" Business Sign and Customer Letters

Let your customers know that you're open for business, despite the construction with this customizable customer letter or an 11" x 17" OPEN FOR BUSINESS sign.

- [Download here for template customer letters](#)
- [Download here for OPEN FOR BUSINESS sign](#)

Neighborhood Signage

Milwaukee Department of Public Works can create project-specific "Open for Business" signs featuring neighborhood businesses, as well as directional signage to help traffic flow. Ask your community liaison for more details.





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Available Assistance

Community Liaison Team

The Milwaukee DPW has established a team of community liaisons, with one liaison assigned to each major project. Liaisons serve as a neighborhood's "lead" point of contact regarding the construction project in their area. Working in conjunction with DPW staff, liaisons regularly interact with neighborhood members prior to and during the construction process, meeting with neighborhood organizations, participating in public meetings, sending letters and email updates and meeting individually with neighborhood business people and property owners.

The liaison's primary roles will be to:

- Explain DPW plans, procedures and timelines to the neighborhood
- Educate neighborhood businesses and property owners on potential impact mitigation resources available
- Advocate on behalf of neighborhood members with the DPW
- Assess the impact of the planned construction on the neighborhood and request a corresponding level of support through the DPW

Business/Technical Consulting

Milwaukee DPW will facilitate and underwrite opportunities for neighborhood groups and businesses in highly affected areas to receive professional consulting on issues ranging from business management and financial planning to human resources and information technology. Qualifying entities will be selected on a case-by-case basis, based on the assessment and recommendations from the community liaison in each area.

Marketing/Advertising Consulting

Neighborhood groups may also qualify for marketing/advertising consulting through the Public Works Support for Business Program. As with business/technical consulting, qualifying entities will be selected on a case-by-case basis, based on the assessment and recommendations from the community liaison in each area.

