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Project Overview

Originally built in 1957, South 27th Street is being reconstructed from West Howard Avenue to the Union Pacific Rail Road Bridge near West Dakota Street. The project began on March 27th, although preparations for the construction started on March 17th. The project completion date is expected to be November 15, 2014. It will be completed in two phases.

Phase 1: March 27th through approximately July 14th includes reconstruction work on the west side of South 27th Street (southbound lanes). Two-way traffic continues to operate on the east side of the street, one lane in each direction. Pavement gaps have been provided at intervals to maintain access to properties located along the street.

Phase 2: Approximately July 14th through November 15th, the reconstruction will move to the east side of South 27th Street (northbound lanes). Two-way traffic, one lane in each direction, will move to the completed southbound lanes.

The project includes:

- Replacing the existing pavement with new concrete
- Widening each roadway by two feet to provide bicycle accommodations from Oklahoma Avenue north to the Union Pacific Bridge
- New curbs and gutters, driveway approaches and sidewalks at most locations
- Installation of decorative crosswalks at West Howard, Morgan and Oklahoma avenues, and the Kinnickinnic River Parkway
- Rehabilitating the bridge over the Kinnickinnic River and the culvert under the West Loomis Road intersection. West Loomis Road also will be reconstructed from South 27th Street west for approximately 450 feet
- Nine bio retention facilities (bio swales) will be located on the boulevards

The South 27th Street construction project is a WisDOT project managed by the City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works.

Additional Outreach

The Support for Business Liaison visited over 75 businesses, providing information on the construction project and DPW staff contact information so businesses can communicate their concerns.

The South 27th Street construction project extends about 400 feet south of Howard Avenue. Southbound traffic control ends at Plainfield because it is the only median opening large enough to cross the traffic over to the regular south bound lane. The north bound traffic control starts at Bolivar to taper the north bound traffic into one lane going north. Additional outreach was extended to those businesses located south of West Howard Avenue to Bolivar Street due to the extended traffic control.

Weekly Construction Meetings
Weekly construction meetings are held every Monday at 9:00 a.m. at the DPW Field Office, located at 3865 S. 27th Street. Businesses are invited to attend and share any concerns they may have about the project. Business concerns will be addressed before the official start of the meeting.



Gaps, with signage, have been created to provide access to the businesses on the west side of S. 27th Street.



Kohl's Department Store has posted "Open During Construction" signs to encourage customers to continue their patronage.



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