

South 27th Street from West Howard Avenue to the Bridge Over the Union Pacific Rail Road (500 feet north of Dakota St.)

Start Date: March 17, 2014 / Completion Date: November 15, 2014

Project Overview

The project will consist of removing the existing pavement and reconstructing with concrete pavement. Each 36-foot roadway will be widened by two feet to provide a bicycle accommodation. Bike lanes will not be marked, except from Oklahoma Avenue north to the Union Pacific Rail Road Bridge. New curb and gutter, driveway approaches and sidewalk will be constructed at most locations. Storm sewer inlets will be replaced. Various improvements will include: decorative crosswalks at West Morgan Avenue, West Oklahoma Avenue, the Kinnickinnic River Parkway and West Howard Avenue. Landscaping, planting and traffic upgrades are also planned. The bridge over the Kinnickinnic River will be rehabilitated and the culvert under West Loomis Road intersection will be repaired. West Loomis Road will also be reconstructed from South 27th Street to a point approximately 450 feet west of South 27th Street with this project.

Project History

The need for repairs in this area has been under consideration for a few years. The existing pavement is deteriorating and there is severe rutting, rippling, and shoving at bus stop locations. Severe reflective cracking is present throughout the entire length of the project. The underlying concrete base is heaving at several locations. The bridge over the Kinnickinnic River is in need of rehabilitation, as well as the culvert under the West Loomis Road intersection.

Sustainable Aspects of Project

The South 27th Street project will contain nine bio retention facilities (bio swales) located on the boulevards. The bio retention facilities contain landscape elements designed to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water. They consist of a swaled drainage course with gently sloped sides and filled with vegetation, compost and rocks. The water's flow path, along with the wide and shallow ditch, is designed to maximize the time water spends in the swale, which aids the trapping of pollutants and silt. This results in less pollutants being captured in the drains and sewers. The overall intent is to lessen the amount of storm water (rain) runoff that enters the storm water collection system (i.e., MMSD deep tunnels) and its level of contamination, which goes to the wastewater treatment facility.

Traffic Control

There will be one lane of traffic in each direction during construction. There will be no on street parking along south 27th Street during the construction period. The west side of the median will be done first, then traffic will switch over, and the east side will be done.

Working Hours

With the exception of holidays, no daily restrictions exist. Work is allowed from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. No work on weekends, without prior approval.

Estimated Cost

Cost of project is \$9,100,000. Federal and state funds will cover 96% of the project, with the remaining 4% paid by the City of Milwaukee and abutting property owners.

Prime Contractor

Zignego Company, Inc.



SOUTH 27TH STREET
STH 241
WEST HOWARD AVENUE TO THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD



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The City of Milwaukee will begin the construction project on South 27th Street from West Howard Avenue to the bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad on Monday, March 17th. The Department of Public Works (DPW) Support for Business Liaison is a part of a team working on this project. The Liaison, Cecilia Gilbert, will meet with business owners, provide construction updates, and advocate on behalf of stakeholders. Gilbert can be contacted at (414) 286-3318 or Cecilia.Gilbert@milwaukee.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What is the scope of the work to be done on this project?

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What is the project timeline, and will vehicular traffic still be able to use the street?

Construction is set to begin March 17, 2014 and be completed by November 15, 2014. It will be completed in two basic stages:

1. March 17, 2014 through approximately July 14, 2014 includes the removal and reconstruction of the street on the west side of South 27th Street (southbound traffic lanes) including adjacent median work. Traffic will continue to operate on the east side of the street, one lane in each direction. Pavement gaps will be provided intermittently in order to maintain access to properties located along the project at all times.
2. July 14, 2014 through approximately November 15, 2014, will include all major work items on the east side of South 27th Street (northbound traffic lanes) including adjacent median work. Two-way traffic will move to the completed west side of the street.

In order to provide access to businesses on South 27th Street, the following intersections shall remain open to 4-way traffic at all times, during both stages:

- West Howard Avenue
- West Morgan Avenue
- West Oklahoma Avenue

Will parking be available on South 27th Street during construction?

No. To accommodate construction and keep traffic flowing in both directions, parking will not be allowed on South 27th Street during construction. Parking will remain available on most side streets.

Will customers and pedestrians still be able to access my business?

Every effort will be made by the contractor and DPW staff to maintain access whenever possible.

Will my driveway access be restricted?

DPW staff and the contractor will work to minimize the time any driveway access is restricted, and will notify the owner 48 hours in advance of scheduled work.



What about bus routes?

The Milwaukee County Transit System will maintain current service. The bus stops will be moved to the medians when the construction prevents the bus from stopping at the corners.

What else will be done as part of the construction?

Preliminary utility work will occur prior to the start of project.

How can I keep informed about the progress of the project?

There are a variety of methods to keep informed of the construction as it proceeds:

- Monthly construction updates will be mailed to businesses.
- News updates will be posted on the website at www.Milwaukee.gov/Supportforbusiness
- News updates can be sent directly to you via email – send an email to Cecilia.Gilbert@Milwaukee.gov to be placed on the email list.
- Monthly construction meetings will be held in the area with representatives from DPW and the contractor. They are available to answer stakeholder questions.

Who are the people that will be working on this project?

A City of Milwaukee DPW engineer will be the construction supervisor and will visit the project at least once a day to address contractor concerns, monitor changes in conditions, and provide answers and solutions. DPW project inspectors oversee the contractor's work and ensure that the concerns of the public and businesses are being addressed. The Support for Business Liaison is a part of the DPW team, and works closely with the community to explain the project and to articulate neighborhood concerns to the Department of Public Works. The prime contractor selected for the construction project is Zignego Company, Inc.

City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works staff:

- Roger Reed, Construction Supervisor, at (414) 708-5108
- Tony Berendt, Project Inspector, at (414) 708-3951
- Paul Grabowski, Project Inspector, at (414) 708-3835
- Cecilia Gilbert, Support for Business Liaison (414) 286-3318 or (414) 708-2295 (cell)

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