

## SP 5202-58 TH 14 (Nicollet to New Ulm) Weekly Project Update

May 10, 2022

- Work Continues with the stripping of topsoil with primary focus on the areas of CSAH 37 and the eastside from the start of the project (west of the City of Nicollet) to the City of Courtland. The installation of culverts and significant grading activities will be starting within the next weeks, weather depending.
- The relocation of various utilities is commencing, and this work will occur over the entire 12.5 mile stretch of the project at numerous locations. The intention of this utility relocation work is to assure that all utilities will be relocated from the existing locations in order to allow for the expansion of the new TH 14 roadway with little to no disruption to the impacted customers. It is expected to take approximately a month before all of the utilities associated with TH 14 to be either permanently or temporarily relocated.
- The work involving the reconstruction at CSAH 24 (in the City of Courtland) is planned to start sometime in June 2022. Once this work commences, local traffic will be directed from west traveling toward Courtland will be directed to CR 12.
- Access to CSAH 37 from TH 14 is no longer an option as of May 2, 2022. This condition is expected remain in place until the spring of 2023. This was done in order for the construction forces to begin the critical work in this area involving embankment, roadway realignment and the construction of the new bridge over TH 14. Access for local traffic will be essentially provided from the entrance of New Ulm Quartzite Quarry(MPM) toward the City of Courtland until the spring of 2023.
- \* Starting Monday, May 2, Students and Faculty of Minnesota Valley Lutheran School (MVL) are encouraged to use the following routes: from the west (New Ulm) please plan on using Nicollet CR 21 to CR 12 to existing TH 14 a then west toward MVL. An alternative route would be to use the TH 68 detour to Blue Earth CR 45 (CSAH 24), north to the City of Courtland and then west on existing TH 14 to MVL. From Mankato, travel west on

current TH 14 to the Nicollet exit and turn south (over the bridge) onto Nicollet CR 23 to the intersection of Nicollet CR 25 and then west to the City of Courtland and onto to existing TH 14 and west to MVL. Minnesota Valley Lutheran administration and MnDOT would ask all visitors, students, and staff for MVL please avoid using the adjacent Township Road (561<sup>st</sup> Ave.) as much as possible as the structural capacity of the road is not capable of withstanding an increase in the amount of traffic.

- The traveling and local traffic are encouraged to use the official detour to the extent possible and not to enter the construction areas whenever there are other options.
- The local traveling public (the people that are living or visiting the City of Courtland or residents along TH 14) are requested to stay on TH 14, CSAH 24 and CSAH 25 in the City of Courtland, and not use the various side or city streets, except for local specific destinations. All Commercial Truck traffic should use the intended Detour as much as possible.
- REGARDING THE USE OF CSAH 25; Local traffic, and others, will notice the implementation of dynamic “This Is Your Speed” signage placed approximately 1 mile east and west of the church/school. In addition, there will be an increased number of Nicollet Sheriff Department vehicles and Mn. State Patrol, as well as Commercial Vehicle Enforcement patrolling CSAH 25 for the remainder of the project.
- The public and local traffic is encouraged to travel with caution within the project limits. Please be aware that construction activities may require changes of roadway conditions within a relatively short period of time.
- Hoffman Construction and MnDOT understand the inconvenience that highway construction projects cause for the public and we appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as well as your flexibility in allowing us to make important and timely project schedule adjustment as situations may dictate.
- The public is welcome to attend a Public Meeting each Tuesday at 1:00 at the Courtland Community Center in order to ask questions and share concerns with Hoffman Construction and MnDOT.