

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

September 27, 2022

- Due to the lack of interest in the Public Meeting, and in the interest of being respectful of the everyone's time as we enter a very busy portion of project scheduled work effort, the Weekly Public Meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of the month as opposed to every Tuesday starting August 23. The public may still contact me by a variety of methods with any questions or concerns.
- The work efforts which were primarily focused on excavation and embankment in the area of CSAH 37 and TH 14 will now shortly include the placement of aggregate and ultimately concrete and bituminous pavement. The work of constructing the new bridge at CSAH 37 & TH 14 has progressed to the point where the concrete beams are currently being set and it is anticipated that the concrete deck will be placed within the next few weeks. Work has commenced on the bridges on new TH 14 EB & WB over CSAH 24 with the foundation effort on the westside and eastside of the new embankment. The existing TH 14 pavement will be removed and crushed for future use as base material. The Box Culvert at Heyman's Creek is nearing completion with the remaining concrete placement and embankment over the new boxes should be accomplished by the end of the week of September 26<sup>th</sup>. The placing of aggregate base material is occurring throughout the project with and anticipated placement of the drainable aggregate base just prior to concrete and bituminous paving.
- The public should be aware that westbound traffic will be directed onto the eastbound lane, with head-to-head traffic beginning as soon as the week of September 19. This will allow for the removal of the existing pavement and continue with the work necessary to complete the new embankment.
- Hwy 14 is closed from just west of the MPM Quartz Quarry for a box culvert installation. The quarry and houses to the north can be accessed from the east (Courtland). The Holms property just north of the

intersection of Hwy 37 and Hwy 14 can be accessed from 446th through the new driveway we installed off of this roadway. Hoffman Construction will let the public know when the box is complete.

- **The traveling public using CSAH 12 for access to TH 14 will now be required to stop in both directions on CSAH 12 (approximately 1 mile north of TH 14). The reason for this new stop condition, is so construction vehicles may safely travel and cross CSAH 12 without interacting with the public traveling along CSAH 12. It should also be noted that this condition will stay in place until November 13, 2022. After this date, the stop condition will be removed and CSAH 12 will remain open for the winter of 2022-23. Ultimately, portions of CSAH 12 will be obliterated in order to allow for the new 4-lane TH 14 alignment starting in the spring of 2023.**
- The Traveling public will notice additional Traffic Control Devices “Intersection Warning” LED signs at the northern intersection of CSAH 23 & CSAH 25.
- The work involving the reconstruction at CSAH 24 (in the City of Courtland) is complete and the intersection is open to the traveling public. **\*The Public should note that while historically, vehicles have been required to stop on CSAH 24 with TH 14 traffic being allowed to proceed without stopping. Please be aware of the Stop Condition change with the new alignment as part of the new TH 14 configuration, that vehicles will now NOT be stopping on CASH 24 and instead, will be stopping on the existing TH 14. Proceed with caution and adhere to the new traffic signage.**

The public will notice various utility companies adjusting electric and communication cable the week. The public is encouraged to travel with caution in the area where work is being prosecuted (intersection of CSAH 24 & TH 14) and be aware of the potential of debris, equipment, and workers throughout this location.
- 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.

- The traveling public and specifically 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.
- 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 Department recognizes that the public may have questions or are curious as to the progression of the TH 14 construction. The project staff (Hoffman Construction Co. & MnDOT) urges the public to not to travel within the project limits unless absolutely necessary, which is to say, to your residence or that of an acquaintance or a local business. Please avoid conversations or interactions with construction workers or vehicles as much as possible, the distraction may prevent the progression of work and be very dangerous for everyone. Finally, the public is being asked to please don't access or otherwise visit or explore within the construction work area when construction activities are not actively occurring. This has been happening specifically for Evenings, Holidays or Weekends. Construction projects are inherently dangerous and changing conditions are typical. The project staff appreciates the public understanding in this matter.**