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52ND AVENUE SOUTH RECONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Project overview: From 45th Street South to west of 63rd Street South, 52nd Avenue South will transform from a rural two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided arterial with potential for dual left turn lanes and right turn lane at major intersections. Additional infrastructure improvements include:

- New storm sewer and water main
- Two new bridges over Drain 27
- Shared use path on north and south side of 52nd Ave
- Lighting improvements
- New intersection configurations and signalized intersections

Current Traffic Volume: Approximately 12,000 (Vehicles Per Day (VPD) - Projected Traffic Volume: 20,000 VPD

Current Traffic Control: On Friday, March 1, construction began at the bridge at Drain 27. The bridge work required the closure of 52nd Avenue from 47th to 53rd Streets. All intersections and access points will remain open at this time, but thru-traffic is detoured.

Temporary all-way stop: City of Fargo installed two temporary stop signs at the intersection of 44th Avenue/53rd Street South. This turns the intersection into a complete four-way stop as previously only the north and south side of the intersection had stop signs.

Speeds reduced: Posted driving speeds have been reduced on Veterans Blvd from 35 mph to 20 mph to assist with traffic movements at intersections and roundabouts.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT

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COMING SOON - The first phase of the roadway and underground projects is anticipated to kick-off in April (weather permitting) and access will change in 52nd Ave S project limits in each phase.



BEFORE – Rural 52nd Ave S Lane configuration – two-lane roadway with left and right turn at major intersections

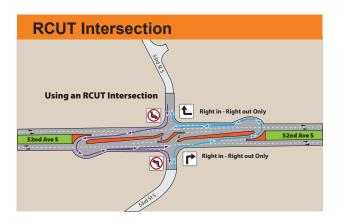
- One exiting bridge over Drain 27
- Sidewalk on north side, 45th Street S to Drain 27 bridge
- No curb or gutter facilities
- Speeds: 45 mph
- All intersections are two-way stops, except temporary traffic signal at 63rd St S intersection

AFTER – Urban 52nd Avenue South Lane configuration – four-lane road section with dedicated turn lanes

- Two bridges over Drain 27
- Shared use paths on north (10 ft) and south (8 ft) side of roadway. Path along Drain 27 will go under the bridge. Paths along 52nd Ave S will be on the bridge.
- Speeds: 45 mph
- New intersection configurations: RCUTS (reduced conflict u-turns)
 - 47th St S and 52nd Ave S
 - 53rd St S and 52nd Ave S
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Four-way signalized intersections:

- Veterans Blvd and 52nd Ave S
- 63rd St S/4th St E and 52nd Ave S



TIPS FOR DRIVERS

- Every driver has a responsibility to make safe choices when driving. One of the easiest things you can do as a driver when using the detour route is SLOW DOWN, as well as:
- Add time: Allow for extra travel time based on your destination.
- Minimize distractions: Dedicate your full attention to the roadway. Keep your eyes on the road and phone down with new traffic flows along routes in Osgood neighborhood.
- Try multiple routes to see what works best: Different routes may work better based on peak hours of travel in certain directions.
- Be courteous: Assist cross traffic wishing to make turning movements at intersections or access points along the detour routes.

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