



County Road 83 Reconstruction Begins in August

Local Road Access to be Maintained



A concept rendering of the County Road 83 project.

The reconstruction of County Road 83 between county roads 42 and 82 in Prior Lake begins in August, with the goal of improving safety and traffic flow for local, commuter and visitor traffic. The expected completion date for the entire project is November 2017.

County Road 83 will be closed to thru traffic between County Road 82 and Dakota Parkway starting in early August. It will reopen in mid-December 2016. The alternate route for thru traffic is County Road 17 (Marschall Road).

Local access will be maintained at all times during the project. Drivers will be able to reach businesses and other destinations along County Road 83, including Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, throughout construction.

Alternate Routes

While County Road 83 is closed to thru traffic, alternate routes will be available.

The official alternate route is County Road 17 (Marschall Road).

Other routes include: County Road 42, Eagle Creek Ave NE, and County Road 82.

Project Details

The project is being completed in two phases. Crews will expand portions of the Scott County-owned roadway to four lanes, add trails, and improve traffic flow and safety for all vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area. These new trails and walkways will connect with Prior Lake's extensive trail system, and will enable Prior Lake, Spring Lake Regional Park, and Shakopee to fill a significant gap in non-motorized vehicle options.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC), in coordination with Scott County, is undertaking this significant reconstruction project. Because the project is being locally led and contractually administered on behalf of Scott County, the SMSC and Scott County entered into a joint powers agreement that specifies project terms and agreements, which meet the needs of both the county and the tribe.

Project Cost

The estimated project cost of \$17.5 million is being funded largely by the SMSC, with a \$950,000 contribution from Scott County. The SMSC is also investing additional funds in local roads, exit ramps, and other improvements.

Project Improvements

- Expanding the two-lane road to three and four lanes
- Trails on both sides to allow safe access for walkers, runners and cyclists
- Improved traffic flow, even during peak traffic times
- Greater capacity to meet current and anticipated traffic demand
- Additional safety improvements, including straightening the roadway



Environmental Impacts

Preparatory work for the project began this spring. Some trees have been removed or relocated to allow room for construction. They will be replaced with a significant number of new trees that will be planted along the County Road 83 corridor.

As part of the project, a portion of Mystic Lake, an open-water wetland on the east side of County Road 83, will be filled. Work on the wetland will begin in 2016, in preparation for the second phase of the project. After construction is complete, more wetland will be added, creating twice as much new wetland than will be filled during construction.

Tremendous effort has been made to minimize the impact to the wetland area during and after construction. Minimization efforts include: Using a floating silt curtain to contain sediment, pumping and controlling storm water in the work zone, transforming a steep and eroded shoreline into a more natural and gradual slope to enhance potential habitat, and adding fences and culvert crossing to foster a safer passage for wildlife, including turtles. The SMSC has worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on permits and mitigation needs to address any and all impacts associated with the projects.

Project Timeline

PHASE 1: August-December 2016

August: County Road 83 closes to thru traffic between County Road 82 and Dakotah Parkway; Dakotah Parkway rerouted

September: New Mystic Lake Boulevard reopens; work on wetland (Mystic Lake) begins, in preparation for phase 2

November: End of 2016 construction season

Mid-December 2016: County Road 83 reopens to all traffic

PHASE 2: April-November 2017

April: Construction starts on County Road 83, north of Dakotah Parkway

July-September:

- New Dakotah Parkway opens to traffic
- New County Road 83 opens

October: Exit ramp from County Road 83 opens

November 2017: Project Complete

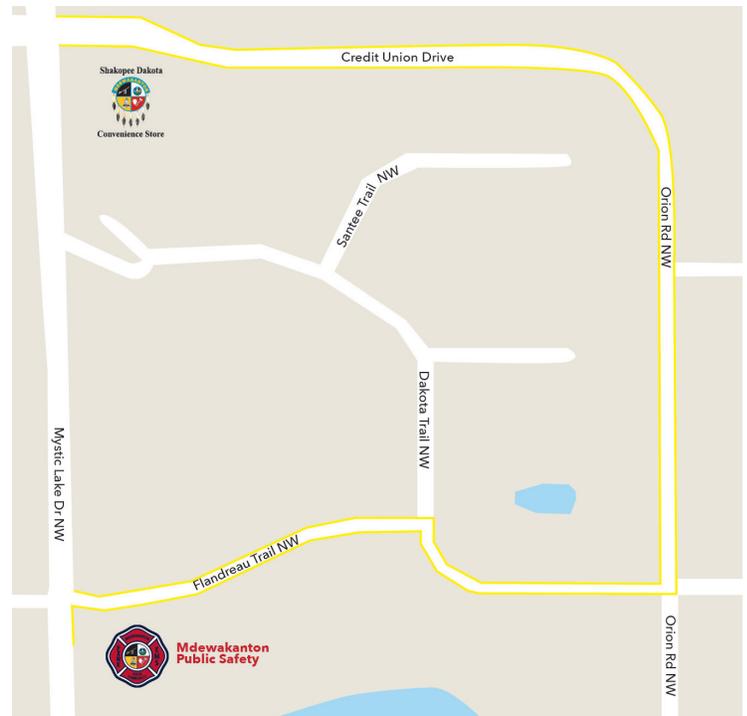
Mdewakanton Public Safety Detour

In the event that County Road 83 is not accessible due to construction, Mdewakanton Public Safety will use an alternate route to exit the fire station.

Those that live near the station should be aware that for certain types of emergency calls, state law mandates the use of lights and sirens. The department is making every effort to curb any impact to the public from this detour.

The alternate route:

- Right on Flandreau Trail NW
- Right on Dakota Trail NW
- Left on Orion Road NW to Dakotah Parkway, passing Shakopee Dakota Convenience Store #1



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