

# MN HIGHWAY 9 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



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## An Important Message from Mayor Jason Rick

The long anticipated MnDOT Highway 9 Reconstruction Project will soon be starting. **Construction is scheduled to start on June 1.** Please take a few minutes to look over this flyer.

This flyer will provide you with background information on the project, as well as details about how the construction will impact you as you get around town and patronize our local businesses.

While it may be more difficult to get to your favorite businesses, making that extra effort to **"Shop Local"** will be critically important during this project.

Thank you for your patience during the construction. Projects like this are never easy, but the enhancements to our Front Street will serve our community for many years to come.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 701.238.5757.



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### HIGHWAY 9 PROJECT

In 2017, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) notified the City of Barnesville that the replacement of Highway 9 from Main Avenue to Highway 34 would take place in 2023.

The project also includes the reconstruction of that section of Highway 9 (Main Avenue) from Front Street to the railroad tracks and a thick mill and overlay on Highway 9 from Highway 34 to I-94.

While the MnDOT project is limited to the roadway, the water and sewer mains in this area are estimated to be 60 years old. Replacing the water and sewer mains when the road is torn up will save Barnesville residents a significant amount of money.

Another part of the project includes the construction of a 10 foot concrete shared-use path on the east side of the roadway. A grant was awarded to cover the cost of the trail, which will increase walking and biking safety.

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

With every state highway project, MnDOT brings its roadways up to current state and federal highway standards, as well as accessibility compliance requirements.

MnDOT also incorporates other

elements that are brought up during the project development process, which includes any pedestrian, bicycle and shared-use facilities, and future development.

In Barnesville's case, with the needs of the agricultural community, the City of Barnesville and MnDOT District 4 staff pushed to maintain the 12-foot driving lanes to help accommodate that need.

When the project is completed, the driving lanes will remain at the current width of 12 feet each. The parking lanes/shoulder widths will vary throughout the corridor. Some parking will be eliminated to accommodate the updated sidewalks and shared-use trail.

### THE PROJECT COSTS

The majority of the costs to reconstruct the roadway surface are covered by the State of Minnesota, although there are some costs that are "city costs".

Highway 9 is considered to be a major arterial roadway, meaning that many residents use this road on a regular basis. Under the city's assessment policy, when these types of roads are reconstructed, an areawide assessment district is determined, with some costs being assessed against area properties. In 2011, when Front Street south of Main Avenue was redone, there was also an areawide assessment.

The cost to replace the water and sewer mains and services are all city costs, part of which is assessed to properties benefitting from the new water and sewer.



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## CONSTRUCTION PHASES

The construction will not be done block by block, but there will be **three distinct phases to the project**. The contractor will complete each phase as a whole prior to moving onto the next phase.

## HOW WILL IT WORK?

**MnDOT will do the Highway 9 project in 3 PHASES:**

### PHASE 1

**Highway 9 (Front Street) from Main Avenue to Highway 34**  
Road, water & sewer, sidewalk and trail

*This phase is expected to take approximately 3 months*

### PHASE 2

**Highway 9 (Main Avenue) from Front Street to 4th Street West**  
Road, water & sewer and sidewalk

*This phase is expected to take up to 6 weeks*

### PHASE 3

**Highway 9 from Highway 34 to Interstate 94 interchange; to 0.26 miles north of Clay County Road 55**  
Thick mill and overlay

*At least one lane will always be open to traffic, utilizing flaggers and/or a pilot car. This phase is expected to take one week.*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What roads will be closed during the construction project?

Once the project starts, Highway 9 (Front Street) will be closed to traffic from City Hall to the gas stations. During that time, when Front Street is closed, Main Avenue will be open. When work is being done on Main Avenue, Front Street will be open. It is expected that 2nd Avenue North, from the funeral home across to the recycling center, will remain open during the first phase, except when final water and sewer connections are being made. Highway 34 should remain open throughout the project, although there may be temporary restrictions at the Highway 9/34 intersection when crews are working on utilities in that area.

### Will businesses on Front Street North be open during construction?

**Yes! All businesses on the north end of Front Street will be open.**

Residents may need to use different roads to access those businesses. The map on page 4 provides some guidance. When in doubt, it would be good to call those businesses.

### Will the Food Pantry be open during construction?

Yes! Residents will need to approach the Food Pantry building from the east, then use the alley between 2nd Avenue North and Main Avenue. The parking area to the south of the building will remain open.

### Will the library and book drop be open during construction?

The Barnesville Library will remain open during the project, but residents will NOT be able to use the front door. The rear door off the alley will provide safe access to the building. The 'drive-thru' book drop will not be accessible, as it exits onto Front Street which will be under construction. The book drop will remain useable, but residents will need to park in the parking lot and walk across to the book drop.

### Will I be able to use the sidewalk on the west side of Front Street?

No. Once the project starts the sidewalk on the west side of the street will be demolished. The west sidewalk will be replaced at the end of project.

### When will the contractors be working?

The Contractor plans to perform work on the project between the hours of **7:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday-Friday and 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturdays**. Should there be changes to these hours the city would provide that information to the public.

### Will the project impact the Clay County Fair?

The most significant impact to the Clay County Fair will be how the carnival and other trucks will access the fairgrounds. These trucks will have access via 13th Street and 2nd Avenue SE.

### Will the project be completed by Potato Days?

Both MnDOT and the general contractor Sellin Bros. understand the importance of Potato Days. Barring weather delays, it is hoped that there will be a driveable road surface on Front Street from the gas stations to City Hall, even if it is just gravel. Updates to be provided during the project.

## MORE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Will the Recycling Center be open during construction?

Yes! The Recycling Center will remain open during their regular hours. Residents will be able to access the area using 2nd Avenue North from the east or via the alley off Main Avenue, across from the Old City Jail building. The only exception would be when final utility connections are being made in the Front Street – 2nd Avenue North intersection.

### How will the Ambulance and Fire Department be affected?

Both Barnesville Ambulance and the Fire Department will remain operational from their current locations throughout the construction project. Organizations have communicated detour routes to their volunteers to ensure that emergency response is provided as quickly as possible. The ambulance will always have access to either Front Street or Main Avenue from their garage.

### Will utility service be interrupted during the project?

The City of Barnesville, nor the contractors anticipate that there will be any widespread utility outages as a result of the construction project, however, there is always a chance that a contractor could accidentally cut an electrical or fiber line. There are properties whose water and sewer service lines are being replaced as part of the project. These customers may experience some outages when being switched over, but they will be notified in advance by the contractor. Should there be any unexpected utility outages as a result of the project, the city will provide information to the public using the City of Barnesville Facebook page and their website which is [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com).

### Will a 4-way stop be installed at the City Hall corner?

When MnDOT started putting together plans for the project, there was discussion about adding a new 4-way stop at the City Hall corner. The exact timing of when this will occur is unknown. It could occur during this project or sometime after.

### Can I get from I-94 to the gas stations during the project?

Throughout the construction project, if you are traveling westbound on Interstate 94 and take the Highway 9 exit there will be “Road Closed” barricade across Highway 9 at the end of the exit ramp with “Business Access” signage.

### Will I be able to drive around the road closed barricades?

It is never advised to drive around barricades. Driveway and business access will be maintained at all times during construction. If you’re trying to get to a business that falls within the work zone, you may have to use other local routes to get around and be aware that entrances could change temporarily. All other traffic must follow the detour or find an alternate route. Residents will be able to drive around those barricades to travel along Highway 9 to access Dollar General and Firehall Liquors. In no case should residents drive around “Road Closed” barricades where the road surface has been removed.



## ACCESS TO CITY HALL

### Will City Hall be open to the public during construction?

Yes! Residents will be able to access City Hall during construction, however **the front door to City Hall on Front Street will be closed once the project starts.**

Residents will be able to park in the parking lot located north of the library and enter City Hall using the rear door off the alley.

### Will I still be able to use the utility bill drop box?

Because all of the sidewalks will be removed in this area, the city will be relocating the utility bill drop box during the construction project.

**The utility bill drop box will be relocated to the west side of the alley behind City Hall.** Residents will be able to drive up to the box and easily access the box from the driver’s side of the vehicle when coming from the south in the alley.

### With all the construction, are there other options to pay my utility bill?

The City of Barnesville offers AutoPay options. There is more information on the back page of your bill or call City Hall.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**  
**Call City Administrator**  
**Jeremy Cossette**  
**218. 354.2292**



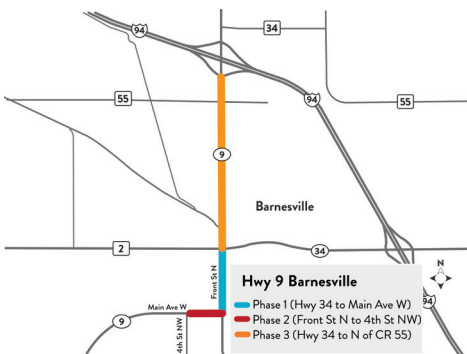
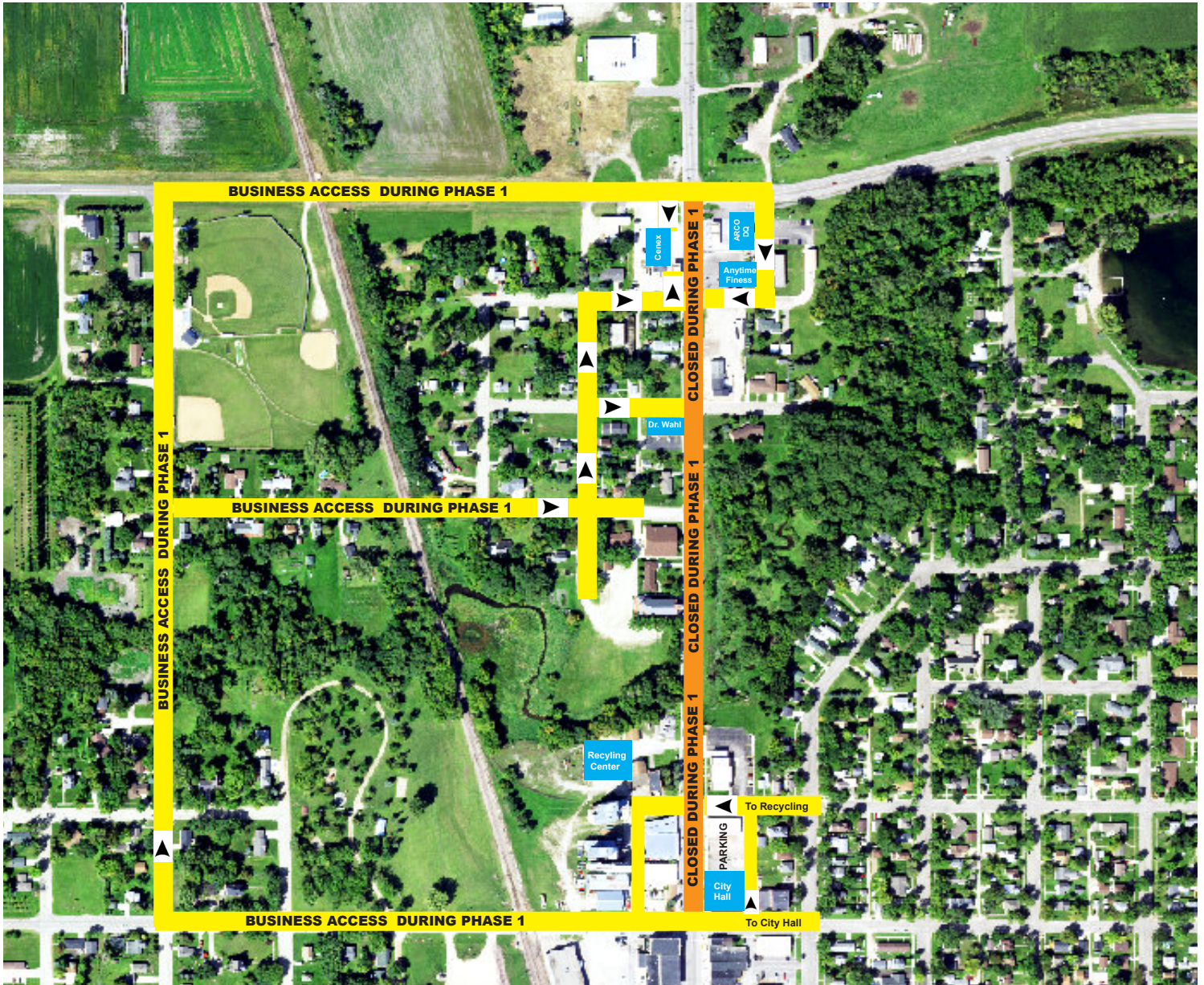


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During Phase 1 of the construction project, residents can access businesses by using yellow routes

