

MDOT UPDATE

NEW DETOUR INFO BELOW. STARTS TUESDAY, MAY 30.

Work along Colby Street (US-31 BR) has continued steady progress over the last few weeks. MDOT has completed all of the underground water main and storm sewer work, placed curb and gutter throughout the 4 blocks between Division and Franklin and have gravel ready to begin asphalt paving. Asphalt paving will begin later this week, with a target to complete 2 of the 3 layers of asphalt between Division and Franklin prior to the Memorial Day holiday.

Beginning on Tuesday, May 30th the detour route for eastbound traffic will be revised to complete the remainder of the project work east of Franklin Street.

Westbound Colby Road traffic will be unchanged. Westbound Colby will be maintained in one lane along the north half of Colby Road up to Covell Street, then detoured onto Covell and Hanson Streets.

Eastbound Colby Road traffic will still be detoured onto Hanson Street just after crossing the White River. They will then be detoured south onto Franklin Street, then east onto Spring Street, south onto Warner Street, east onto Alice Street and finally north onto Peterson Road back to Colby Street. A map of the revised detour for eastbound traffic is attached.

This revised detour was not part of the original plans for the project but is necessary to complete the work from Franklin Street to east of Hall Street. The revision is based on poorer than anticipated condition of the existing original 1920's concrete pavement that is underlying the middle two lanes of Colby Street between Franklin and Hall. This revised detour will allow MDOT to fully remove the underlying concrete pavement and replace with a full depth asphalt section that will greatly improve the ride quality and longevity of the pavement in this area.

MDOT is expecting the work to remove and replace the concrete pavement between Franklin and Hall to take approximately 2 weeks to complete, and have little impact to the overall project schedule. They are still on track for completion prior to the 4th of July holiday.

Access to all businesses along Colby Street between Franklin and Peterson will be maintained to and from the westbound direction only.