

# US HIGHWAY 61 (MAIN STREET) PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



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[www.red-wing.org/th61home.html](http://www.red-wing.org/th61home.html)

## VISION STATEMENT

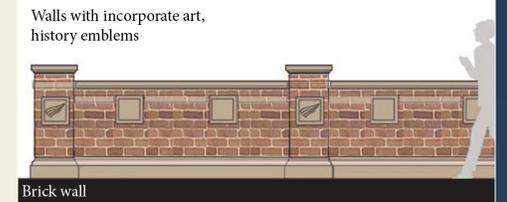
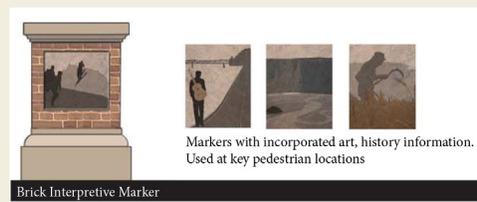
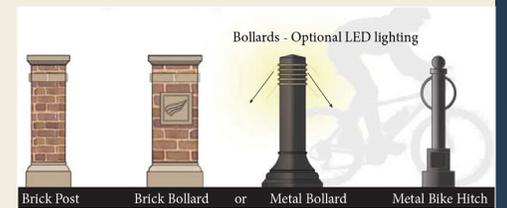
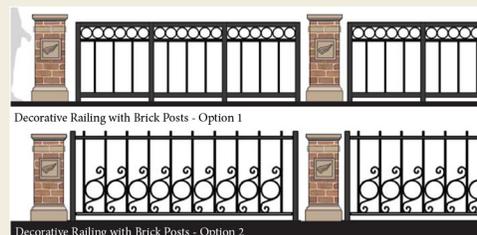
“Establish downtown Red Wing as a premier riverfront destination by creating vibrant gathering places, attractive housing options, thriving commerce, and strong linkages that celebrate the experience and foster sustainability.”

The City of Red Wing is excited to issue this first of many construction update newsletters for the US Highway 61 (Main Street) Project. These newsletters are meant to be a source of information for property owners, businesses, citizens and visitors during the final design and construction phases of this project.

The US Highway 61 (Main Street) Project includes the reconstruction of US Highway 61 between Old West Main Street and Potter Street in downtown Red Wing. The project will address aging utilities and infrastructure, traffic safety and operations, multimodal facilities, and corridor aesthetics on US Highway 61. The project will be constructed in 2015.

## Project Design Update

- **The preliminary design phase of the project is complete.** The city submitted a project layout showing the proposed roadway geometry (lane widths, lane configurations, parking areas and sidewalk/trail connections) to MnDOT for review in early May. Final design of the proposed project will continue through November 2014.
- **Public and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) input support the Heritage Streetscape Concept.** Samples of this design include:



## What's Next

- Public Open House anticipated in late June/early July
- Continue meetings with individual property owners to discuss project
- See back page for details on a *Building a Road to our Future Program*
- A construction update newsletter will be distributed around the 15th of each month moving forward

## ***Building a Road to our Future Program***

As city businesses brace for the impact of the 2015 construction season on US Highway 61, a new group has formed to prepare and plan for ways to soften the impact of what could be a trying few months. Recently, Patty Brown, Randy Olson, and Scott Jones of the Jones Family Foundation, visited officials in St. Paul to discuss various programs that were initiated in response to the construction of the Central Corridor Light Rail on University Avenue. Other communities that have dealt with major highway construction projects have also been contacted.

With this background information obtained, subcommittees and chairs have been established to develop program strategies in the following areas:

- Communications – Patty Brown, Red Wing Chamber of Commerce, 651-388-4719
- Business Technical Assistance and Education – Jill Fanslow, Red Wing Downtown Main Street, 651-385-7850
- Promotions/Advertising – To Be Assigned
- Potential Financial Programs – Randy Olson, Red Wing Port Authority, 651-385-3697
- Program Budget – Mayor Dan Bender, 651-385-7521

**MnDOT and the committee will share program plans at a public meeting in June 2014.** Contact any of the subcommittee chairs for more information or to volunteer to work with the committee.

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