

NAVIGATING ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN GREENWOOD



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Dear Greenwood Business Owner,

Navigating road construction, although challenging, can be tackled with correct information, proper coordination, and advanced planning. This guide will assist your business through the process of construction and to continue thriving in Greenwood.

Over time, roads, bridges, and sidewalks must be repaired. It is essential that each project is approached with the community's safety and best interest in mind. Road projects typically involve work such as installing new utility lines, upgrading sanitation systems, and laying stormwater pipes. These crucial projects are vital to the construction process, but may extend timelines.

During road construction, traffic flow surrounding your business may be altered and entry points may be impacted. The City of Greenwood recognizes the importance of your customer base and the need to access your location, and works diligently to make sure work is completed as soon as possible.



The long-term impacts of road construction and revitalization can lead to increased safety for vehicles and pedestrians, improved traffic flow, and increased aesthetics. This guide will assist in preparing your business in case construction occurs nearby.

PREPARATION

Prepare in advance. The earlier you prepare for construction, the better. Communicating the project to your customer base before it begins can reassure them once work begins.

Attend public meetings. Learning about the project is crucial and can help guide you in your preparations.

Stay in contact. Establish communications with project managers and contractors to help understand project details, timelines, and changes.

Work with others. You aren't in this alone. Consider collaborating with other local businesses to create traffic plans, mutual driveways, and messaging.

Take advantage of the work. If you've had the thought about renovations or improvements to your business, this may be an appropriate time to undertake changes.

Daily operation. Schedule staffing according to construction changes, and work internally to determine requirements for hours, staffing, and operation changes.



DURING CONSTRUCTION



While construction is underway, make sure to be adaptable to changes and communicate with city representatives and project managers as needed.

Communicate. Communicate clearly with your customers regarding construction. Inform them of events and elements such as alternative entrances or adjusted hours.

Signage. It is important to show your customers they still have access to your business. By placing detour and parking signs, they may feel more confident accessing your location.

Alternative entrances. If possible, use an existing alternative entrance can help minimize the effects of construction near your business.

Property enhancements. If you have the means, build alongside construction. This could be anything from repainting to renovating your storefront.

Foster cooperation. Remain flexible and proactive in your interactions with construction crews and city officials. Understanding that everyone is working for the common goal of improving our community can make a significant difference. If issues arise, please engage constructively, allowing for solutions that consider the needs of all parties.

DIFFERENTIATING CONSTRUCTION IN GREENWOOD

Maintenance Project

An example of a maintenance project would be our local paving efforts. The City of Greenwood has an inventory of all roadways and roadway conditions in the municipality which is used to create a five year asset management plan. These projects have the shortest development timeframe of under one year and typically have minimal impact to local businesses and residents.

Streetscape Project

A project such as Market Plaza or Main Street are examples streetscape projects. The primary goals of these projects are area revitalization, but often have benefits such as improved pedestrian facilities, sewer and utility replacement, and of course, a reconstructed roadway. Many of these projects are identified in planning documents such as the Downtown Revitalization Masterplan, or the Comprehensive Plan. These projects typically occur on local roadways, utilize local funding sources, and can have shorter development timeframes of one to three years.

Capital Improvement Project

A capital improvement project is comparable to projects such as Worthsville Road or the Smith Valley Road roundabouts. In these projects the primary goal is to improve roadway conditions, capacity, and safety. These projects are often identified through data such as traffic counts, crash analysis, and long-range transportation planning. Typically occurring on higher classified roadways, federal funding is often utilized to match municipal investment due to project size and cost, also having longer development timeframes of five years or more.



NAVIGATING FOWARD

As we conclude another chapter of enhancements to Greenwood's infrastructure, we extend our thanks to all businesses and residents for your patience and cooperation.

Our Commitment

Greenwood remains dedicated to advancing infrastructure with the least disruption possible. Stay involved by joining us in upcoming planning sessions to stay well-informed about future projects, and to share your thoughts.

Looking Ahead

The improvements today pave the way for a safer, more accessible, and aesthetically pleasing community tomorrow. We value your partnership in our progress. Stay up to date by reaching out through the MyGreenwood app or speaking directly with a city representative found on page 7.

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A Word from the Mayor

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our diligent construction teams and city planners. Your commitment to excellence and innovation in safety and infrastructure development has been pivotal in steering Greenwood towards pride and progress. I also deeply value our local businesses whose active collaboration has been key in our planning processes. Your continued engagement and feedback are vital to our collective success, ensuring that Greenwood remains a wonderful place to live, work, and visit.

Mayor Mark W. Myers

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