

US 2/53 53rd Avenue East to County C



Winter 2025-26

Roadway Preservation and Restoration Project

The proposed improvement project includes 6.34 miles of both the east- and westbound traffic lanes of US 2/53 beginning at 53rd Avenue in the city of Superior and continuing to just west of County C in the town of Amnicon, all in Douglas County. This project also includes work at Rest Area 23 outside of Superior on the eastbound lanes of US 2/53 and at the Superior Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility (SWEF) southeast of the city and Rest Area 23 between the east- and westbound US 2/53 lanes.

Project work on US 2/53 includes:

- Repairing concrete pavement, including making concrete joint repairs and replacing concrete pavement panels.
- Milling existing asphalt shoulders and overlaying shoulders with new asphalt.
- Milling and overlaying side road connections and the WIS 13 ramps.
- Installing shoulder rumble strips and gravel shouldering.
- Replacing culvert pipes.
- Repairing roadway slopes or embankments that have been eroded.
- Repairing the box culvert at Bear Creek.
- Replacing the large signs along US 2/53.
- Replacing right-of-way fencing along portions of the project.
- Repairing or replacing guardrail.
- Updating pavement markings to current standards.

Project work at Rest Area 23 includes:

- Replacing existing exterior facility lighting.
- Upgrading and modernizing pedestrian curb ramps.
- Replacing select panels of sidewalk.
- Cleaning joints and cracks on the existing concrete pavement entrance and exit to the facility as well as perimeter parking lot.
- Repairing existing concrete pavement or replacing concrete pavement panels as necessary.
- Repairing curb and gutter in spot locations.
- Overlaying existing concrete pavement with asphalt at entrance and exit to the facility as well as perimeter parking lot.
- Razing the existing maintenance garage and constructing a new garage and garbage area.
- Adding additional semi-truck parking by increasing size of existing parking.

Project work at Superior SWEF includes:

- Updating and modernizing pedestrian curb ramps.
- Refreshing pavement markings.



Schedule

Design: June 2023 to October 2027.

Construction: 2028-29, as a two-year phased construction project

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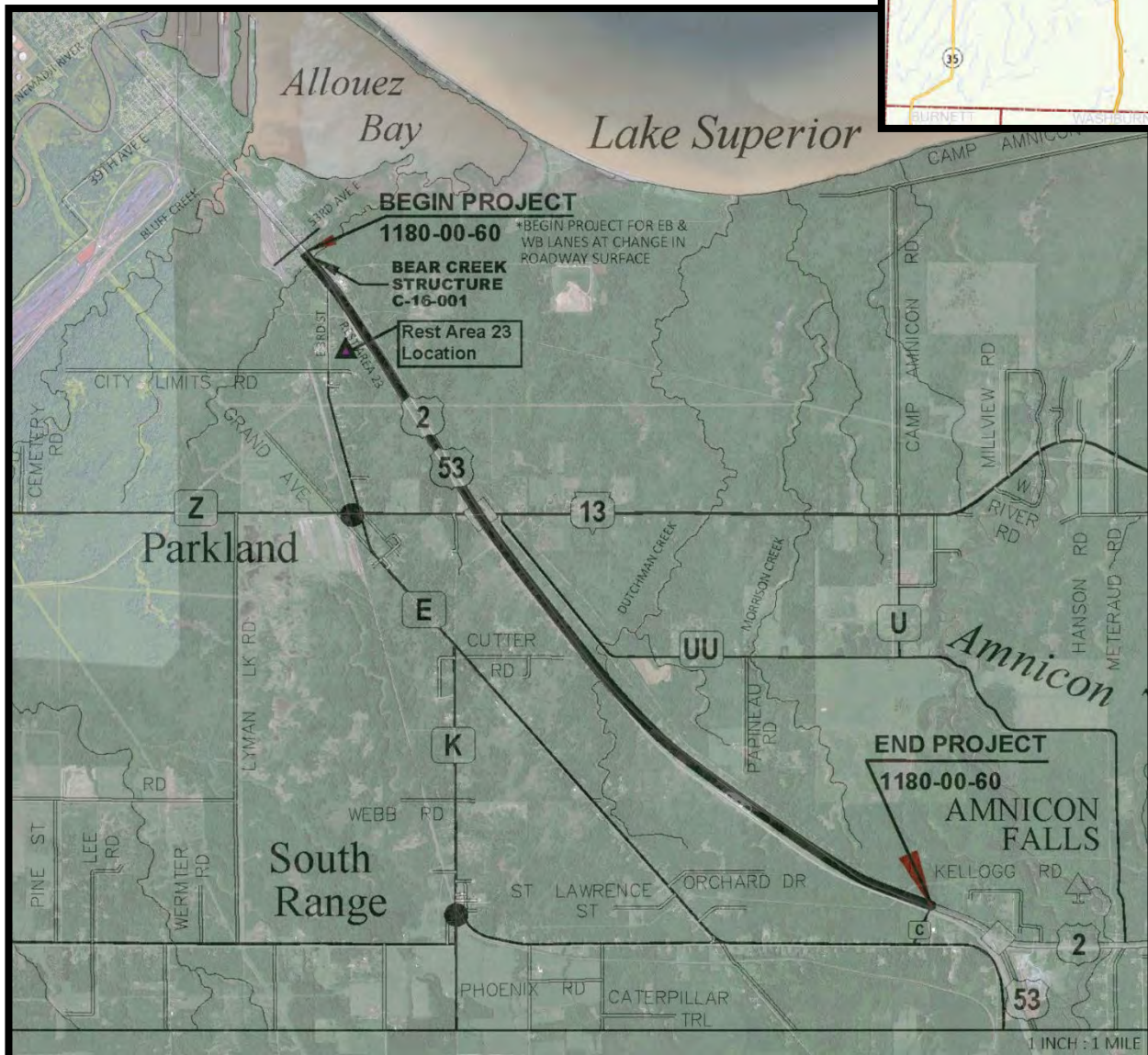
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Traffic impacts:

- US 2/53 will remain open to traffic; however, north or southbound lanes may be closed, and crossovers may occur. Traffic may be limited to one lane in each direction.
- Delays should be expected when traveling the work zone, especially during commuting hours.
- Rest Area 23 repairs may require temporary closure of the rest area during construction.

Project location map:



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