



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Agenda Item

Item 9. B. - Vernon Avenue Update

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

Payment of the first installment for this project is on the May 2025 Consent Agenda.

Work is in progress on the rehabilitation of Vernon Avenue. The Contractor has been providing weekly progress reports. Braun Intertec has taken samples of the reclaimed materials gradation testing. Materials passed testing, although there were not enough reclaimed materials to use as aggregate base. Additional Class 5 materials will need to be brought in to supplement.

The roadway has been excavated and graded. Storm sewer installation is complete and the aggregate base has been placed.

It was confirmed with the railroad that surfacing gravel will be placed between the rails.

The project is on track.

The Board of Water & Soil Resources responded regarding using future dredge funding to pay for this project and were told that funding can't be used to pay for work that occurs before the grant period. So, state funding for dredge management can't pay back the capital projects funds.

Attachments

Weekly progress reports

Recommended Action

No action recommended – for information only



Weekly Progress Meeting Agenda
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District
Vernon Avenue Improvements
Week of April 21, 2025

.....
1. Attendance

Jason M (BMI)
Drew H (BMI)
Ted B (GMH)

2. Project Schedule Update

a. Work completed over the past week

- *Erosion control*
- *Clearing and grubbing*
- *Reclamation*

b. Work anticipated for the following week

- *Removal of reclaim material*
- *Roadway excavation and grading*

c. Completion Dates

- Substantial Completion: 8/30/2025
 1. All work under the contract with the exception of minor punch list items and final clean up.
- Interim Milestone
 1. The work must reach substantial completion within 42 calendar days of commencement of earth disturbing activities, and final completion within 14 calendar days of substantial completion, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer in writing.
 2. When Contractor considers the entire Work to be substantially complete Contractor shall notify Owner and Engineer in writing that the entire Work is substantially complete and request that Engineer issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Contractor shall at the same time submit to Owner and Engineer an initial draft of punch list items to be completed or corrected before final payment.
- Final Completion: 9/13/2025

3. Utility Coordination

- a.** *Utilities are clear of the roadway for the most part and not in conflict*

4. Traffic Impacts

- a.** *None*

5. Permits

- a.** MPCA Construction Stormwater Permit (Obtained)
- b.** City of Savage ROW Permit (Obtained)
- c.** UP Railroad ROW Permit (Obtained)

6. Submittals

- a.** Remaining Submittals currently identified (not a comprehensive list):
 - Aggregate base/Reclaim material certification
 - 1.** *Braun was on site to take samples of the reclaim material for gradation tests*
 - Landscape certifications for seed mixtures

7. Plan Revisions

- a.** *None*

8. Old Business

- a.** *None*

9. New Business

- a.** *None*

10. Erosion Control

- a.** Contractor shall have all logs, documentation and inspection reports completed and submitted to Watershed District weekly

11. Construction Materials Testing – Braun Intertec

- a.** Testing needs to schedule for next week?
 - *None*

12. Survey Requests

- a.** Need requests 48 hours in advance
- b.** Submit through on-site inspector

13. Next Quantity Cutoff

- a.** April 25th



Weekly Progress Meeting Agenda
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District
Vernon Avenue Improvements
Week of April 28, 2025

.....
1. Attendance –

Jason M (BMI)
Connor K (BMI)
Ted B (GMH)
John W (City of Savage)

2. Project Schedule Update –

a. Work completed over the past week

- *Roadway excavation and grading*

b. Work anticipated for the following week

- *Roadway excavation and grading*

c. Completion Dates

- Substantial Completion: 8/30/2025

1. All work under the contract with the exception of minor punch list items and final clean up.

- Interim Milestone

1. The work must reach substantial completion within 42 calendar days of commencement of earth disturbing activities, and final completion within 14 calendar days of substantial completion, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer in writing.

a. Reclamation began on 4/18, 42 calendar days from that date is 5/30

2. When Contractor considers the entire Work to be substantially complete Contractor shall notify Owner and Engineer in writing that the entire Work is substantially complete and request that Engineer issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Contractor shall at the same time submit to Owner and Engineer an initial draft of punch list items to be completed or corrected before final payment.

- Final Completion: 9/13/2025

3. Utility Coordination

- *None*

4. Traffic Impacts

- *Flaggers scheduled for this Friday for excavation near RR tracks*

5. Permits

- a. MPCA Construction Stormwater Permit (Obtained)
- b. City of Savage ROW Permit (Obtained)
- c. UP Railroad ROW Permit (Obtained)

6. Submittals

- a. Remaining Submittals currently identified (not a comprehensive list):
 - Aggregate base/Reclaim material certification
 1. *Received passing results verbally from Braun*
 2. *Ted to send results once he receives them*
 - Landscape certifications for seed mixtures

7. Plan Revisions

- *None*

8. Old Business

- *None*

9. New Business

- *None*

10. Erosion Control

- a. Contractor shall have all logs, documentation and inspection reports completed and submitted to Watershed District weekly
 - *Ted to submit inspections to Connor*

11. Construction Materials Testing – Braun Intertec

- a. Testing needs to schedule for next week?
 - *None*

12. Survey Requests

- a. Need requests 48 hours in advance
- b. Submit through on-site inspector

13. Next Quantity Cutoff

- a. May 30th



Weekly Progress Meeting Agenda
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District
Vernon Avenue Improvements
Week of May 5, 2025

.....
1. Attendance –

Jason M (BMI)
Connor K (BMI)
John W (City of Savage)
Ted B (GMH)

2. Project Schedule Update –

a. Work completed over the past week

- *Roadway excavation and grading*

b. Work anticipated for the following week

- *Roadway excavation and grading*
- *Storm sewer*

c. Completion Dates

- Substantial Completion: 8/30/2025

1. All work under the contract with the exception of minor punch list items and final clean up.

- Interim Milestone

1. The work must reach substantial completion within 42 calendar days of commencement of earth disturbing activities, and final completion within 14 calendar days of substantial completion, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer in writing.

a. Reclamation began on 4/18, 42 calendar days from that date is 5/30

2. When Contractor considers the entire Work to be substantially complete Contractor shall notify Owner and Engineer in writing that the entire Work is substantially complete and request that Engineer issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Contractor shall at the same time submit to Owner and Engineer an initial draft of punch list items to be completed or corrected before final payment.

- Final Completion: 9/13/2025

3. Utility Coordination

- *None*

4. Traffic Impacts

- *None*

5. Permits

- a. MPCA Construction Stormwater Permit (Obtained)
- b. City of Savage ROW Permit (Obtained)
- c. UP Railroad ROW Permit (Obtained)

6. Submittals

- a. Remaining Submittals currently identified (not a comprehensive list):
 - Aggregate base/Reclaim material certification
 1. *Connor to send out Braun testing results after meeting*
 2. *GMH to submit certifications for supplementary Class 5 material*
 - Landscape certifications for seed mixtures

7. Plan Revisions

- *None*

8. Old Business

- *None*

9. New Business

- *GMH to confirm with RR how paving should take place adjacent to rails.*
 1. *Pave up to and between rails but leave rails exposed or do they require something else?*
- *Not enough reclaim material on site to use as aggregate base, will have to bring in class 5 to supplement*

10. Erosion Control

- a. Contractor shall have all logs, documentation and inspection reports completed and submitted to Watershed District weekly
 - *Ted to submit inspections to Connor*

11. Construction Materials Testing – Braun Intertec

- a. Testing needs to schedule for next week?
 - *Density testing on aggregate base. Connor to coordinate.*

Vernon Avenue Improvements
Weekly Progress Meeting

- 12. Survey Requests**
 - a. Need requests 48 hours in advance
 - b. Submit through on-site inspector

- 13. Next Quantity Cutoff**
 - a. May 30th



**Weekly Progress Meeting Agenda
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District
Vernon Avenue Improvements
Week of May 12, 2025**

.....
1. Attendance –

Ted B (GMH)
Jason M (BMI)
Connor K (BMI)

2. Project Schedule Update –

a. Work completed over the past week

- *Storm sewer installation*
- *Aggregate base placement*

b. Work anticipated for the following week

- *Aggregate base placement*
- *Base course and wear course paving*
- *Shouldering/grading*
- *Restoration*

c. Completion Dates

- Substantial Completion: 8/30/2025
 1. All work under the contract with the exception of minor punch list items and final clean up.
- Interim Milestone
 1. The work must reach substantial completion within 42 calendar days of commencement of earth disturbing activities, and final completion within 14 calendar days of substantial completion, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer in writing.
 - a. Reclamation began on 4/18, 42 calendar days from that date is 5/30*
 2. When Contractor considers the entire Work to be substantially complete Contractor shall notify Owner and Engineer in writing that the entire Work is substantially complete and request that Engineer issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Contractor shall at the same time submit to Owner and Engineer an initial draft

of punch list items to be completed or corrected before final payment.

- Final Completion: 9/13/2025

3. Utility Coordination

- *None.*

4. Traffic Impacts

- *None.*

5. Permits

- a. MPCA Construction Stormwater Permit (Obtained)
- b. City of Savage ROW Permit (Obtained)
- c. UP Railroad ROW Permit (Obtained)

6. Submittals

- a. Remaining Submittals currently identified (not a comprehensive list):
 - Aggregate base/Reclaim material certification
 1. *GMH to submit certifications for supplemental Class 5 material*
 - Landscape certifications for seed mixtures

7. Plan Revisions

- *None.*

8. Old Business

- *GMH confirmed with RR to pave up to tracks and fill between tracks with surfacing gravel.*

9. New Business

- *None.*

10. Erosion Control

- a. Contractor shall have all logs, documentation and inspection reports completed and submitted to Watershed District weekly
 - *Ted to submit inspections to Connor*

11. Construction Materials Testing – Braun Intertec

- a. Testing needs to schedule for next week?
 - *Braun completed DCP density testing on aggregate base. All test passed.*

12. Survey Requests

- a. Need requests 48 hours in advance
- b. Submit through on-site inspector

Vernon Avenue Improvements
Weekly Progress Meeting

- 13. Next Quantity Cutoff**
 - a. May 30th**