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County State Aid Highway 15 (Morningside) Project Rescheduled

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The reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 15 (Morningside) between US 212 and 16th Street in Glencoe, originally scheduled for construction this summer will be rescheduled to 2020.

The following factors led to the rescheduling of the project:

- A rail crossing agreement between McLeod County and Twin Cities & Western Railroad, which is necessary for the establishment of the new Morningside crossing, has not been executed yet; both parties are negotiating in good faith to complete this.
- A late spring and wet summer has pushed contractors schedules back all around the state. There are concerns about contractor availability later this summer and fall, which could lead to inflated prices and increased project costs.
- Bidding the project this winter would allow the contractor more flexibility in scheduling the first phase of construction; which generally leads to lower bid prices.

The current plan is to finalize an agreement with the railroad and have a bid opening in early 2020. The project will still be done in two phases. Phase one, which consists mainly of earthwork and storm sewer work, will be done in 2020. Phase two, which primarily involves gravel base and concrete surfacing, will be done in 2021.

Any questions regarding the project can be directed to Justin Black, Project Engineer with SEH at 800.838.8666 or jblack@sehinc.com

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