North Avenue Reconstruction Study

Information Sheet

North Avenue (CTH M)
Calhoun Road to East County Line (124th Street)

Introduction & Study Update

Waukesha County, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), are evaluating alternative ways to improve safety and traffic flow on North Avenue between Calhoun Road on the west and 124th Street on the east. Waukesha County is considering reconstruction and expansion of North Avenue to address growing traffic volumes, and to enhance and improve driver, bike, and pedestrian safety. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2020.

Since the second Public Involvement Meeting (PIM) last March, Waukesha County has identified the preferred alternative as the 4-Lane Divided Roadway. This alternative includes a median separating the east and westbound lanes, bike and pedestrian facilities, and stormwater management facilities. This alternative best meets the purpose and need of the project while minimizing impacts. Design details for this alternative are still being finalized, but additional detail is now available regarding drainage features, property acquisition needs, and impacts to properties along the corridor.

Design work has minimized impacts to a number of properties by modifying the roadway’s location and width, and specifically to properties related to Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 which established the requirement for consideration of park and recreational lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites in transportation project development. There are five properties within the project limits that are potentially Section 4(f) resources; impacts to each are presented at this meeting. Section 4(f) requires that state and federal agencies cannot approve the use of land from publicly owned parks, recreational areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, or public and private historical sites unless there is no feasible and prudent avoidance alternative and the action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the property, or the use of the property will have a de minimis impact. A de minimis impact is one that will not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes of the property.

Waukesha County encourages you to review the displays at the meeting today, talk to study representatives about the information presented, and ask questions. Thank you for attending today’s meeting.

Anticipated Schedule

- Study and Design Phases – May 2015 through December 2018
- Public Hearing – Mid 2017
- Real Estate Acquisition, if required – Begins Mid 2017
- Utility Relocations, if required – Begins Spring 2019
- Construction – Begins 2020

Website

www.northavenuereconstruction.org

Graphics on display at this meeting today along with information developed earlier in this study will be included on the website for further review.

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