



PRESS RELEASE – CITY OF WAUSAU – The City of Wausau will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon on Tuesday, November 21 to celebrate the opening of the long awaited 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave Trail. The public and media are welcomed to attend this event to be held at the Entrepreneurial & Education Center 100 N 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave in Wausau.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave Trail project has been in the works for more than five years. The 0.77 mile ten-foot wide path features sections of asphalt paving and elevated wooden boardwalks through wetland areas. The trail runs on the west side of 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave within the road right-of-way between Stewart Ave and International Drive. This trail will serve as the backbone for connecting future trails in the Business Campus with the City and regional bike routes.

The trail will serve as a recreational amenity for area residents and employees as well as an alternative transportation route.

The City of Wausau received \$640,497 from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which is a Federal fund administered by Wisconsin DOT for the purpose of constructing facilities for non-motorized forms of transportation.

Additional trails in the Business Campus will include:

- East-West Connector: 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave to 84<sup>th</sup> Ave will run parallel to International Drive behind the businesses. Construction in 2026
- East-West Extension: Connect 84<sup>th</sup> Ave to Innovation Way. TAP application has been submitted.
- 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave Extension: Extends the current trail under Hwy 29 to Sunnysvale Park. TAP application has been submitted.

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