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Public comment sought on West Wausau Avenue Project (Stevens Drive to North 10th Avenue)

The City of Wausau, in cooperation with Wisconsin DOT, is planning for improvements to West Wausau Avenue between Stevens Drive and North 10th Avenue in the City of Wausau.

The public is invited to attend the first public involvement meeting to introduce the project. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 4:45 to 6 pm on Thursday, February 29, 2024, in the Wausau City Hall Council Chambers at 407 Grant Street, Wausau.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the project purpose, anticipated improvements, real estate needs, construction staging, answer questions, and obtain your input. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:15 pm. After the presentation, the meeting will follow an open house format.

Several needs have been identified along this section of West Wausau Avenue:

- The existing pavement is original (1968) and has met the end of its service life with cracking and deterioration throughout.
- City of Wausau municipal utilities (sewer and water) are deteriorated.
- Existing curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Standards.
- There are no pedestrian accommodations along the south side of the roadway.

The proposed improvements will be evaluated during the design process. Improvements along West Wausau Avenue are anticipated to include:

- Pavement reconstruction including new curb and gutter.
- Storm sewer modifications, where required, to address drainage.
- Reconstruction of existing sidewalk and curb ramps to meet ADA standards, where feasible.
- Reconstruction of sanitary sewer and watermain.
- Pending public input, the City may also construct a new sidewalk along the south side of the roadway to improve pedestrian access.

Construction is currently scheduled for 2026. The City is requesting public comments on the project by March 14, 2024.

For more information about the project, contact Allen Wesolowski, City Engineer, (715) 261-6740, allen.wesolowski@ci.wausau.wi.us or Stephanie Christensen, EMCS Project Manager, (715) 318-9017, schristensen@emcsinc.com, or visit the project website at <https://www.wausauwi.gov/your-government/engineering/street-projects/proposed-projects>

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