

Public Involvement Meeting



**C Wausau, West Wausau Avenue
Stevens Drive to North 10th Avenue
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Marathon County**

Project ID 6999-00-16 (76)



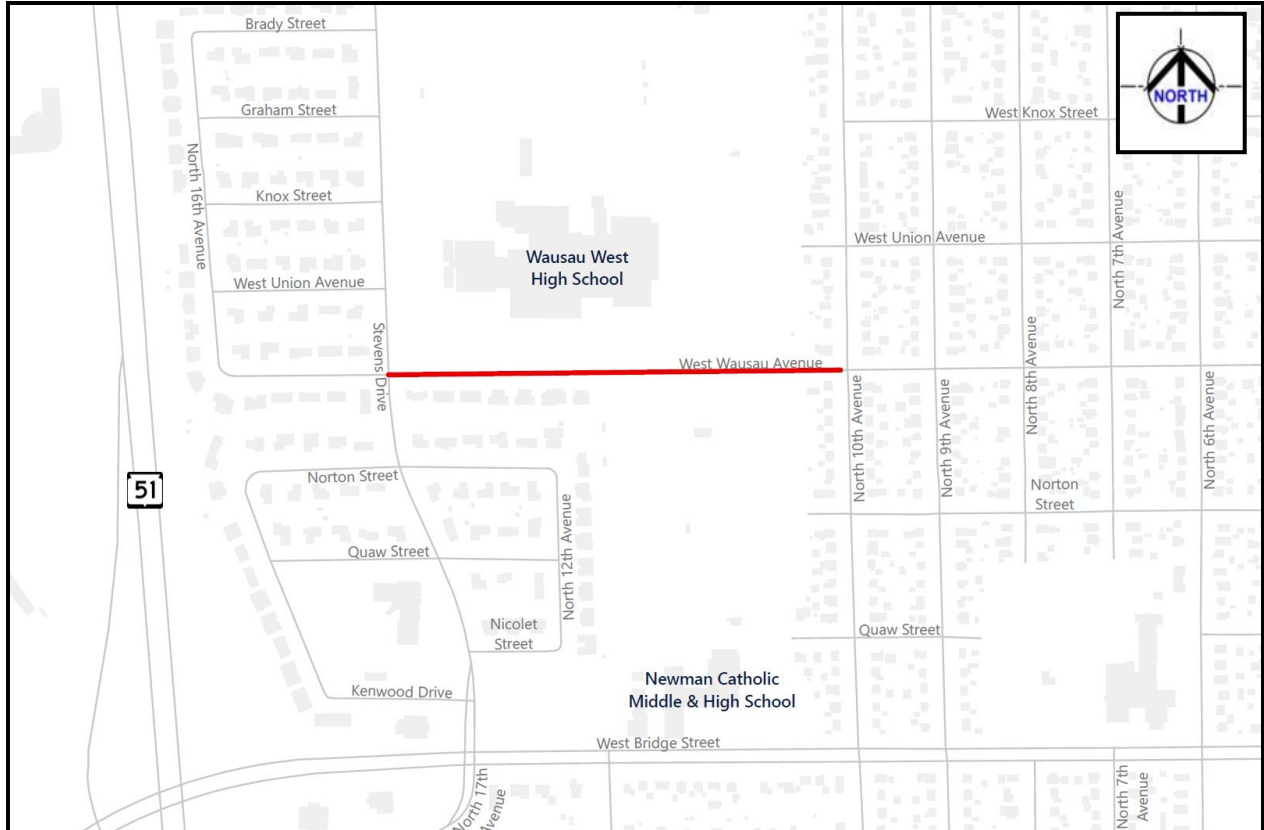
February 29, 2024

A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting

The objective of today's meeting is to obtain your input on the identified needs and proposed improvements along approximately 0.3 mile of West Wausau Avenue in the City of Wausau.

The City of Wausau is proposing this project in cooperation with Wisconsin DOT.



Purpose and need for roadway improvements

The project need is defined by the improvements that must be made to the highway to address its deteriorated condition. The primary project purpose is improving the condition of the pavement on West Wausau Avenue.

Pavement conditions

The existing concrete pavement is original (1968) and has met the end of its service life with cracking and deterioration throughout.

Pedestrian accommodations

Existing curb ramps at Stevens Drive and along the north side of West Wausau Avenue do not meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Standards.

There is a lack of pedestrian accommodations along the south side of West Wausau Avenue.

Utility needs

The City of Wausau municipal utilities (sewer and water) are deteriorated.

To address the project needs, a proposed solution must attempt to correct these key issues.

Recommended improvements

- Pavement reconstruction including new curb and gutter.
 - Maintain parking on both sides of the roadway.
- Replacement of storm sewer inlets to address roadway drainage.
- Reconstruction of sanitary sewer and watermain.
- Reconstruction of existing sidewalk along the north side of West Wausau Avenue.
- Reconstruction of curb ramps to meet ADA standards on the east side of Stevens Drive and along the north side of West Wausau Avenue.
 - The curb ramps on the west side of Stevens Drive will be replaced by the City under a separate project, if required.
 - The curb ramps at North 10th Avenue were reconstructed in 2023.
- Addition of sidewalk along the south side of West Wausau Avenue will be evaluated (see below).

Pedestrian accommodations

We are seeking public comment on alternatives for pedestrian accommodations.

North side of roadway:

The existing sidewalk on the north side of the roadway will be replaced. The proposed concrete sidewalk is 8-feet wide abutting the curb and gutter.

South side of roadway:

The City is collecting public input on the option for adding a new sidewalk along the south side of West Wausau Avenue throughout the project limits. Any concrete sidewalk would be 6-feet wide abutting the curb and gutter to minimize impacts to adjacent properties. Per City code, maintenance of sidewalk in snow conditions is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

The recommended improvements are subject to approval of the final environmental document.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. This will include areas of temporary (temporary limited easement) land acquisitions throughout the project to accommodate blending of slopes, driveway match points, utility connections, and staging. Minor permanent (fee) may be required near curb ramps. Estimated right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. The City of Wausau expects to begin real estate acquisition in summer 2024.

Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners. A landowner rights brochure is available for review.

Historic and recreational considerations

In order to improve the project, temporary easements will be needed from the Wausau West High School. Coordination is ongoing with the school district and acquisition of right of way from this potentially historic building and publicly owned recreational property is subject to agency review and approval of the environmental document.

Please offer any specific comments you may have related to the potential use of this property along with your other project comments.

Proposed traffic impacts

The improvement project is currently scheduled for 2026.

- West Wausau Avenue will be constructed under local traffic only to maintain local traffic and emergency services.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained along West Wausau Avenue, if feasible.
- The project is anticipated to occur primarily when school is not in session (June through August) but may extend into the early part of the school year.

Project update/next steps

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| • Project initiation | Fall 2023 |
| • Public involvement meeting | February 29, 2024 |
| • Preliminary plans | April 2024 |
| • Plan and report approvals | Spring 2024 |
| • Right of Way Plat | Summer 2024 |
| • Real Estate Acquisition | Summer 2024 to Summer 2025 |
| • Final plans | August 1, 2025 |
| • Construction | Summer 2026 |

Additional public involvement meetings may be scheduled during the design and construction process.

Project design website

Access to project materials is also available on the City of Wausau website:

<https://www.wausauwi.gov/your-government/engineering/street-projects/proposed-projects>

Any future updates will be posted here.

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Please forward your comments/input by **March 14, 2024**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document
2. Or email comments or questions to the contact listed below

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. For more information, please contact:

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