

Public Involvement Meeting



**C Wausau, Stewart Avenue
S 72nd Avenue to S 48th Avenue
Local Street
Marathon County**

Project ID 6999-09-02(72)



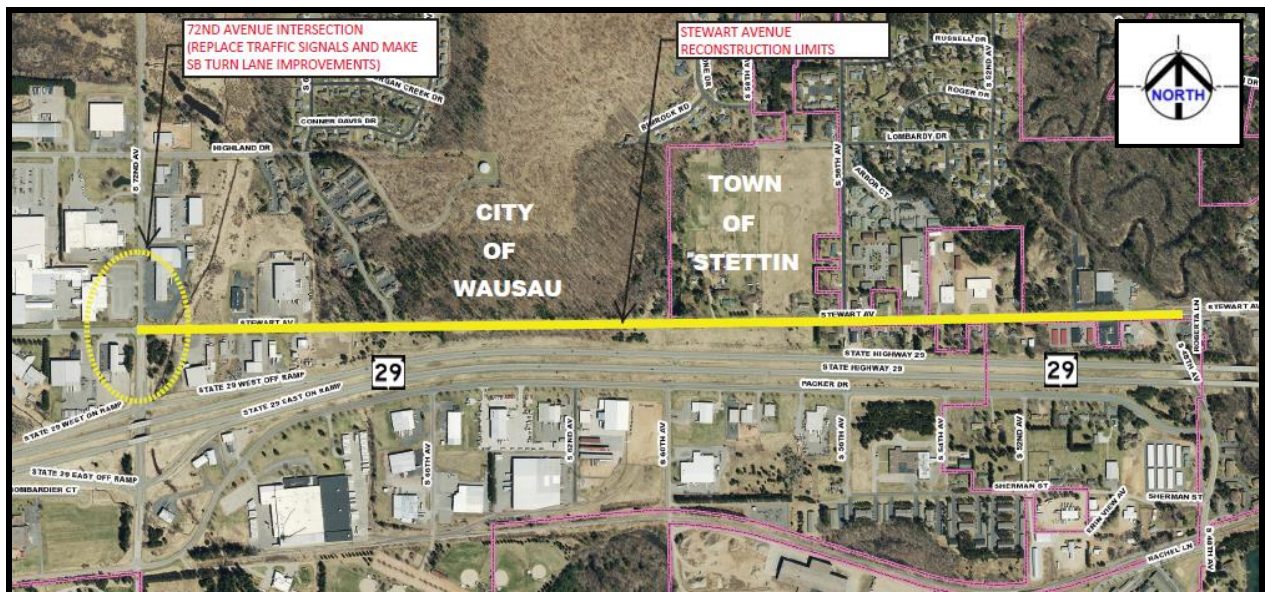
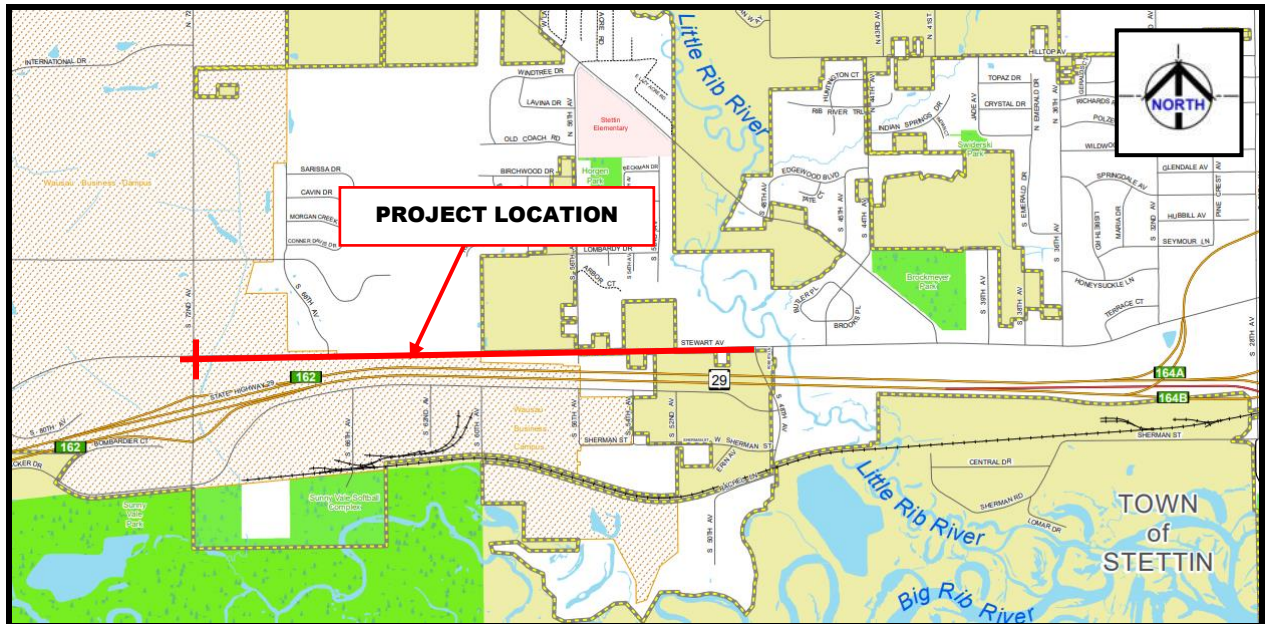
January 31, 2022

A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:00 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 1.5 miles of Stewart Avenue in the City of Wausau and Town of Stettin.

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 Stewart Avenue.

Pavement conditions

The existing pavement along Stewart Avenue was originally constructed prior in the 1930s and used to carry state highway traffic prior to construction of the WIS 29 freeway. The pavement has met the end of its service life with cracking, rutting, and deterioration throughout.

Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations

48th Avenue is designated as a bicycle route on the Wausau MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and a multi-use trail is planned along the west side of 72nd Avenue by the City of Wausau in 2022.

There continues to be residential development north of Stewart Avenue in the Town of Stettin and City of Wausau generating bicycle and pedestrian users. There are no bicycle accommodations (shoulders are not paved) and no pedestrian facilities (no sidewalks) along Stewart Avenue. Bicyclists and pedestrians are using the existing unpaved shoulders.

Other needs

- City of Wausau municipal utilities (sewer and water) are outdated and undersized.
- The traffic signal equipment at the Stewart Avenue and 72nd Avenue intersection is outdated. The traffic signals were installed in 1994.

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

Recommended improvements

- Reconstruction with 12-foot travel lanes/6-foot shoulders (36-foot roadway)
 - Paved shoulders would accommodate bicycles within the roadway
- Construction of curb and gutter and storm sewer
 - Some roadside ditches will be maintained for stormwater treatment between 72nd Avenue and 56th Avenue along the south side of the roadway
 - A stormwater pond will be constructed near 48th Avenue to treat stormwater
- Construction of a 10-foot multi-use trail along the north side of the roadway (***see discussion on the following page***)
- Extension of the existing drainage box culvert just east of 72nd Avenue.
- Reconstruction of sanitary sewer and water main.
 - The project will also include extension of the sanitary sewer and watermain facilities to improve system connectivity between 72nd Avenue and 48th Avenue.
- Replacement of traffic signals at 72nd Avenue with southbound left turn lane modifications and resurfacing of the asphaltic pavement within the intersection.

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

Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations

At the first public involvement meeting, we requested public and agency comments on two options for pedestrian accommodations throughout the project.

- 10-foot multi-use trail
- 5-foot sidewalk

Public and agency comments received supported the 10-foot multi-use trail option which is shown on the exhibits.

- The multi-use trail would provide accommodations for both pedestrians as well as bicyclists that do not want to use the roadway.
- The multi-use trail would provide for a multi-modal connection between the proposed 72nd Avenue multi-use trail (2022) and the bicycle route on 48th Avenue and sidewalks east of 48th Avenue along Stewart Avenue.

The City of Wausau proposes to maintain the trail including snow clearing.

On-street bicyclists would also be accommodated within the paved shoulder throughout the project. On-street bicycle accommodations are anticipated to be marked with an edge line and bike marking symbols.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. This will include areas of permanent (fee) at select locations and temporary (temporary limited easement) land acquisitions throughout the project to accommodate blending of slopes, driveway match points, and stormwater.

Estimated right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. The City of Wausau expects to begin real estate acquisition in early fall 2022.

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

Proposed traffic impacts

The improvement project is currently scheduled for 2024.

- Stewart Avenue will be constructed under multiple stages to maintain local and business traffic
 - 72nd Avenue to 68th Avenue: Maintain two-way traffic with short term one-way conditions to complete the roadway, utility, and box culvert extension work
 - 68th Avenue to 56th Avenue: One-way conditions and full closures will be used to complete the roadway and utility work
 - 56th Avenue and 48th Avenue: Maintain one-way traffic at all times to complete the roadway, utility, and box culvert extension work
 - Short-term closures will occur during key utility work within the 72nd Avenue and 48th Avenue intersections
- Local and emergency access will be maintained to adjacent properties.
- Bicycles will be accommodated on existing travel lanes.
- The project is anticipated to take a full construction seasons (Spring to Fall).

Other projects

The City of Wausau is proposing a multi-use trail along the west side of 72nd Avenue in 2022 (earliest construction).

ID 6999-18-09(79)
Business Campus Trail – 72nd Avenue
Packer Drive to International Drive
City of Wausau
Marathon County

Project update/next steps

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| • Public involvement meeting | July 14, 2021 |
| • Concept plans | November 2021 |
| • Public involvement meeting | January 31, 2022 |
| • Environmental document | Spring 2022 |
| • Refined plans | Summer 2022 |
| • Right of Way Plat | Summer 2022 |
| • Real Estate Acquisition | Fall 2022 to Fall 2023 |
| • Final plans | Fall 2023 |
| • Construction | 2024 |

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

Project design website

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

<https://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Engineering/StreetProjects/ProposedProjects.aspx>

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 **February 14, 2022**:

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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Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form

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Name (including business name): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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