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Subject: Project ID: 4985-00-61, 62
Lawrence Drive, City of De Pere
Fortune Avenue – Scheuring Road
Local Street, Brown County

The City of De Pere has begun environmental investigations and preliminary design engineering for the future reconstruction of approximately 0.5 miles of Lawrence Drive from approximately 520 feet south of Employers Boulevard/Fortune Avenue to Scheuring Road. Reconstruction is currently being scheduled for 2025. However, due to additional work in the area, the project may be advanced and constructed in 2024. A Project Location Map is included.

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice of the proposed project and an upcoming **Public Involvement Meeting** which is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, March 2, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm** both in person and virtually. The in-person meeting will be held at the City of De Pere Municipal Services Center located at 925 South Sixth Street, De Pere, WI 54115. To attend virtually, follow the link below or use one of the call-in numbers listed.

Virtual Public Meeting Access

- **Thursday, March 2, 2023**, at 5:00 p.m.
- For full video and audio: Join the meeting via computer, tablet, or mobile device at:
<https://meet.goto.com/922199285>
- For audio-only: Call into the meeting via phone. You will hear the presentation and be able to ask questions.
 - Conference Call Number: 1 (866) 899-4679
 - Access Code: 922-199-285

The Public Involvement Meeting is one opportunity to learn about the project's purpose and need, potential impacts, and provide input into the preliminary design and construction planning.

The purpose of the proposed reconstruction is to preserve the function of the existing road while supporting non-motorized mobility and minimizing social, economic, and environmental impacts. The need for the proposed action is to rectify roadway deficiencies as well as support non-motorized mobility.

Last improved in 1986, the Lawrence Drive pavement is worn and cracked and has exhausted its useful service life. Several pavement repairs are evident, but major transverse cracking (across the road) and heaving have occurred, primarily around manholes. The existing pavement exhibits deficiencies beyond what typical annual maintenance can address.

Lawrence Drive currently contains two travel lanes in each direction and bicyclists are permitted to share the outside travel lane with traffic. However, no separate facilities for bicycles are demarcated on this section of Lawrence Drive. In Wisconsin, state law requires due consideration be given to establishing bikeways and pedestrian ways on reconstruction projects funded in whole or in part from state or federal funds, which this project includes. To promote safe travel for bicyclists, meet the city's long-range plans, and connect the city's growing bicycle and pedestrian network, as well as adhere to federal guidance, improved accommodations for non-motorized mobility are needed.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the proposed project or would like more information, please contact Eric Rakers, De Pere City Engineer at (920) 339-4061 or by email at erakers@deperewi.gov.

Sincerely,

Eric Rakers

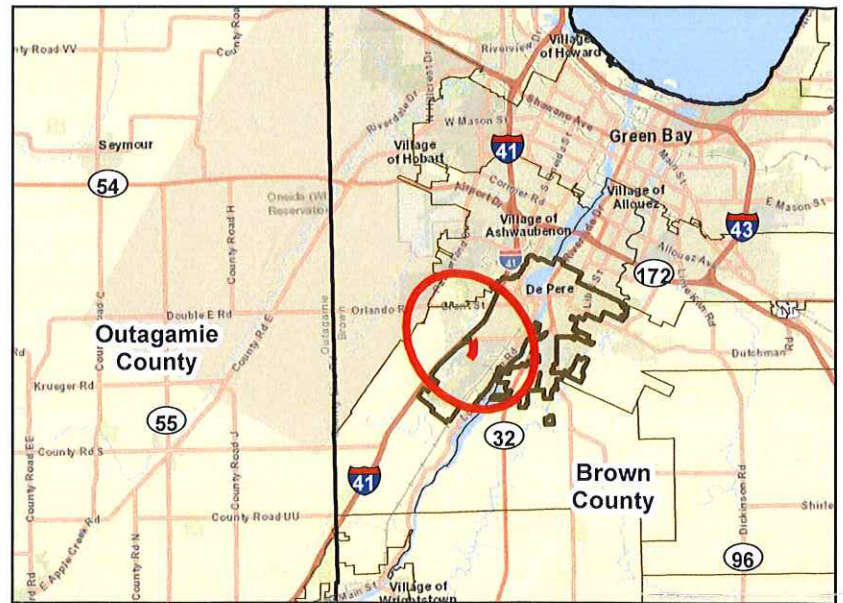
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Enclosure: Project Location Map

Project Vicinity



Brown County, Wisconsin



Project Location

