

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

Lawrence Drive, City of De Pere  
Fortune Avenue – Scheuring Road  
Local Street, Brown County

**Project ID: 4985-00-61,62**



**March 2, 2023**

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at

<https://www.deperewi.gov/topic/subtopic.php?topicid=559&structureid=105>

*Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback*

## Purpose of handout

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 roadwork in the area, the project may be advanced and constructed in 2024. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the alternatives being considered, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

## Public input/comments

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. All comments are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the alternatives under consideration. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the pre-paid mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to any of the contacts listed below.

## Project location

Lawrence Drive in the city of De Pere between Employers Boulevard/Fortune Avenue and Scheuring Road.



## **Project purpose and need**

The purpose of the proposed action 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. Pavement deterioration and distress has also been accelerated by consistent heavy loading of trucks which use Lawrence Drive as local access to the De Pere West Business Park. The current PASER rating is 5 out of 10 which falls into the fair category. The existing pavement exhibits deficiencies beyond what typical annual maintenance can address.

## **Anticipated benefits**

Benefits depend upon what alternative is selected for construction. All alternatives will include the following benefits:

- Provide motorists with a smoother riding surface resulting in less wear on vehicles
- Decreased annual maintenance costs for the city saving taxpayer dollars
- Improved bike and pedestrian accommodations.

## **Alternatives under consideration**

Two conceptual solutions that could address the purpose and need are being considered.

Rehabilitation. Rehabilitation would include partial and full depth concrete pavement repair and patching to address pavement deficiencies like transverse cracking and heaving. The new pavement surface would eliminate the rough surface and would be expected to extend the service life of Lawrence Drive between 5 and 10 years. No improvements to non-motorized mobility would be made but bicycles would continue to be allowed to share the outside travel lane with vehicles.

Reconstruction. Reconstruction would include concrete pavement replacement and widening of the roadway to accommodate new on-street bicycle lanes in both directions. The new pavement surface would eliminate the rough surface and would be expected to have an initial service life of 25 years. To better accommodate non-motorized mobility and provide system linkages, new on-street bicycle lanes would be added to both sides of Lawrence Drive.

## **Traffic impacts**

The impacts to traffic depend upon the alternative selected for construction.

- The Rehabilitation and Reconstruction alternatives may require partial closures and detours during construction
- Access to businesses and properties would be maintained during construction.

## **Schedule**

- Investigation and evaluation of alternatives: 2022 - 2023
- Public Involvement Meeting: March 2, 2023
- Environmental document approved: Spring 2023
- Final Design: Summer - Fall 2023
- Roadway construction is currently scheduled for 2025 but may be advanced to 2024.

## **Real estate**

There are no real estate needs for this project.

## **Public input/comments**

Please submit comments to the City of De Pere using one of the following methods so that we receive them **by March 13, 2023**, to be consider during design.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to the City Engineer.
2. Email comments or questions to the contacts listed below.
3. Call one of the contacts below.

## **Project contacts**

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# Project Public Comment Form

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Please place this form in the comment box or mail **by March 13, 2023**, to the City Engineer. Comments can also be e-mailed to [erakers@deperwi.gov](mailto:erakers@deperwi.gov). 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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