

**WIS 32 Corridor Study -  
Main Avenue, City of De Pere -  
8<sup>th</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street -  
Brown County -**

**Project I.D. 4085-32-00**



City of De Pere

**Public Involvement Meeting -**

**May 26, 2016 -**

**5 to 7 p.m. -**

**De Pere Community Center -**

## ***Welcome!***

Welcome to the public involvement meeting for the corridor study of WIS 32 between 3rd Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street on Main Avenue and Reid Street. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open house format. WisDOT and city of De Pere representatives are available to address your questions and comments. -

## ***Purpose of the meeting***

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to present updated information on the proposed improvements, answer questions and listen to your comments, concerns or suggestions. We encourage you to share which alternative you prefer by using the comment sheet provided. Your input is valuable and will assist in the development of these projects. -

## ***Project information***

The purpose of the projects is to provide a roadway that will safely and efficiently transport people and products. -

The main needs of the project include:

**Roadway Deficiencies:** The existing roadway is in poor condition. Various sections of roadway were constructed in the 1950s and 1970s. Mill and overlays were completed in several segments between 1989 and 2002 to extend the surface until reconstruction.

**Utility Condition:** The city municipal facilities water main and sanitary sewer are approaching their service lives. The storm sewer is also in need of replacement. Replacement will require disturbance of existing WIS 32.

**Transportation Demand/Safety:** Existing geometrics are not meeting all of the existing traffic demands while also keeping all users of the roadway safe. Analyze existing and proposed traffic patterns to determine a typical cross section and intersection geometry that will optimize operations with the addition of enhancements for multi-modal transportation.

**CN Railroad Bridge:** The CN railroad bridge was originally constructed in 1952. Transportation and industry have changed causing increased traffic and trucking under this structure. Evaluate if it is feasible to replace the existing railroad bridge structure based on current and future traffic.

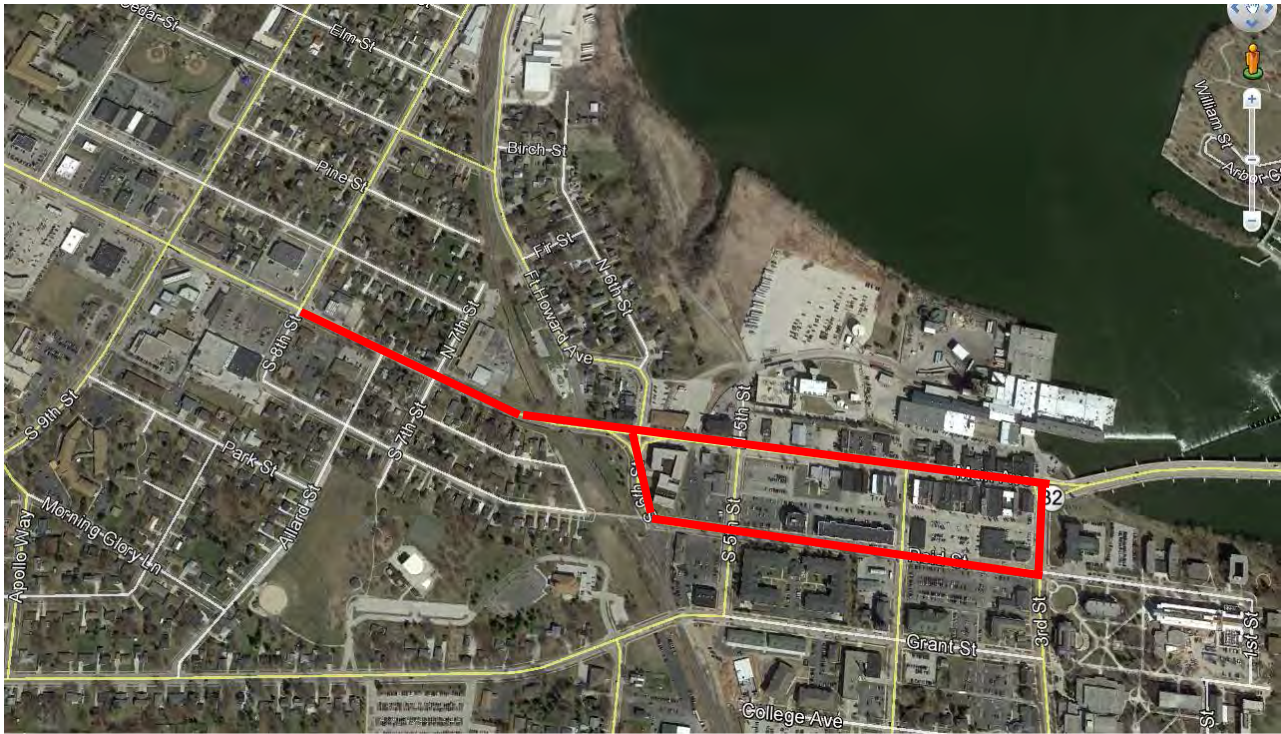


Figure 1: Project Overview

### **WIS 32 Corridor Study**

WIS 32 (Main Avenue) within the proposed project limits is located in the city of De Pere, Brown County in eastern Wisconsin. The study area for WIS 32 (Main Avenue) extends approximately 0.70 miles along Main Avenue from 8th Street to 3rd Street and also includes approximately 0.45 miles of Reid Street from 6th Street to 3rd Street.

The study area is located approximately 0.42 miles east of I-41 and terminates prior the Claude Allouez Bridge. The Claude Allouez Bridge is the only vehicle and pedestrian crossing of the Fox River within the city limits which connects the western historic central business district and college campus with the eastern residential and growing commercial areas.

A portion of project study area, from 8th Street to 6th Street, currently accommodates three lanes of vehicle traffic; two westbound, one eastbound. This typical section is due to the Canadian National-North America railroad crossing spanning over WIS 32 which has a restricted span width of approximately 68-feet. The roadway cross section under the bridge includes three 11-foot travel lanes and 5-foot sidewalk on the south side. There is currently no adequate sidewalk along the north side of the road. The vertical alignment also has a significant sag curve and existing substandard vertical clearance of 14-feet under the structure. The substandard clearance often provides struggles for heavy vehicle traffic traveling on the designated long truck route.

The central business district of WIS 32 is currently a one-way pair system between 6th Street and 3rd Street; with eastbound traffic traveling on Main Avenue and westbound traffic traveling on Reid Street. This portion of WIS 32 accommodates on-street parking, heavy pedestrian volumes due to St. Norbert College located on the eastern project limits, and on-street bike accommodations. There are currently 19 downtown buildings registered under the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as elements of the Main Avenue Historic District. One additional property is considered potentially eligible for NRHP listing.

The study corridor limits are detailed above in Figure 1. The study limits extend from 8th Street on the west to 6th Street on the east. The western limit (8th Street) is the logical termini as WIS 32 turns to travel northerly on 8th Street at this intersection. 8th Street (WIS 32) is currently planned for reconstruction in 2017. 3rd Street is the eastern logical termini as this is where the Claude Allouez Bridge begins and was recently reconstructed in 2008. The study limits also include intersections of WIS 32 with 7th Street, 6th Street, 5th Street, and 4th Street.

### ***Project schedule***

The current schedule for the project is shown below.

Public Involvement Meeting	May 26, 2016
Study Decision on Preferred Alternative	Summer 2016
30% Plan Submittal	Summer 2016
Environmental Document	November 2016
Study Conclusion/Transfer to Project Development	Fall 2016
City Utility Construction	2021
WisDOT WIS 32 Construction	2022

### ***Public input***

We encourage you to review the displays, visit with the project representatives and ask them questions. A comment form is attached to this handout to provide input on the downtown alternative options and for providing written comments. You may leave your comment form at today's meeting or mail it by **June 24, 2016** using the prepaid mailer. If you have questions or would like more information as the project progresses, contact the WisDOT project manager listed below.

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