

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

Project ID: 7640-00-02
City of River Falls, Cemetery Road
South Main Street to WIS 65
WIS 29
Pierce County



June 23, 2020

Virtual Public Involvement

MEETING PURPOSE

The goals and objectives for all public involvement activities for the WIS 29 (Cemetery Road) project are as follows:

- To initially identify, inform and gather input from the local officials and adjacent property owners about the purpose and need, improvement concepts and probable impacts of the proposed improvements.
- To provide an opportunity for the public and local community to discuss project concerns and issues.
- To ensure that the public and stakeholders are aware of the project impacts both during and after construction.

PROJECT-RELATED INFORMATION

7640-00-02 – City of River Falls, Cemetery Road:

Primary Needs:

1. *Pavement Deficiencies* – The existing asphalt pavement for this 1.2-mile section of Cemetery Road (South Main Street to WIS 65) is showing signs of deterioration and is in need of maintenance or rehabilitation activities to extend its serviceable life. The existing curb and gutter has isolated locations requiring repair.
2. *Guardrail Deficiencies* – The existing guardrail on the east end of the project area has substandard end treatments.

Proposed Improvements:

It is proposed to mill and overlay the existing pavement to prolong its useful life. In addition, removal of existing guardrail, replacing broken/deteriorated curb and gutter, updating substandard curb ramps and new pavement marking will be included in the project. The Emory Circle intersection will be modified to be right out only from Emory Circle onto Cemetery Road. The South Wasson Lane roundabout will be modified in the southwest quadrant to better accommodate trucks.

PROPOSED TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Construction is currently scheduled for 2023, but the work could be done as soon as 2021.

During construction, WIS 29 within the municipal limits of the city of River Falls from South Main Street to WIS 65 will remain open to traffic but will be subject to flagging and/or lane closures depending upon the stage of construction. Access will be maintained for properties located along the length of each project.

Temporary driveway closures may be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before temporarily closing any driveway.

REAL ESTATE

Temporary easements for grading of proposed curb ramp improvements will be required for this project. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in June 2020.

PROJECT COSTS

Project construction cost is anticipated to be \$1,000,000 - \$1,250,000. The funding for the project will be 80% federal and 20% state.

PROJECT UPDATE/NEXT STEPS

Previous Public Involvement Meeting – Dec. 12, 2018

Environmental Document Approval – Oct. 23, 2019

Virtual Public Involvement – March 17, 2020

Complete Final Plans – Nov. 1, 2020

Construction – 2023 but could be as soon as 2021

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before Friday, July 10, 2020. You can also email your comments to the contacts 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.

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