

Virtual Public Involvement Meeting

**US 45 (Lovers Lane)
Rawson Avenue to College Avenue
City of Franklin, Milwaukee County**

Project ID 2040-14-70



March 22, 2021

Purpose of the meeting

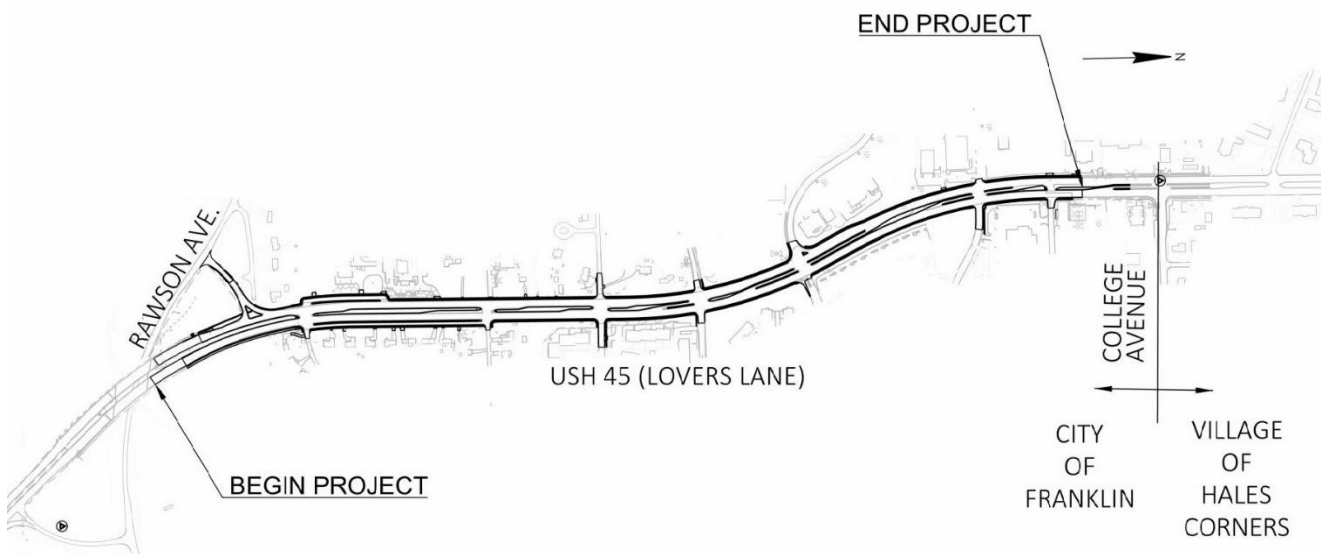
The objective of this meeting is to provide an update on the project design and obtain your input on the identified needs and proposed improvements along US 45 (WIS 100/Lovers Lane) in the City of Franklin, Milwaukee County.

Project information

The intent of the project is to reconstruct US 45 between Rawson Avenue and College Avenue, approximately 1.0 miles in length.

The project need is based on pavement condition.

- The existing pavement is over 40 years old and is at the end of its service life.
- The pavement cannot be economically maintained any further.



The project will address the deteriorating pavement condition and improve the traffic operations. Project improvements include:

- Replacing the existing pavement
- New pedestrian sidewalks
- New bicycle accommodations
- New median lighting
- New detention basin
- Replacing the storm sewer system
- Replacing pavement markings

There have been changes to the design since the last Public Involvement Meeting in February 2020. Changes include:

- Maintaining the two access points for the West Frontage Road and eliminating the proposed cul-de-sac.
- Maintaining the southbound lane drop with the Rawson Avenue exit ramp and not creating a separate right turn lane.
- Maintaining both median openings with full access at South and North Cortez Circle.
- Maintaining the full median access to Venture Drive and not restricting left turns out.
- Revised the E. Frontage Road to a one-way direction northbound to minimize impacts.

The US 45 roadway carries approximately 24,700 vehicles per day. The proposed project will maintain the current number of lanes and lane configurations.

The posted speed within the project limits is 40 mph and increases to 50 mph immediately north of Rawson Avenue. The posted speed will remain the same with the project.

Traffic impacts

US 45 will remain open during construction with work completed in stages. Access for local traffic and emergency vehicles will be maintained. Lane closures will be communicated closely with local officials and will be restricted during holiday and special event periods. Various intersections may be closed during some stages of construction but access to all properties will be maintained through adjacent intersections. The ramp from US 45 to Rawson Avenue will remain open. A detour is proposed for the ramp from Rawson Avenue to southbound US 45.

Environmental Coordination

Environmental studies, including hazardous materials, archaeological and historic surveys, wetland delineation, threatened/endangered species review, and environmental documentation are ongoing.

Real estate

Acquisition of real estate will be required for the project. Most of the work is anticipated to occur within the existing right of way, however real estate acquisition will be required at select locations. No relocations will be required. Temporary Limited Easements (TLE) are needed throughout the project corridor for construction access, grading, and drainage improvements. These TLE's are located adjacent to the proposed sidewalks. The land within the TLE's will be restored at the end of construction.

Project update/next steps

- Held a local official meeting March 8, 2021
- Virtual public involvement meeting March 22 – April 19, 2021
- Environmental document April 2021
- Preliminary plans completed May 2021
- Real estate acquisition Summer 2021 – 2022
- Final design completed August 2023
- Construction 2025*

*The construction year could change depending on funding

Public input/comments

Please review all the materials at the following website and fill out and return the comment form found there.

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/se/45milw>

We encourage you to contact the project representative listed below if you have questions or other concerns.

Please forward your comments to me by April 19, 2021, using the comment form on the project website or by phone or email. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. For more information, please contact:

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