

Public Hearing Notice for Local Municipality Use

Public hearing set to address future of US 45/WIS 100 in Milwaukee County

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Southeast Region office in Waukesha is holding a public hearing to discuss the design and environmental aspects of proposed improvements on US 45/WIS 100, College Avenue to Layton Avenue, in Milwaukee County.

The public hearing will be held Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Village of Hales Corners Municipal Building, 5635 S. New Berlin Road, Hales Corners. The public hearing will be conducted from 5 to 8 PM. Interested persons are urged to attend to ask questions and provide testimony.

From 5 to 6 PM, there will be an open house format; court reporters will be available for private testimony.

From 6 to approximately 7 PM, there will be a project presentation and question/answer session. Court reporters will remain available for private testimony during this time.

From 7 to 8 PM, there will be opportunity to provide public and private testimony.

The proposed action would reconstruct US 45/WIS 100 between College Avenue and Layton Avenue to provide a low-speed, multilane, divided, urban roadway with on-street bicycle accommodations and sidewalk on both sides of the roadway along the entire corridor. Key aspects of the proposed improvements are as follows:

- From College Avenue to Kay Parkway—The existing 6-lane urban roadway in this 0.25-mile section would be reconstructed to a 6-lane roadway with a 30-foot median.
- From Kay Parkway to Godsell Avenue—The existing 6-lane urban roadway in this 0.32-mile section would be reconstructed to an 8-lane roadway to provide acceptable traffic operations. An 18-foot median and variable terrace width would be provided.
- From Godsell Avenue to Layton Avenue—The existing 6-lane urban roadway in this 1.43-mile section would be reconstructed to a 6-lane roadway with an 18-foot median. At Edgerton Avenue, a fourth southbound travel lane is proposed to reduce congestion at the I-43 ramps.
- A dual lane roundabout is proposed at the intersection of Janesville Road and Forest Home Avenue to replace the existing braided roadways. The roundabout offers access improvements to adjacent property owners.
- The proposed improvements require strip right of way and temporary easements along most of the corridor. There are relocation impacts located at the northwest corner of Janesville Road and US 45/WIS 100. The Bosch Tavern, a Section 106 resource, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the buildings impacted.

A draft Memorandum of Agreement proposes several stipulations to mitigate the impact. These include relocation of the building to a site in the immediate vicinity.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing to learn more about the proposed improvements and provide input. Project maps and other information will be on display and WisDOT staff will be available to explain the proposed improvements and answer questions. Information on how to present verbal and written testimony will be provided at the public hearing.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Hearing impaired persons needing assistance may call the Wisconsin Telecommunication Relay System (dial 711). To allow time for arranging assistance, please call no later than three working days prior to the hearing.

On December 11, 2013, copies of the Environmental Assessment of proposed improvements will be available for viewing at the public libraries in Franklin, Hales Corners and Greenfield, and online at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/wis45100study/index.htm.

For additional information about the proposed improvements, interested persons may contact the WisDOT project manager, Vida Shaffer, by telephone, 262-548-6766, or by email, vida.shaffer@dot.wi.gov.