

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**Calhoun Road
North Avenue (County M) to Capitol Drive (WIS 190)
Waukesha County**

Project ID: 2783-05-00



**May 17, 2017
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Safety Building, City of Brookfield**

Purpose of the Meeting

Welcome to the public involvement meeting for Calhoun Road in the City of Brookfield.

The City of Brookfield, with its Design Consultant (R.A. Smith National), is planning improvements to Calhoun Road from North Avenue (County M) to Capitol Drive (WIS190). The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Introduce the project team.
- Provide background information about the deficiencies on Calhoun Road.
- Obtain your input on the current issues you observe on the roadway.
- Obtain your input on potential solutions to address the existing and future transportation needs of Calhoun Road.

Additionally, persons with a concern for, or knowledge of, historical or archaeological resources, drainage problems, or environmental issues such as hazardous wastes and underground storage tanks are encouraged to attend this meeting and provide information to the project team.

Project Information

The City of Brookfield is proposing to improve approximately 2.1 miles of Calhoun Road.

Calhoun Road serves as a critical link for the traveling public as a north-south arterial in the center of the City carrying approximately 13,000 to 16,400 vehicles per day according to the 2016 traffic counts. Approximately, 4 percent of the vehicles are trucks.

The surrounding land use consists mainly of single family residential properties with commercial properties at either end and between the Canadian Pacific Railroad crossings. Fairview South School, Victory International Fellowship Church, and the Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin also border the project. An unnamed tributary of the Fox River crosses under the roadway just north of Holly Lane, and Underwood Creek begins on the east side of Calhoun Road north of the Ponds of Brookfield property. Additionally, two small ponds are near the roadway.

Calhoun Road is a two-lane asphalt roadway with 4 to 8-foot wide shoulders and ditches for roadway drainage. The shoulders are generally paved 6 feet wide and act as on-road bicycle accommodations.

The right of way width varies throughout the corridor. From North Avenue to near the northern project limits at Sunny Crest Drive, the right of way width varies between 80 to 100 feet before widening to 130 feet just south of Capitol Drive. The right of way is 90 feet wide in the large wetland area north of River Birch Drive.

The following items have been identified as the driving factors for the improvements to Calhoun Road:

- The existing pavement is experiencing a variety of deficiencies resulting from age, poor drainage, and poor underlying soils making an asphalt overlay an ineffective long term solution.
- The roadway is critical to emergency services response times with three City fire stations and the police department located on Calhoun Road, but outside the limits of this project.
- It is difficult for vehicles to enter Calhoun Road from the side streets during certain periods of the day, particularly at Pheasant Drive.
- Future traffic volumes are expected to increase further degrading safety and traffic operations.
- The corridor provides limited pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.
- The roadway's narrow shoulders make it difficult for vehicles to pull out of traffic for emergency vehicles to pass.
- The roadway's lack of bypass lanes at intersections does not allow traffic to bypass left turning vehicles.
- A number of hills along the corridor result in "blind spots" in the roadway low points between them.
- Finally, the roadway's notable grade change on both sides of the southern Canadian Pacific Railroad track causes some vehicles to bottom out as they cross the south track.

The City of Brookfield is proposing to reconstruct Calhoun Road to address the issues described above. It is expected that the existing culverts and ditches would be replaced with curb and gutter and a new storm sewer system. The reconstructed roadway would include accommodations for pedestrians and bicycles throughout the corridor. In addition, retaining walls are anticipated in some areas to limit impacts of the proposed roadway improvements.

The development of the proposed alternatives to address the issues above has not begun. As stakeholders, your input helps the project team identify issues and make better design decisions in developing alternatives to improve Calhoun Road.

Traffic Impacts

As the project team is early in the design process, specific construction traffic control details and impacts are unknown at this point. However, it is expected that some combination of construction staging and roadway closures would be required. Construction staging would allow two lanes of traffic, one northbound and one southbound, on Calhoun Road during building of the new roadway. Road closures will also be required to reconstruct the railroad crossings. The goal will

be to keep these closures as short as possible. As the design process progresses, future public involvement meetings are planned to discuss traffic impacts during construction.

Emergency access will be maintained for the duration of the project, and access will be maintained to businesses and residents throughout the project. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. The contractor will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

Real Estate

Right of way acquisition and temporary grading easements are anticipated, although the extents are not known at this time. The City does not expect real estate acquisition to begin until sometime in the early 2019.

Next Steps

We are here in the process.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Data Gathering Environmental Investigations	Develop/ Refine/Evaluate Alternatives	Select Preferred Alternative	Environmental Document Preliminary Design	Final Design Real Estate Acquisition	Project Bidding & Award Construction
Project Management					
Agency Coordination					
Community/Stakeholder Involvement (property owners, local officials, local businesses, etc.)					

At our next public involvement meeting this summer, we will move to Step 2 and present alternatives to best address the issues on Calhoun Road for your review and feedback. We will present each alternative's advantages and disadvantages.

Project Schedule

- Environmental Documentation & Preliminary Design: 2017 – 2019
- Public Involvement Meeting #2: Summer 2017*
- Public Involvement Meeting #3: Fall 2017*
- Final Design: 2019 – 2020
- Public Involvement Meeting #4: Fall 2018*
- Real Estate Acquisition: 2019 – 2020
- Public Involvement Meeting #5: Fall 2019*
- Utility Relocations: 2020 - 2021
- Construction: 2021*

*Tentatively planned

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 before May 31, 2017 or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail 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 welcomed and appreciated.

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Project Information on the Web

For additional information, future meeting dates, and project updates via the internet, please connect to the City of Brookfield's Homepage at www.ci.brookfield.wi.us. Under the Latest News tab click on the Calhoun Road Improvements Project Link.

Public Involvement Meeting #1 Comment Form

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Please place this form in the comment box or mail by May 31, 2017 to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to doug.senso@rasmithnational.com. 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Answers and Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

What issues or problems do you currently see on Calhoun Road that need to be addressed?

What improvements should the City evaluate to correct the problems identified above?

Other Comments.

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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