

# **Public Involvement Meeting Handout**

**CTH OT to STH 35  
CTH XX  
La Crosse County**

**Project ID: L30140**

**June 1, 2021  
5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting**

## **Purpose of the meeting**

The La Crosse County Highway Department is proposing to recondition CTH XX between CTH OT and STH 35. The project is located in Sections 18 & 19, T17N, R7W, Town of Onalaska, Sections 11, 13, & 14, T17N, R8W, Town of Onalaska, Sections 2 & 3, T17N, R8W, Town of Holland, and Sections 26, 34 & 35, T18N, R8W, Town of Holland, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

The existing roadway is a two lane county highway consists of 12 foot driving lanes, shoulder widths vary from 0' to 6' with a 4 foot paved shoulder between CTH OT and Remus Road. The proposed roadway will be built with 12 foot driving lanes and 6 foot shoulders (5 foot paved shoulders). The project will reconstruct the CTH XX/ CTH OT intersection to meet current design standards and reconstruct the CTH XX/ CTH MH intersection to include a turn lane to improve traffic flow. CTH XX will also be reconstructed through New Amsterdam to include curb and gutter and storm sewer. The speed limit on CTH XX ranges from 25 mph to 55 mph. CTH XX will be closed to through traffic during construction. Alternate routes area available.

### *Purpose*

This purpose of the proposed project is to improve the roadway by:

- Reconditioning the roadway surface
- Improve select intersections
- Improve drainage

### *Need*

The project is needed because the existing pavement structure is in poor condition and exhibits signs of pavement distress. The existing roadway needs to be reconditioned in order to increase the service life of the existing pavement structure. The intersection of CTH XX and CTH OT needs to be improved for better geometry to meet current design standards. The CTH XX and CTH MH intersection will include an added turn lane on CTH MH to improve traffic flow. CTH XX through New Amsterdam will be reconstructed with curb and gutter and storm sewer to improve drainage.

A Local Officials Meeting was held on May 26, 2021.

The purpose of this Public Informational Meeting is to obtain public input into the proposed improvements.

## **Project information**

La Crosse County is proposing to improve approximately 5.93 miles of CTH XX. The proposed design speed for the project is 55 mph in the rural section and 25 mph through New Amsterdam. The 2023 construction Average Daily Traffic is 1625 vehicles per day and the 2043 design ADT is 2415 vehicles per day. Proposed improvements include: reconditioning CTH XX via pulverize and relay, new roadway surface, reconstruction of the CTH XX and CTH OT intersection, CTH XX and CTH MH intersection and CTH XX through New Amsterdam, curb and gutter, storm sewer, pavement marking and all other items incidental to the completion of the project.

These improvements will increase overall safety of the roadway.

The environmental document for this project was submitted on May 1, 2021. No historical or archaeological sites were identified. Two hazardous materials sites were identified within the project limits.

Estimated Construction Costs – Please note that construction costs are only an estimate. As final plans are developed, the estimate will be updated. Final costs will depend on the results of the bid letting.

Approximate Construction Cost: \$5,000,000  
Local (County): 100%

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring/Summer 2023.

During construction, CTH XX will be closed to through traffic. Access will be maintained throughout construction operations to residential, commercial, and agricultural properties located within the project limits. Alternate routes are available.

Alternate Route A: CTH OT – STH 35 – USH 53 – STH 35 (Route Length = 7.7 miles)

Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. La Crosse County will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in Fall 2023.

## **Real estate**

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. La Crosse County expects to begin real estate acquisition in 2022.

## **Project update/next steps**

Final Environmental Report..... Summer 2021  
PS&E to Central Office..... Fall 2021  
Project Letting Date..... November/December, 2022

### Agency Coordination to Date

#### **State Historical Society of Wisconsin**

The state and local historical societies have been contacted regarding this subject. Their responses will be included in the environmental document when they are received.

#### **Department of Natural Resources**

The WisDNR has been contacted regarding this project. Their comments will be included in the environmental document when they are received.

#### **US Army Corps of Engineers**

Consultation with the USACOE is ongoing and will be completed in the near future. Their comments will be incorporated into the environmental documents when they are received.

#### **US Fish & Wildlife Service**

The FWS will be contacted regarding this project. Their comments will be included in the environmental document when they are received.

#### **Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**

DATCP will not be contacted regarding this project.

#### **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

NRCS will not be contacted regarding this project.

#### **Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics**

The WisBOA has been contacted regarding this project. Their comments will be included in the environmental document when they are received.

#### **Utilities**

CenturyLink, Charter Communications, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Midwest Natural Gas, Inc., Riverland Energy Cooperative, Village of Holmen, Windstream, and Xcel Energy have facilities within the project area.

## **Public input/comments**

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. The project comment form is for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before June 8, 2021 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 welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

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