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**Public Involvement Plan**

USH 45

Merrill Avenue – Johnson Street

Fond du Lac

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2021

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**Project purpose and need**

*This project consists of an urban reconstruction level improvement along US 45 from Merrill Avenue to Johnson Street. Work includes possible lane width/parking modifications, sidewalk replacement, bike/ped accommodations, storm sewer replacement, city utility replacement, community sensitive design elements, and a full reconstruct of the Merrill Avenue intersection. The existing concrete pavement was constructed in 1950, and has multiple asphalt overlays. Currently, the existing pavement condition is poor and showing signs of distress.*

**Plan timeline**

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| **Task**  | **Description/Objective** | **Anticipated Date** |
| *Design Kick-off Meeting* | *Introduce project/gather initial feedback* | *February 2015* |
| *Initial Local Officials Meeting* | *Meet with City of Fond du Lac to discuss project details, intersection of Merrill Avenue, CSD, etc.* | *Spring/Summer 2015* |
| *30% Design Review Meeting* | *Review preliminary design* | *December 2015* |
| *Local Officials Meeting* |  *Meeting with local officials to discuss project impacts and gather feedback* | *February 2016* |
| *Business Meeting* | *Meeting with businesses affected by project and detour* | *February 2016*  |
| *Public Involvement Meeting* | *Meeting with general public/other stakeholders to discuss project details and impacts and gather feedback* | *February 2016* |
| *60% Design Review Meeting* | *Review preliminary design prior to moving into final design*  | *Fall 2016* |
| *Utility Coordination Meeting* | *Meeting with affected utility representatives to discuss project impacts and possible conflicts* | *Fall 2018* |
| *Pre-PS&E Design Review Meeting* | *Review final project design prior to submitting PS&E* | *January 2019* |
| *Advanceable-PS&E* | *Submit final plans, specifications, and estimate* | *May 2019* |
| *Let* | *Project letting/contractor bids due* | *September 2020* |
| *Construction* | *Construction begins* | *2021* |

**Public involvement goals and objectives**

*Inform affected stakeholders of project details and gather timely feedback from them. Prepare them for possible traffic impacts due to detour of US 45 (Main Street). Notify businesses of tools available to them to promote their businesses during roadway construction (“In this together”, temporary business signing).*

**Stakeholders and target audiences**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Municipality/Agency** | **Address** | **City, State, Zip** |
| Jordan Skiff | Director of Public Works | City of Fond du Lac | 160 S. Macy Street PO Box 150 | Fond du Lac, WI 54936 |
| Paul De Vries | City Engineer | City of Fond du Lac | 160 S. Macy Street PO Box 150 | Fond du Lac, WI 54936 |
| Kathy Scharf | Water Operations Manager | City of Fond du Lac | 160 S. Macy Street PO Box 150 | Fond du Lac, WI 54936 |
| Ryan Sommer | Highway Engineer | Fond du Lac County | 301 Dixie Street | Fond du Lac, WI 54936 |
| Tom Janke | Highway Commissioner | Fond du Lac County | 301 Dixie Street | Fond du Lac, WI 54936 |
| Senator Gudex | State Senator | District 18 | 361 East Division | Fond du Lac, WI 54935 |
| Representative Thiesfeldt | State Representative  | District 52 | 604 Sunset Lane | Fond du Lac, WI 54935 |
| Businesses within project | City of Fond du Lac | City Clerk | PO Box 150 | Fond du Lac, WI 54936 |
|  | Convenience Store Investments |  | 1626 Oak St | La Crosse, WI 54603 |
|  | Scott & Paula Draves |  | N3323 Hickory Dr | Waupun, WI 53963 |
|  | Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corp |  | 116 N Main St | Fond du Lac, WI 54935 |
|  | Craig & Julie Gruening |  | 855 Estate Dr | Fond du Lac, WI 54935 |
|  | Hopper TR |  | 77 N Main St | Fond du Lac, WI 54935 |
|  | MI-Health Holdings |  | PO Box 128 | Brownsville, WI 53006 |
|  | Cheryl Millay |  | 267 Candy Ln | Fond du Lac, WI 54935 |
|  | MoJo Hair Studio LLC |  | 25 Algoma St | Fond du Lac, WI 54935 |
|  | PLD LLC | William Huck | 117 N Main St | Fond du Lac, WI 54935 |
|  | John & Dawn Sabel |  | W3793 Fourth St Rd | Fond du Lac, WI 54937 |
|  | Larry Schuricht |  | 310 Hwy 67 | Kiel, WI 53042 |
|  | TJS Rentals LLC |  | PO Box 60 | Aberdeen, SD 57402 |
|  | Woolhether, Mark |  | PO Box 1004 | Fond du Lac, WI 54936 |
| Utility Representatives | AT&T Local Network Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T WisconsinCharter CommunicationsPAETEC Inc.Sprint Communications Co.Fond du Lac School DistrictWindstream KDL, Inc.ATC, LLCWisconsin Power & Light Co. (Alliant Energy)WisDOT Communication LineCity of Fond du Lac |  |  |  |

**Public involvement tactics/techniques to be used**

*An initial local officials meeting is planned for summer of 2015 to discuss project details with the city of Fond du Lac. In addition, a local officials meeting is planned for early 2016 to discuss project details with all local representatives. Meeting would include short presentation by project design team followed by an open discussion with stakeholders.*

*A public involvement meeting would follow the LOM in early 2016. This meeting would follow an open house format with a short presentation.*

*If needed, we will hold a separate meeting with businesses prior to the PIM to gather feedback from those affected by the project. Meeting will follow a similar format as the LOM.*

*Additional meetings/field visits with affected property owners are anticipated. This includes any property owners we will be acquiring real estate from.*

*Press releases will be sent out prior to the PIM and the start of construction. Weekly construction updates will also be available to the public.*

**Project messages**

1. **Purpose and need**

*The existing concrete pavement was constructed in 1950; multiple asphalt overlays have been done. The existing pavement condition is poor and showing signs of distress.*

1. **Proposed improvements**

*Reconstruction level improvement along US 45 from Merrill Avenue to Johnson Street. Work includes possible lane width/parking modifications, sidewalk replacement, bike/ped accommodations, storm sewer replacement, city utility replacement, CSD elements, and full reconstruct of the Merrill Avenue intersection(ICE analysis needed).*

1. **Proposed schedule and cost range**

*Preliminary Design: Currently – Fall 2016*

*Final Design: Fall 2016 – Spring 2019*

*Real Estate Acquisition: Spring 2017 – Spring 2019*

*Utility Relocation: Fall 2020/Spring 2021*

*Construction: Spring/Summer 2021*

*Estimated Cost: $2,810,000*

1. **Proposed traffic impacts/objectives**

*Detour necessary during construction. Local access maintained for the duration of the project.*

1. **Related projects if any**

*None*

1. **Proposed real estate impacts**

*Real estate acquisition is anticipated for the reconstruction of the intersection at Merrill Avenue and US 45. A few properties may be affected. Right-of-way needs and impacts will be determined during the preliminary design phase.*

1. **Proposed access modifications**

*None*

1. **Any other issues to be aware of**

*None*