



Memorandum

DATE: January 28, 2015

TO: Menasha Common Council

FROM: Mark Radtke, Director of Public Works *MR*

RE: WIS 441/Racine Street Interchange/Intersection Update

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) held a public involvement meeting for the WIS 441/Racine Street Interchange/Intersection Project at the Menasha Town Hall on Tuesday, January 27th. Enclosed is the handout from that meeting highlighting the proposed features of the interchange and intersection design.

Previous concerns of the City and residents were considered prior to the release of this proposed final design. WisDOT was able to address the concerns of the residents while not sacrificing safety or operational aspects of the facility. The proposed roundabout intersection allows full access to Twelfth Street with a clear line of sight for motorists, maintains full access to businesses on the east side of Racine Street, improves the horizontal alignment along Racine Street, and creates space for possible aesthetic enhancements on the east side of the roundabout.

Construction on a portion of the interchange is scheduled to begin in April 2015 resulting in some ramp closures starting this year. Construction of the roundabout intersection is scheduled to begin in 2016. Traffic impacts through the intersection during the construction phase are not yet known.

Included in the handout is a comment form which may be completed and returned to WisDOT for its consideration. WisDOT indicated the proposed intersection design will be presented in greater detail at some upcoming meetings for which City staff and local officials will be notified. All in all, I think the City will be served very well by this current proposed design for the intersection.

Enclosure



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WELCOME to the WIS 441 TRI-COUNTY PROJECT Racine Rd (County P) and 12th Street intersection PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

Town of Menasha, 2000 Municipal Drive, Menasha
 January 27, 2015 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.



MEETING PURPOSE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is hosting a public involvement meeting for the WIS 441 Tri-County Project. This meeting is a follow up to the April 25 and June 3, 2014 meetings. The purpose of the meeting is to present the refined design alternative for the County P ramp intersection and provide information on a number of topics including:

- Feedback and concerns that led to design refinements during design phase
- Design highlights and improvements
- Impacts to County P, 12th Street, and residential/business driveway access

WisDOT will continue to hold public involvement meetings throughout the duration of the project to keep you informed about design plans and the construction schedule at key project milestones. See back page for more information on this spring's corridor-wide public involvement meeting scheduled for March 2, 2015.

MEETING FORMAT

Today's meeting will run from 5 to 6:30 p.m. A presentation will begin at 5:15 p.m. Please view the current design plans and feel free to speak to project staff.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Racine Rd (County P) and 12th Street intersection

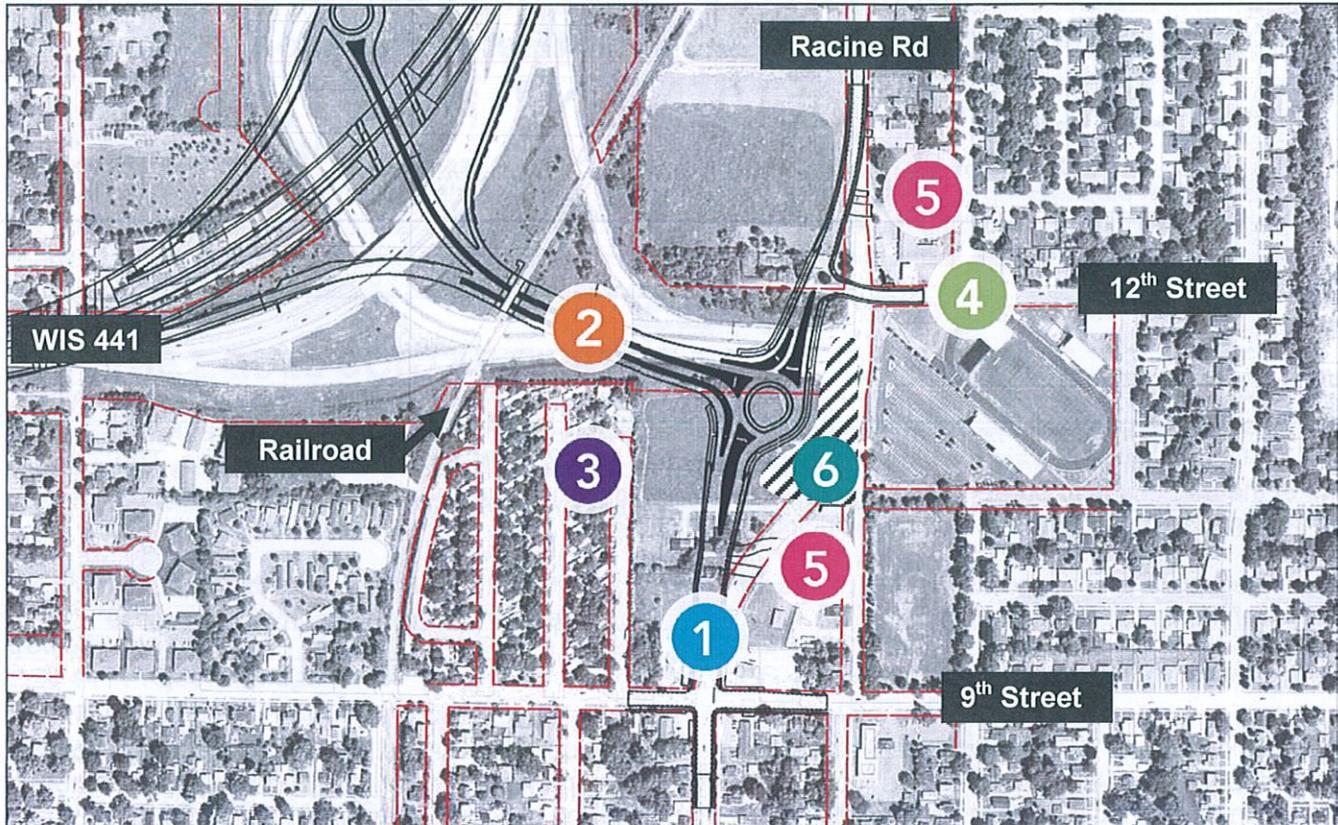
Construction is scheduled to begin at the Racine Rd (County P) and 12th Street intersection in the spring of 2016. The construction will require some CLOSURES at the intersection. WisDOT will follow up with residents, businesses and officials to communicate traffic impacts prior to construction.

Corridor-wide project schedule

Function	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Design	█	█	█	█				
Real Estate			█	█	█	█		
Utilities			█	█	█	█		
Construction				█	█	█	█	█

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Racine Rd (County P) and 12th Street intersection



WisDOT refined the design at the Racine Rd (County P) and 12th Street intersection following the two PIMs in 2014 and individual meetings with businesses, residents and officials. Highlights of the refined design include:

- 1** Improved alignment that minimizes curves and enhances vehicle sight distance along County P
- 2** Increased weave distance for eastbound and westbound traffic between the roundabout and the WIS 441 ramps
- 3** Revised alignment will have no mobile home park property impacts and minimal noise impacts
- 4** Allows full access to 12th Street and a clear line of sight for approaching traffic
- 5** Maintains full access to businesses on east side of Racine Road
- 6** Creates space for aesthetic enhancement

2015 COUNTY P (Racine Road) INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION



WisDOT will begin the reconstruction of the County P (Racine Road) interchange in April 2015. While construction at the Racine Rd (County P) and 12th Street intersection won't begin until 2016, there will be traffic impacts at the County P interchange in 2015. A summary of 2015 work and impacts follows:

Project timeframe: April 2015 - summer 2018

The following closures at the Racine Road interchange will begin in 2015 while the interchange is reconstructed:

- Westbound US 10/southbound WIS 441 entrance ramp from Racine Road will CLOSE long-term between summer 2015 - spring 2018
- Westbound US 10/southbound WIS 441 exit ramp to Racine Road will CLOSE between summer 2015 - fall 2016
- Eastbound US 10/northbound WIS 441 entrance ramp from Racine Road will CLOSE between fall 2015 - fall 2016

Drivers can access US 10/WIS 441 using Midway Road. WisDOT will install temporary traffic signals (spring 2015 - summer 2018) at the Racine Road/Midway Road intersection and at the Midway Road/US 10/WIS 441 ramps to manage traffic during the Racine Road and WIS 47 ramp closures.

Please also expect intermittent lane restrictions along the US 10/WIS 441 mainline beginning summer 2015. There will be additional CLOSURES in 2016 at the interchange as well as the Racine Rd (County P) and 12th Street intersection. WisDOT will follow up with residents, businesses and officials to communicate traffic impacts prior to construction.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS

WisDOT will continue to hold public involvement and business meetings at project milestones throughout the design and construction phases of the WIS 441 Tri-County Project. WisDOT will host a WIS 441 corridor-wide public involvement meeting at 5 p.m. on March 2, 2015 at the Butte des Morts Elementary School located at 501 Tayco Street, Menasha, WI. You should receive an invitation in February.

PROJECT WEBSITE

The WIS 441 Tri-County Project website, www.US41wisconsin.gov/wis441, is an available resource for the public and businesses to learn more about the project including interchange improvements and special project features. Meeting exhibits, handouts, presentations and other resources will also be available on the project website following public involvement meetings.

JOIN THE E-MAIL CONTACT LIST

WisDOT will continue to hold public involvement meetings throughout the project's duration to keep the public and businesses informed. If you would like to receive project updates and notices of future meetings via e-mail, please provide your e-mail address on the sign-in sheet for today's meeting or submit your e-mail address to Melissa Kok at Melissa.Kok@dot.wi.gov.

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