



Memorandum

DATE: April 3, 2014

TO: Board of Public Works

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

RE: Condition of Racine Street Pavement

Alderman Sevenich requested this item be placed on the Board of Public Works agenda. From my discussions with him, he is concerned about the marginal pavement condition of certain segments of Racine Street. Of particular concern is the condition of the pavement in the outside lane for northbound traffic between Eighth Street and Ninth Street.

This section of pavement has experienced a loss of the asphalt overlay material along the curb and gutter as well as moderate to severe pavement deterioration and poor drainage resulting in the frequent formation of potholes this winter season. Public Works crews have targeted this area for cold patching throughout this period.

WisDOT 441 expansion plans include the reconstruction of Racine Street extending to a point approximately 300 feet south of Ninth Street (see attached map). Improvements to Racine Street include the placement of a new concrete pavement, curb and gutter and new concrete sidewalk in this segment. This work is currently scheduled to be undertaken in 2016.

The Engineering Department will continue to monitor the condition of this segment of Racine Street in advance of the proposed reconstruction. If necessary, maintenance activities will be performed by our Public Works Department and could include patching or minor overlay of the marginal areas. The long term plan for improvements to Racine Street will be considered in upcoming budget or capital improvement program sessions.

Attachment

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8TH STREET

9TH STREET

12TH STREET

