

Janesville Road Reconstruction

Project Newsletter

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Project overview

The Waukesha County Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the City of Muskego, has initiated an engineering and environmental study for the reconstruction of Janesville Road from Moorland Road to Racine Avenue. A consultant team led by Ayres Associates is assisting Waukesha County with the study. The objective of the study is to develop plans for the reconstruction of Janesville Road from a two-lane road to a four-lane road and to redesign the Janesville Road and Lannon Drive intersection. The City of Muskego's streetscaping plan for Janesville Road will also be incorporated into the final plans.

Need for improvements

A Regional Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035, prepared by Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) recommends widening Janesville Road from a two-lane road to a four-lane road from Moorland Road to Racine Avenue. The City of Muskego's Mayor's Task Force (MTF) on Janesville Road Reconstruction studied and proposed design recommendations for the reconstruction project in 2006. The MTF recommended a four-lane roadway with either a raised median or a two-way left turn lane depending on the surrounding development. As development continues along Janesville Road and the surrounding neighborhoods, traffic volumes will continue to grow to levels that can no longer be handled safely on the existing two-lane roadway.

What the study includes

The Janesville Road study will evaluate existing and future traffic demand, safety concerns, alternatives for addressing those concerns, environmental impacts, and measures to avoid or minimize adverse impacts. Key study activities include:

- context sensitive solutions
- evaluation of existing roadway deficiencies and safety concerns
- long-range traffic forecasts

- development of preliminary improvement alternatives
- natural resource, archaeological and historic structure investigations
- impact evaluation and environmental documentation
- preparation of roadway plans and a right of way plat map

Context Sensitive Solutions?

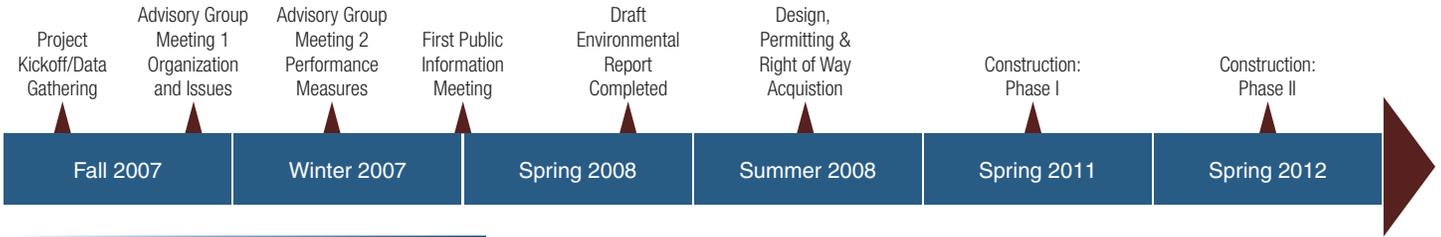
In order to develop projects that are in harmony with the community they serve, Waukesha County will be utilizing a unique stakeholder involvement tool called Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS).

CSS, as its name suggests, acknowledges that each project has its own "context" and that the proposed improvements should address the transportation needs that have been identified while being "sensitive" to the needs of the community. The process strives to balance transportation issues such as safety, access and mobility with community goals and values.

One of the avenues to ensure that this occurs is through the Advisory Group consisting of local community representatives such as business owners, residents, Chamber of Commerce representatives, and groups that may oppose the project. The Advisory Group will be guided through a structured process that will help Waukesha County identify key issues, the relative importance of those issues, development of alternatives and eventually the identification of a preferred alternative. The input the Advisory Group provides will play a key role in the decisions Waukesha County will be making for Janesville Road.

The Janesville Road Advisory Group, comprising 25 representatives from the community, will meet over the course of five meetings to discuss the project. The public is invited to attend all of the meetings; however, discussions during the formal meetings will be limited to the Advisory Group members the CSS facilitator and resource staff from the County and City. The public can observe the meeting and make comments to the advisory group once the meeting is over. The 1st meeting is going to be held on Tuesday, November 6th, 2007 from 4:00 p.m – 6:00 p.m. at the Muskego Public Library.

Project Schedule



Project Location Map



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