

**Highway VV (West Pioneer Road)  
Hickory Street to Main Street**

**Project ID 4831-04-00  
Fond du Lac County**



**Public Information Meeting**

**May 28, 2009  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Pier Elementary School Gymnasium**

# Highway VV (West Pioneer Road) Underpass Project

## ***Welcome***

Welcome to the public information meeting for the proposed reconstruction of Highway VV (West Pioneer Road) in the City of Fond du Lac. The project begins approximately 500' west of Hickory Street and extends easterly to approximately 500' west of Main Street. Your attendance and interest in the project are appreciated. The meeting will be held in an open-house format, with a brief presentation scheduled for 5:15 pm.

This handout and the exhibits on display are available to help familiarize you with the project details. We encourage you to review the exhibits. Representatives from Fond du Lac County, the City of Fond du Lac, and Gremmer & Associates, Inc. (design consultant) are here to receive comments and answer questions.

A "comment form" is also attached to this handout for your convenience, and may be returned to the registration table or returned by mail as noted on the form. We ask that all comments be returned by Friday, June 12, 2009.

## ***Purpose and Need***

A study of the Pioneer Road corridor from Military Road to USH 45 was prepared for Fond du Lac County in 2000. The purpose of the study was to analyze the existing conditions along Pioneer Road and recommend improvements needed within the corridor to enhance safe, efficient, multi-modal transportation for the future. This segment of West Pioneer Road from Hickory Street to Main Street is the first proposed segment to be upgraded.

The need for the project from Hickory Street through the Morris Street intersection is driven by the at-grade crossing with the Canadian National (CN) Railroad. Significant delays occur on West Pioneer Road during train movements, with vehicles often backing up to the east past the Fond du Lac River bridge and to the west through the intersection with Hickory Street. Furthermore, once the trains clear West Pioneer Road, long queues of vehicles are stopped again by the traffic signals at Hickory Street and Morris Street, which creates a safety hazard at the CN Railroad crossing.

The need for the project from east of Morris Street easterly to the end of the project is driven by the deteriorated structure carrying West Pioneer Road over the East Branch of the Fond du Lac River. The structure is severely deteriorated and is in need of replacement. The structure was posted for a 20-ton weight restriction in 2008.

## ***Proposed Improvement***

The project proposes to construct a railroad overpass (CN Railroad over West Pioneer Road), and a new structure carrying West Pioneer Road over the East Branch of the Fond du Lac River. The project includes reconstructing the existing roadway with an urban roadway section including curb and gutter, sidewalk (north side), a shared use recreation path (south side) and storm sewer. Both signalized intersection and roundabout alternatives are being evaluated for the Hickory Street and Morris Street intersections.

Construction is currently scheduled for late 2011 and 2012. The section of West Pioneer Road being improved will be closed to through traffic during construction; however provisions will be made to provide local access during construction.

Right-of-way acquisition and temporary easements will be necessary throughout the project. More detailed information concerning right-of-way acquisition will be provided at the next public information meeting.

## ***Public comments***

We encourage you to talk to our engineers and local representatives to share your comments and concerns, and ask them any questions you may have. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and concerns about this project. Please use this to write down your comments and return by Friday, June 12, 2009, or simply drop it in the comment box tonight.

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