



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

July 10, 2024

T BUCHANAN, EISENHOWER DRIVE TRAIL
COUNTY KK – THEATER WAY
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY
PROJECT ID: 4656-09-00

Public Involvement Period:
June 26 – August 10, 2024



Project Team

- Michael J.D. Brown– Administrator
 - Town of Buchanan
- Mike Cohen
 - WisDOT Northeast Region Local Program
- Bill Betzig, P.E. – Project Manager
 - Cedar Corporation
- Mike LaPean, P.E. – Consultant
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- William Berg, P.E. – Consultant
 - Cedar Corporation

Purpose of Public Involvement

The public involvement effort for this project was developed to inform the general public and users of this portion of Eisenhower Drive of the proposed project and potential traffic impacts along the project area during construction. Objectives include:

- Identifying stakeholders which may be affected by the project and include them in the project development process
- Communication with concerned parties to understand expectations and address issues brought forth by the public and other stakeholders
- Coordination with local officials and law enforcement to complete the project safely and in accordance with community needs

The effort includes holding public meetings, developing press releases, and sending letters to affected parties.

Objectives

- Project Location
- Project Purpose and Need
- Existing Facilities
- Proposed Improvements
- Real Estate Impacts
- Project Costs
- Project Schedule
- Questions

Project Location

- Eisenhower Drive
 - 4-lane collector street
 - Connects busy arterial streets County CE and County KK
 - Connects residential and commercial areas between County roads
 - Average Daily Traffic (ADT): 10,700 vehicles per day
 - 7 at grade intersections and 6 driveways within project area
 - Speed Limit: 35 mph
 - Right-of-Way: 80-100 ft.
- Project Limits
 - Eisenhower Drive between County KK and Theater Way on the west side of the Town of Buchanan.
 - Project length: 4,200 ft.



Project Location (Outagamie County GIS)

Project Purpose and Need

- Purpose
 - The purpose of the proposed action is to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system by addressing the lack of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Need
 - The project need which supports the purpose is identified below:
 - Multi-modal Deficiencies: Eisenhower Drive does not currently have any bicycle or pedestrian facilities to accommodate existing or future multi-modal users. Bicyclists and pedestrians currently ride or walk along the edge of the pavement, gravel shoulders, or grass strips within the right-of-way.
 - System Linkage and Route Importance: The lack of pedestrian facilities along Eisenhower Drive has resulted in disconnected bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the local and regional community. There are currently no facilities accommodating pedestrian travel between two busy County highways and nearby commercial development.

Existing Facilities



Lack of Pedestrian Accommodations



Commercial Development within Project Area

Proposed Improvements

- The proposed project involves:
 - Constructing an 8-foot-wide shared use path along the west side of Eisenhower Drive
 - Pedestrian crossings
 - Curb and gutter installation on the west side of Eisenhower Drive
 - Storm sewer improvements
- No changes to speed limit are proposed
- Minimal right-of-way (less than 1 acre total) would be required to complete the project.
- Construction is proposed for summer 2026.
- Traffic Impacts:
 - Eisenhower Road would remain open during construction. No detours would be posted.
 - Temporary lane closures may be necessary to facilitate construction.
 - Access would be maintained to properties along the project area.
 - Potential for reduced travel speeds during construction.

Real Estate Impacts

- Estimated Fee: 2,200 SF (0.05 acre)
- Estimated Permanent Limited Easements (PLE): 400 SF (0.01 acre)
- Estimated Temporary Limited Easements (TLE): 12,200 SF (0.28 acre)

Project Costs

- Funding for this project is provided in part by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Program
- Federal funding would cover 80% of the total construction costs and the Town of Buchanan would fund the remaining 20%.
- The Town of Buchanan is responsible for all design, engineering, and real estate costs.
- The total cost for this project is anticipated to be approximately \$805,000; the final cost would be based on final quantities for the project.

Project Schedule



Public Involvement – June 26 through August 10, 2024



Preliminary Plans – June 2024



Environmental Document – September 2024



Final Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) – May 1, 2025



Construction would be scheduled for 2026

Questions?

Comments are welcomed. If you have any concerns, or would like to request additional information, please contact the following individuals:

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Comments can be sent by mail, email, or phone to either of the above individuals. A comment form is provided on the same webpage as this presentation

(<https://www.townofbuchanan.org/town-services/road-highway-maintenance/eisenhower-trail-project>)

Comments regarding this project may be submitted until: **August 10, 2024**