I–90/US 53/WIS 35

Public Involvement Meeting
Meeting #4

March 24, 2015
Welcome and Introductions

- Anthony VanderWielen, WisDOT Project Manager
- Bruce Ommen – Ayres Associates
Agenda

- Project Update Presentation (30 minutes)
  - Project Overview
  - Design Schedule
  - Project Update
  - Construction Schedule
  - Aesthetics/Eagle Viewing Area

- Discussion (15 minutes)

- La Crosse Transportation (10 minutes)
  Vision Charrette

- Discussion
Project Overview

LEGEND
- Orange: Pavement replacement
- Red: Roadway reconstruction
- Blue: Added capacity
- Orange: New roadway construction

US 53/WIS 35 (Exit 3) Interchange:
Reconfigure Interchange

County B Interchange:
Structure, Ramps & Approaches

County BW Bridge:
Raise and Replace Deck

Onalaska
35

End Project
16

WIS 157 Bridges:
Completed 2013

French Island

New Access Road

Begin Project

90 Reconstruction Project
Project Schedule

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March 2015
Schedule Overview

- Environmental document – Completed
- WIS 157, 12th Street, State Bike Trail – Completed
- Westbound I–90 Segment – Construction April 2015
- Eastbound I–90 Segment Plans – August 2015
  - EB I–90 lanes
  - Rose St north of the railroad bridge
  - County B Interchange
  - Potential W. George St access road
- Rose/W. George St Segment Plans – August 2016
  - Rose Street – Livingston St to railroad bridge
  - W. George St/George St
  - Eagle Viewing Area
- Right-of-Way Plans – Completed Spring 2015
- Real Estate Acquisition – Currently underway
  - Anticipated Completion – August 2016
Project Update
West George Street

- Signalized George St intersection
- Turn Lanes at George St
- Mall access road extended
- Access concerns
Property Owner Discussions

- Walgreens, America’s Best Value, Reinhart Co concerning access and access road
  - Reasonable Access Study ongoing
- KFC and marina to discuss access and impacts to properties
- McDonald’s to discuss business relocation
- Burger King to discuss drive-thru layout
- Good Steward Resale Shop for access easement with the mall
Great River State Trail Underpass
Construction Schedule
WB I-90 Segment - 2015 Construction
2015 Construction Work

- **Westbound I–90**
  - Reconstruct pavement from State Line to Theatre Road
  - Raise grade near Rose Street
  - Add auxiliary lane between Rose Street and WIS 157
  - Replace bridge over Rose Street
  - Overlay bridges over French Slough, Oak St/railroad, 12th Ave, and Theater Rd
  - Install overhead sign structures

- **County BW**
  - Rehabilitate bridge over I–90 and approach roadway
2015 Anticipated Traffic Impacts

- I–90 WB/EB reduced to one lane each direction from State Line to Rose St and under WIS 157 bridge throughout construction
- I–90 WB reduced to one lane from WIS 157 to WIS 16 for up to 21 Days
- Periodic 15 minute closures (rolling stops) on I–90 for constructing sign bridges
  - Monday through Thursday 12 AM to 4 AM
- County BW closed until October 1, 2015
  - Road Closed signs posted at Goddard St and Fanta Reed Rd
2015 Anticipated Traffic Impacts

- Potential off peak lane closures on Rose Street during I–90 bridge construction
- NB Rose St to WB I–90 ramp closed and detoured for up to 21 days
  - See detours on boards
- WIS157 NB to I–90 WB and WIS 157 SB to I–90 EB loop ramps closed and detoured for the majority of the construction season
  - See detours on boards
- Rest Area closed March 30, 2015 and does not re–open until fall 2016 when rest area remodeling is completed
2016 Construction Work

- Eastbound I–90
  - Reconstruct pavement from State Line to Theatre Road
  - Raise grade near Rose Street
  - Add auxiliary lane between Rose Street and WIS 157
  - Replace bridge over Rose Street
  - Overlay bridges over French Slough, 12th Ave, and Theater Road
  - Minor structure repair work to bridge over Oak St/railroad

- County B
  - Reconstruct ramps
  - Rehabilitate bridge over I–90 and approach roadway

- Rose Street
  - Reconstruct from railroad bridge to Elm Street
  - Replace SB bridge over railroad

- W. George Street access road
  - City including water main improvements
2017/18 Construction Work

- I-90
  - Construct new ramps at Rose Street

- Rose St
  - Reconstruct from Livingston St to railroad bridge
  - Rehabilitate NB bridge over railroad
  - Rose St raised above 100 year flood elevation
    - Typically 1’ – 2’ higher
    - Up to 6’ higher near interchange
2017/18 Construction Work

- West George Street
  - Reconstruct from Rose St to Cunningham St
  - Reconstruct George St from West George St to new access road
  - Construct new access to mall
  - Install signal at George St/Mall Access intersection
Aesthetic Enhancements
Aesthetic Enhancements – Bridges

- I–90 over Rose St and County B over I–90
  ◦ formed and stained rock feature on parapets
- STH 35 Railroad bridges
  ◦ formed and stained rock feature on areas viewed by trail users
  ◦ ornamental screening
- County BW bridge
  ◦ formed and stained rock feature on parapets
  ◦ ornamental screening
Aesthetic Enhancements

Formed and Stained Rock Feature

Ornamental Screening
Aesthetic Enhancements – Rose Street

- Decorative street lighting
  - Similar to existing decorative lighting to north and south except near interchange
  - Standard signal and light poles painted black near interchange
- Multi-use path along Rose Street
  - Decorative railing along path at marina
- Colored pavement at crosswalks
- Landscaping – amount and extent to be determined
Eagle Viewing Area
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- Proposed by the City of La Crosse
- Draft Concept – still under development
  - Potentially constructed in phases
  - Reduce trees to improve visibility
  - Modify parking layout
- Parking area and paved trail may be constructed with Rose Street in 2017/18
Eagle Viewing Area

Draft Concept – Subject to Change
Discussion
La Crosse Transportation Vision Charrette
What is the Vision Charrette?
Vision Charrette

- Our Basic Understanding
  - Reconnect to the river
  - Restore street network
  - Enhance downtown areas – north and south
  - Reduce speeding
  - Increase walkability
  - Transform streets through marsh to be more park-like
  - Reduce trip lengths and vehicle–miles traveled
  - Make City arterial’s complete and hospitable
Do we still have time to make changes to Exit 3/Rose St Design?

- Construction began last year on temporary widening
- Construction of I–90 WB lanes and the new bridge over Rose Street set to begin April 2015
- Real estate acquisition process has begun
- Delays are not practical at this time
Does project meet these ideas?

- **Reconnect to the river**
  - Multi-use path along river where none existed
  - Closes a gap in a riverfront path from La Crosse to Onalaska
  - Excess right-of-way for Eagle Viewing area
  - Crosswalks provided along corridor
  - Accommodates multi-use path connection from north end George St to river
  - Roadway shifted as far east as possible with no right-of-way impacts

- **Restore street network**
  - Campbell Street reduced to right-in/right-out (adverse)
  - Signals provide improved gaps for access at non-signalized locations
Does project meet these ideas?

- Enhance downtown areas – north and south
  - No change
- Reduce speeding
  - Reduced speed limit north of Rose Street to 40 mph
  - Eliminated free-flow interchange
  - Diamond interchange configuration used to provide transition between freeway and urban arterial
  - Signals at ramps provide traffic calming opportunities
Does project meet these ideas?

- Increase walkability
  - Multi-use path along river
  - Provides connection between La Crosse and Onalaska
  - Sidewalk along east side of Rose St south of I–90
  - Future sidewalk accommodated along east side of Rose St north of I–90
  - Crosswalk locations on Rose St provided with median refuge
  - Sidewalks provided along W. George St., George St. and Access Road
  - Reduces number of commercial accesses crossing sidewalks
  - Traffic signals at W. George/George provides safer crossing
Does project meet these ideas?

- Transform streets through marsh to be more park-like
  - Median, terraces and areas outside sidewalk provide opportunities for park-like setting along the river
  - Eliminated ditches to provide landscape opportunities

- Reduce trip lengths and vehicle-miles traveled (VMT)
  - Minimal reduction in VMT with modified interchange
Does project meet these ideas?

- Make City arterial’s complete and hospitable
  - Separated facility for bicyclists’ and pedestrians’ comfort – Charrette idea on other corridors
  - On-street bicycle accommodations for commuter bicyclists – not a Charrette idea, but fits Complete Streets ideas
  - Transit – Bus stop location provided along W. George
  - Opportunity to provide a park-like setting along the river – Charrette idea on other corridors
    - Terrace width
    - Median width
    - Eagle viewing area
    - Additional green space in each quadrant of interchange
    - Eliminated ditches
Discussion