

# Water Street Bridge Replacement Project

Eau Claire County

Fall 2014



## Project Information

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is making plans to replace the aging Water Street Bridge in Eau Claire.

Preliminary design work is underway with final plans expected this winter. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2015. The project will take two construction seasons to complete.

The bridge was constructed in 1947. Although numerous maintenance projects have been done over the years, the bridge is nearing the end of its useful service life and is scheduled for replacement.

The project includes:

- Replacement of the Water Street Bridge
- Minimal approach work
- Traffic signal modifications
- Decorative street lighting
- Bike/pedestrian trail construction.
  - The new structure will be slightly wider and will accommodate both bicycles and pedestrians.

No work is anticipated at the intersection of Water Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue other than minor traffic signal modification and construction of a right turn lane. The existing intersection of Summit Avenue and Thorp Drive will be maintained.

## Traffic Control

The Water Street Bridge will be closed during construction. A detour route using the Lake Street Bridge is anticipated. Pedestrians will be required to use the Lake Street Bridge or the UWEC pedestrian footbridge.

## Public Comments

We encourage you to attend the public open house and talk to the project representatives. Please mail any written comments about the project before October 31:

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## Project Schedule:

### Fall 2014

Public open house #3:

- **October 16, 2014**, 5-6:30 p.m.  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
Haas Fine Arts Bldg Room 160  
121 Water Street, Eau Claire, WI

### Winter 2014

Complete final plans

### Fall 2015

Begin construction

## For additional information about the project, contact:

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<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/nwregion/waterstbridge/index.htm>

## Mission statement:

*To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.*

## Project Location Map

