

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**County Highway C (Duluth Avenue)
STH 42 to West Elm Street
Door County**

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Project ID: 4997-00-64

**Thursday, February 19, 2015
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
City Hall Community Room
421 Michigan Street
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin**

Purpose of the meeting

This meeting is being held to introduce the proposed improvements along County Highway C. The project being proposed is needed to replace the deteriorating roadway pavement, improve storm water drainage, provide safe accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians, and improve motorist safety at the intersection with West Maple Street. Your questions and comments regarding the proposed project are vital to a successful project.

The meeting will use an open house format. No formal presentation is planned. Exhibits showing the proposed project are on display. Officials from the Door County Highway Department, the City of Sturgeon Bay, and Donohue & Associates, the design consultant, are available to answer questions and take your comments.

Project information

Door County and the City of Sturgeon Bay are proposing to improve one mile of County Highway C, locally known as Duluth Avenue. Proposed improvements include: replacing the pavement, marking bicycle lanes, and adding 5 foot wide sidewalk from State Highway 42 to Spruce Drive. From Spruce Drive to West Elm Street, the entire roadway will be reconstructed to include curb and gutter, new pavement, 4 foot wide bicycle lanes, and 5 foot wide sidewalks. A 6 foot wide grass terrace is proposed between the roadway and sidewalk. Trees will be planted in the terrace by the city and county after the roadway construction is complete. After reconstruction, the entire route along County Highway C will be marked for no parking. The improvements on the roadway will replace badly deteriorating pavement. The improvements will also improve the safe use of the roadway by pedestrians and bicyclists. A portion of the project, along Hickory Street and County Highway C between Hickory and West Elm Street, has been designated as part of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. While the area is designated as part of the trail, no accommodations currently exist for safe use by pedestrians.

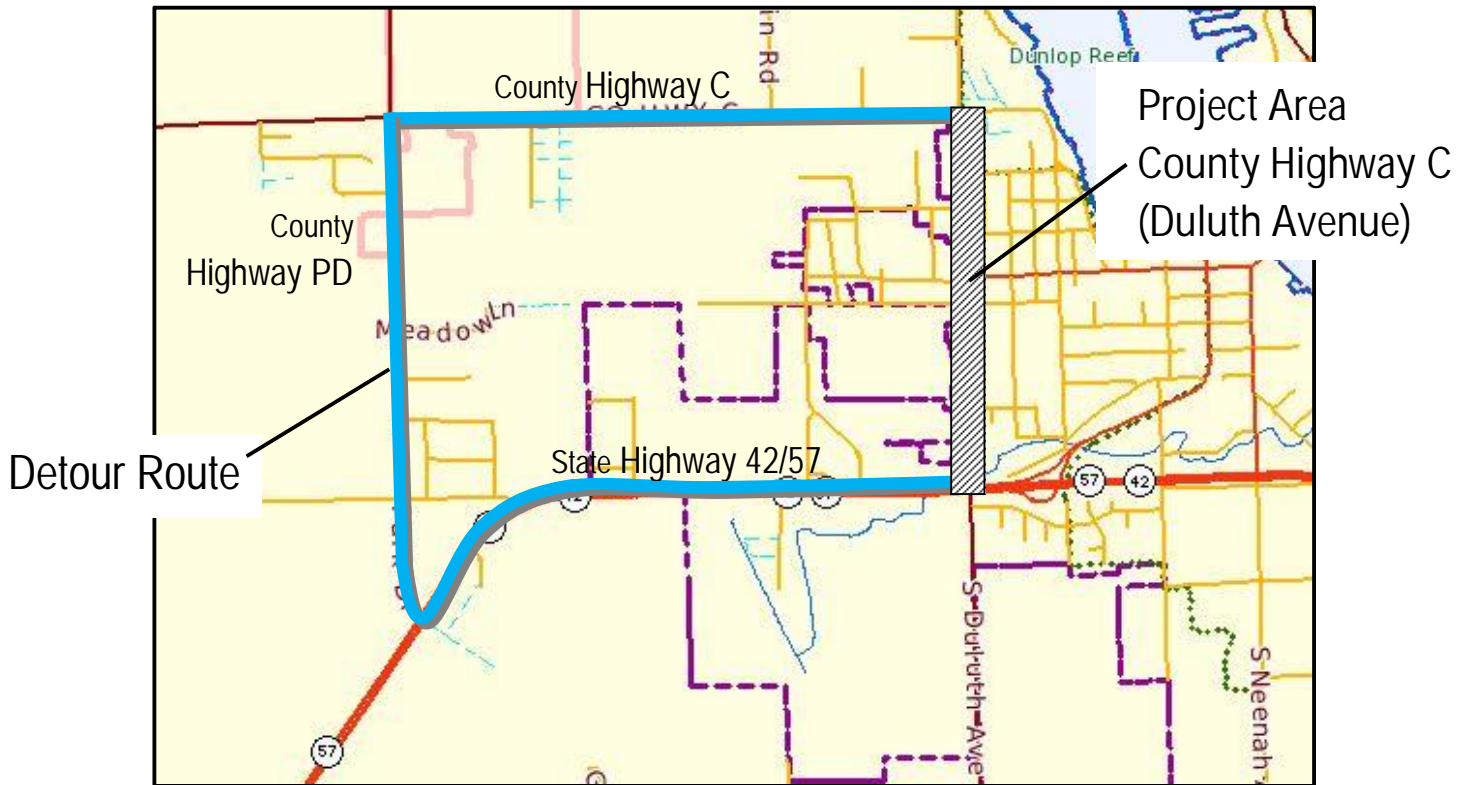
Storm sewers will be added in the reconstruct areas to improve roadway drainage especially at intersections. Additional storm sewer and storm water discharge work will likely be required between County Highway C and existing outfalls to Sturgeon Bay to improve undersized and deteriorated systems. Several potential routes are being investigated, including Duluth Avenue north of West Elm and Hickory Street to the bay.

The realignment of Maple Street west of the intersection with County Highway C to Wood Drive is being explored to eliminate the offset roadways and stop signs at the intersection. Along with the alignment sidewalk is proposed to be added to the north side of the Maple Street.

The project is currently in the preliminary design phase. Alternatives for the roadway section and storm sewers are being explored. Potential impacts to private and public utilities are being discussed with all utilities having facilities in the corridor.

An environmental study of the impacts of the project alternatives is also underway. The study involves several parts including coordination with regulatory agencies such as the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Ice Age Trail/National Park System, Bureau of Aeronautics, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Native Americans Tribes, and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Also included in the environmental investigation are surveys of potential hazardous material sites and historical and archaeological sites.

County Highway C Reconstruction Location/Detour Map



Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2017. Relocation of private utilities will likely occur prior to the start of road construction.

During construction, County Highway C between State Highway 42 and West Elm Street will be closed to through traffic. The roadway between HWY 42 and Spruce Drive will remain open to traffic until the resurfacing portion of the project begins, and will then be closed. For the entire project route, access will remain open for local residents. West Maple Drive between Cumberland and County Highway C will be closed during construction.

A detour route for the closure will be marked. The detour will use State Highway 42/57, County Road PD (Park Drive), and County Highway C north of the project.

Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. Homeowners and businesses will be contacted in advance before closing a driveway.

Storm sewers along West Hickory Street will be constructed with temporary lane closures and flagging operations. Ditching along Duluth Avenue to the north of West Elm Street will also be done with temporary lane closures. Full roadway closures are not anticipated for the storm sewer work outside of the County Highway C corridor.

Construction is scheduled for completion in early November 2017.

Real estate

Along County Highway C, the roadway improvements and sidewalk will be primarily located in the existing right of way. However, temporary easements for grading behind the sidewalk will likely be needed along much of the project length. Storm sewer collection and discharge options have not been finalized; however, the new storm sewers are expected to follow existing road and outfall locations. The realignment of West Maple Street will require new right of way and will likely require the acquisition of one house. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. Door County expects to begin real estate acquisition in September 2015.

Project update/next steps

The next step in the project will be to finalize the storm water collection and discharge option. At that point, the Environmental Document will be completed and available for review by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Association.

Approval of the preliminary plans will be complete by mid-year 2015.

Final plans will be complete for Wisconsin Department of Transportation review by August 2016. Construction will begin in early 2017.

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. A comment sheet handout is available at the registration table for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before March 5, 2015 or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below.

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

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