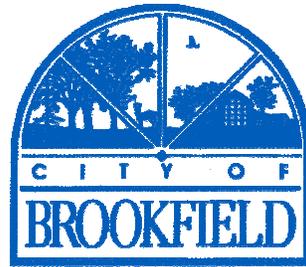


Public Involvement Meeting #4 Handout

**Calhoun Road
North Avenue (County M) to Capitol Drive (WIS 190)
Waukesha County**

Project ID: 2783-05-00



**July 10, 2019
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Safety Building, City of Brookfield
2100 North Calhoun Road**

Purpose of the Meeting

Welcome to the fourth public involvement meeting for Calhoun Road in the City of Brookfield.

The City of Brookfield, with its Design Consultant (raSmith), is planning improvements to Calhoun Road from North Avenue (County M) to Capitol Drive (WIS190). The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Reiterate the need for the Calhoun Road project
- Briefly review the proposed roadway improvement for Calhoun Road and its impacts
- Discuss the real estate acquisition process and schedule
- Briefly discuss the upcoming schedules for utility relocations and roadway construction
- Obtain your input on potential roadway construction staging options and access during construction

Project Information

To review, the City of Brookfield, through a federally funded project administered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), is proposing to improve approximately 2 miles of Calhoun Road.

Calhoun Road serves as a critical link for the traveling public as a north-south arterial in the center of the City carrying approximately 13,600 to 16,400 vehicles per day according to the 2016 traffic counts. Approximately four percent of the vehicles are trucks.

The surrounding land use consists mainly of single family residential properties with commercial properties at either end and between the Canadian Pacific Railroad crossings. An unnamed tributary of the Fox River crosses under the roadway just north of Holly Lane, and Underwood Creek begins on the east side of Calhoun Road, north of the Ponds of Brookfield property.

Calhoun Road is currently a two-lane undivided asphalt roadway with 4-foot to 8-foot wide shoulders and ditches for roadway drainage. The shoulders are generally paved 6 feet wide and act as on-road bicycle accommodations.

The current right of way width varies throughout the corridor. From North Avenue to the northern project limits near Sunnycrest Drive, the right of way width varies between 80 to 100 feet before widening to 130 feet just south of Capitol Drive. The right of way is 90 feet wide in the large wetland area between River Birch Drive and Burleigh Road.

The following items have been identified as the driving factors for the improvements to Calhoun Road:

- The existing pavement has a variety of deficiencies resulting from age, poor drainage, and poor underlying soils making an asphalt overlay an ineffective long term solution.
- The roadway is critical to emergency services response times with three City fire stations and the police department located on Calhoun Road, outside the limits of this project.
- It is difficult for vehicles to enter Calhoun Road from the side streets during certain periods of the day, particularly at Pheasant Drive, Burleigh Road, and Burleigh Place.
- Future traffic volumes are expected to increase, further degrading safety and traffic operations.
- The existing corridor provides limited pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.
- The roadway's narrow shoulders make it difficult for vehicles to pull out of traffic to allow emergency vehicles to pass.
- Calhoun Road's lack of turn lanes and bypass lanes at intersections does not allow traffic to bypass left turning vehicles.

- A number of hills along the corridor create “blind spots” in the roadway.
- Finally, the roadway’s notable grade change on both sides of the southern Canadian Pacific Railroad track causes some vehicles to “bottom out” as they cross the south track.

The City of Brookfield is proposing to reconstruct Calhoun Road to address the issues described above. The existing culverts and ditches will be replaced with curb and gutter and a new storm sewer system. The reconstructed roadway will include accommodations for pedestrians and bicycles throughout the corridor. In addition, retaining walls are required in some areas to limit impacts of the proposed roadway improvements.

Proposed Roadway Improvements

Four-lane divided roadway with a raised median

The four-lane divided roadway with a raised median was selected as the preferred roadway improvement for Calhoun Road. The selection was based on the following:

- Is the preferred alternative based on public input
- Provides the greatest safety benefits
- Provides the best long-term roadway operations
- Is the preferred roadway cross section by emergency responders
- Is consistent with the roadway cross section to the south
- Is consistent with the long-term regional transportation plans

Please see the exhibits at the meeting today for the preferred roadway improvement cross section, layout and impacts.

Construction Traffic

Because the project is just starting the final design process, detailed information about traffic control during construction is still being developed. However, it is anticipated that Calhoun Road will be **open for local access to businesses and residents only** and closed to through traffic for much of the construction season. Emergency access will also be maintained for the duration of the project. The goal will be to open one side of the new roadway to one lane in each direction as early as possible while the remainder of the roadway is constructed. The timing of opening one side of the roadway is yet to be determined.

Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during the construction process. The contractor will contact homeowners and businesses before temporarily closing a driveway.

Three separate full road closures will be required to reconstruct each of the two railroad crossings and the deep marsh excavation between River Birch Drive and Burleigh Road. During these closures, access for businesses and residents on Calhoun Road will need to be from north or south of these closures. No two closures will occur at the same time and the goal will be to keep these closures as short as possible.

As the final design progresses, future public involvement meetings are planned to discuss traffic impacts during construction.

Real Estate

New right of way will be acquired to improve Calhoun Road and temporary grading easements are anticipated. Property owners with real estate interests on the project should have been contacted separately by the City of Brookfield with additional information.

Next Steps

We are here in the process. 

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Data Gathering, Environmental Investigations	Develop/ Refine/Evaluate Alternatives	Select Preferred Alternative	Environmental Document, Preliminary Design	Final Design, Real Estate Acquisition	Project Bidding & Award, Construction
Project Management					
Agency Coordination					
Community/Stakeholder Involvement (property owners, local officials, local businesses, etc.)					

At our next public involvement meeting scheduled for winter 2019/2020, we will move to Steps 5 and 6 and discuss the staging and access during construction of Calhoun Road.

Project Schedule

- Environmental Documentation & Preliminary Design: 2017 – 2019
 - Public Involvement Meeting #4: Summer 2019
 - Final Design: 2019 – 2020
 - Real Estate Acquisition: 2019 – 2020
 - Public Involvement Meeting #5: Winter 2019/2020*
 - Utility Relocations: 2020 - 2021
 - Construction: 2021*
- *Tentatively planned

Public Input/Comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives at today's meeting and ask questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments by July 26, 2019 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 welcomed and appreciated.

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Project Information on the Web

For additional information, future meeting dates, and project updates via the internet, please connect to the project link on the City of Brookfield's website at <http://tinyurl.com/calhounrd>.

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