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**Project Overview**

The City of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation are funding the South Howell Avenue - West Layton Avenue to West Howard Avenue reconstruction project. The project is scheduled to begin in April 2015 with a completion date of November 2015, weather permitting.

The existing pavement consists of 3-inch asphalt concrete that was paved in 1983 over a 9-inch concrete base done in 1949. The roadway pavement is in poor condition.

The project consists of removing the existing pavement and replacing it with concrete pavement. All curbs and gutters will be replaced. The existing sidewalks will be replaced based on condition or grade differential. The roadway width will be widened from two 32-foot roadways separated by a 26-foot median, to two 36-foot roadways separated by an 18-foot median. This widening will accommodate a 5-foot striped bicycle lane in each direction.

There will be some utility work prior to and possibly during the project as well.

**Traffic:** The South Howell Avenue reconstruction will be done in two stages. During Stage 1 construction, two-way traffic will be maintained in the existing southbound lanes. During Stage 2 construction, two-way traffic will be switched over to use the newly-constructed northbound lanes.

**Parking and Pedestrian Access:** On-street parking will not be available during construction. Provisions will be made to ensure that pedestrian access will be maintained to abutting properties and businesses during construction with the least amount of inconvenience. After the project is completed, on-street parking will be restored to its pre-existing condition.

**Bus Route:** The #80 bus will continue to operate on South Howell Avenue in the southbound two-way traffic lanes during Stage 1 of the project, and in the two-way northbound traffic lanes during Stage 2. Bus stops will be maintained in the area. However, when the construction prevents passengers from loading at the corners, the bus stops will be moved to the medians.

A public information meeting was held on November 5, 2014 at Tippecanoe Library to share the project details with residents and businesses located in the project area. Representatives from the City's Department of Public Works, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and Alderman Terry Witkowski were in attendance.



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