

**Project ID 2025-19-00
North Humboldt Boulevard
East North Avenue to East Keefe Avenue
Milwaukee County**

**Public Involvement Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Gordon Park Pavilion, 2828 North Humboldt Boulevard**

MEETING RECAP

1. Attendees:

Samuel Medhin & Elliot Smyth from DPW Transportation, Carlen Hatala from City Historic Preservation, Megan O'Connor-City of Milwaukee Business Liaison, Alderman Nik Kovac

From local organizations and property owners: see attached sign-in sheet.

2. Project Presentation:

The meeting was held by the City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works (DPW). It was an open house format without a formal presentation. Printed materials, including fact sheets and public comment sheets, were provided to attendees. See attached project handouts and visuals on display.

The project was explained to attendees, and Q&A occurred during the discussion of project material. City of Milwaukee representatives engaged with attendees.

Following public questions, comments and concerns were received. Many residents took the comment form to fill out and send to the City at a later date.

3. Public Input and Concerns:

Questions

What is the amount of assessment fees for property owners?

Assessments will go out around the 90% stage to property owners for sidewalk and driveway approach replacement in front of their property. This project is 80% federally funded, and 20% locally funded. Information on how assessments are calculated can be sent to you at a later date.

When will construction start and how long will it last?

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in Spring of 2020, and should be completed by Autumn 2020.

How will parking be handled for residents during construction?

Residents will be able to call the City of Milwaukee and get a temporary parking permit to park on nearby streets and/or vacant City lots.

Will Humboldt be open to traffic during construction?

Yes, Humboldt will be constructed in 2 halves; one half of the roadway will be open to one-way traffic at a time.

What are the changes this project will bring to Humboldt Boulevard?

A new median between North Avenue and Meinecke Avenue and from Center Street to Locust Street. Humboldt Boulevard will remain mostly the same, providing one driving lane, one bike lane, and one parking lane in each direction. Curb bump outs will be considered at certain intersections to shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians, which will improve safety for pedestrians.

Why is construction stopping at Keefe Avenue, when the worst part of Humboldt Boulevard is from Keefe Avenue to Capitol Avenue?

The pavement type of N. Humboldt Blvd from North Ave to W Keefe Avenue was asphalt, while the pavement type of Humboldt between W Keefe and W Capitol Drive is concrete pavement. At the time the request was made for the reconstruction of N Humboldt as a State funded project (about 10 years or so ago), the condition of the northerly portion was not nearly as bad as the condition of the southerly portion and as a result the limits were set to W Keefe Avenue. Given the condition of the concrete pavement at the time of the request, the State would not have approved nor funded the project and therefore the limits were determined strictly on current condition at Keefe Avenue.

Can curb extensions (curb bump-outs) be provided to provide better safety for pedestrians crossing the street?

Curb bump-outs will be constructed as part of this project at selected intersections. The City of Milwaukee traffic engineers are working on design and data collection.

Will the existing and proposed medians include trees, flowerbeds, and/or bio-swales?

Yes, details will come from the City of Milwaukee Forestry section at a later date.

What are all the archeological sites and eligible historical properties in the area?

Historical properties are eligible to be on the historical registry because of the nature of the building, past businesses/functions, and age. The archeological sites are in the area because the area used to be burial mounds location and a lake. Archeological artifacts were found in the area in 1980 by University of Wisconsin Milwaukee team.

Will there be another Public Involvement Meeting (PIM) regarding the project?

Yes, another PIM will be held around the 60% design stage with more details. This meeting will be held in approximately 1 year from now.

Will the additions of new medians between North to Meinecke and Center to Locust will impact delivery trucks for businesses.

Promised to have separate meeting with businesses for more discussion during the design stage to see actual impacts.

Comments

Provide green bike lanes, like the existing ones.

Reducing the speed limit to 25 mph

Provide a separated bike lane from the driving lane

Keep the medians as wide as possible, with narrower driving lane to reduce speeding

Provide new street lighting

Concerns

Replacing lead water pipes and laterals replaced as part of this roadway project

Pedestrian safety, many people speed along Humboldt Boulevard

Construction will have negative effects on business in the area

Provided more drainage as many spots have puddling along Humboldt Boulevard

Tree removal

Provide separate bike lanes

The meeting concluded at 8:30 PM