

Project I.D. 2984-32-01
West Villard Avenue Bridge (Over Lincoln Creek Parkway)
Local Street
Milwaukee County

Public Information Meeting #2

Welcome to the public informational meeting for the W. Villard Avenue bridge rehabilitation project. The City of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) are in the process of designing an improvement project for the structure over the Lincoln Creek. We invite you to view the exhibits, talk with the City of Milwaukee staff, ask questions, and provide comments.

The purpose of today's meeting is to:

- Update the public on the project
- Obtain comments, concerns, or suggestions from the public
- Present information related to the design requirements
- Answer questions regarding the project



Project Need

The existing bridge was constructed in 1955 and is now in need of a new bridge deck. The existing bridge deck has distressed repair areas and potholes. There are numerous transverse cracks in the asphalt, most of which are not sealed. Replacing the bridge deck will provide a life expectancy of 45 years to the whole bridge structure.

Information Available

- Current design plans
- Current historical study information
- Comment forms to be completed this evening or mailed back

Historical Information

Lincoln Creek Parkway consists of 189.5 acres of county-owned land, including Meaux Park. The parkway connects with the Milwaukee River Parkway through Lincoln Park, which is adjacent to the east side of Meaux Park.

Lincoln Creek Parkway has not formally been evaluated for National Register eligibility. Preliminary evaluation indicates that Lincoln Creek Parkway has the potential to be eligible for listing in the National Register and should be evaluated under Criterion A (Community Planning & Development) and Criterion C (Landscape Architecture). It is part of the Milwaukee County Parkway System, an entity largely developed by the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression, and was designed by the County's long-time landscape architect, and later Superintendent of Parks, Alfred Boerner.

The proposed project involves the W. Villard Avenue bridge, a contributing component of the Parkway entity. The proposed action includes replacing the bridge deck and railing.

Comments

It is very important that we receive public input on the proposed project as it will be directly impacting businesses and residents in the area.

We appreciate your verbal or written comments. For written comments, please complete the comment form found at the sign-in table, and leave it with us or mail it back no later than November 29, 2019

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we having this Public Information Meeting?

The City of Milwaukee is evaluating alternatives for improvements to the Villard Avenue Bridge over Lincoln Creek Parkway. The project was shelved in 2013 when construction funding was unavailable, and was activated again in 2019 when construction funding became available.

What is the proposed improvement?

The proposed improvement for the West Villard Avenue Bridge project consists of removing the existing bridge deck and replacing it with a new one. The existing bridge was built in 1955. It is 156 feet long and 57 feet wide, including a 45 foot roadway, two five foot sidewalks, and two one foot railings. The existing lane configuration consists of two 22.5 foot shared driving/bicycle lanes in each. The proposed deck rehabilitation removes 10 inches of existing pavement (3 inch bituminous pavement over 7 inch reinforced concrete), and replaces it with 8 inches of reinforced concrete, matching the width of the existing bridge deck. The proposed lane configuration consists of two shared driving/bicycle lanes and two parking lanes. Less than 100 feet of the approach roadways will be reconstructed including concrete approach slabs. The bridge and approach roadways will not be widened, and no right of way acquisition will be necessary to complete the project.

How important is this roadway?

This roadway is a minor arterial that provides a crossing over the Lincoln Creek Parkway and also provides access to highway 57. Around 6,400 vehicles travel over this roadway per day.

When will construction take place?

The construction is tentatively scheduled to take place in 2021. The construction season starts in spring and ends in fall.

Will the roadway be open to traffic during construction?

The construction will be completed in two phases. In each phase, W. Villard Ave. Bridge will be reduced to one-way traffic. In the first phase it will be one-way in one direction, and in the second phase it will be one way in the other direction. No on-street parking will be available adjacent to the bridge during construction.

What is the cost of this improvement? Where does the money come from? Will Abutting property owners be assessed?

Estimated cost of the project is \$2,460,400. Federal aid will pay for 80% of the cost. The City will pay for the remaining 20%. There will be no assessments.