

2024 Local Street Improvements Public Involvement Meeting #1 Handout

5th Street Reconstruction
Grand Avenue to Prairie Street

VFW Drive Reconstruction
8th Street to Water Street

**December 18, 2023
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Ruth Culver Community Library
540 Water Street, Prairie du Sac, WI**

Purpose of the Meeting

The objective of today's meeting is to present information regarding the purpose and need for the projects, answer questions, and obtain your input that will be considered during the designing of the project. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. After the presentation, the meeting will follow an open house format that will conclude at 6:30 p.m.

Project Information

5th Street Reconstruction - Full reconstruction of street from Grand Avenue to Prairie Street.

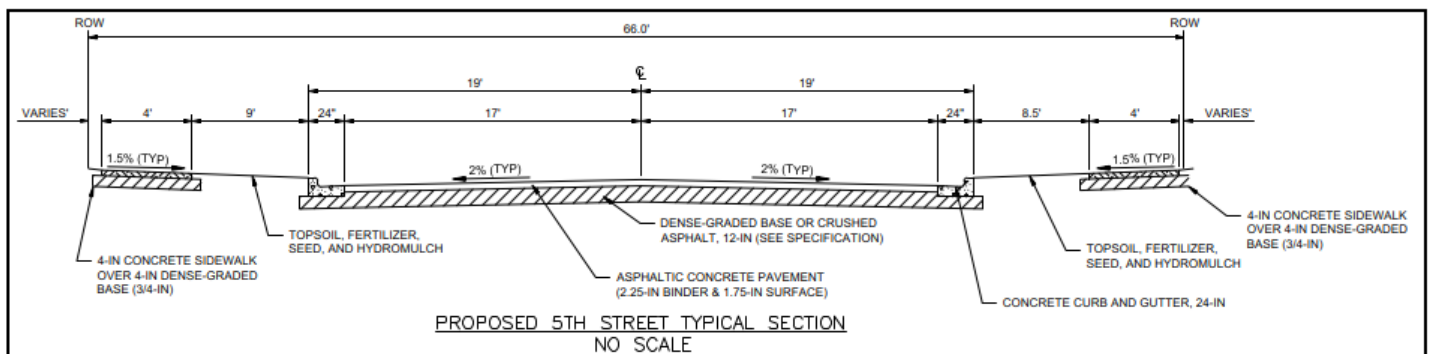
- Spot sidewalk replacement on west side.
- Spot and new sidewalk on east side.
- Water main and service replacement from Grand Avenue to Prairie Street.
- New storm sewer from Grand Avenue to Prairie Street on some blocks.
- Sanitary sewer repairs.

VFW Reconstruction - Full reconstruction of street from 8th Street to Water Street.

- New Sidewalk on one side.
- Water main and service replacement.
- New curb and gutter.
- New storm sewer.
- Minor sanitary sewer repairs.

Proposed Impacts During Construction

Parking on the street in the project area will be greatly impacted to the point of no parking will be allowed during most of the project. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. During construction, homeowners and businesses will generally have access to their driveways at the end of each workday, except when fresh concrete has been poured which needs sufficient time to cure. Homeowners and businesses will be contacted in advance by the contractor before closing a driveway. Garbage and recycling collection will continue its regular schedule and placement. The Village will be discussing mail delivery options with the post office, but temporary mailbox banks are anticipated during the project.



Items within the Village's Right-of-Way (R/W) are subject to removal and damage, see graphic of typical street R/W. This includes, but is not limited to, trees, fencing, and landscaping. Anything that has been placed in the Right-of-Way by adjacent property owners was done so at their own risk. The Village is not responsible for damage, cost, or replacement of such items. If you wish to re-locate such items, you can at your own expense. Such relocation must be completed prior to the start of the project. (Reference Section 4-2-8(d) of Village of Prairie du Sac Code of Ordinances)

It is the policy of the Village to construct public sidewalks along or upon any existing public street in the Village of Prairie du Sac when the street is reconstructed or during a planned extension of an existing public sidewalk

within a block of a street. Placement of sidewalks is based on the street's functional classification and the Village's Minimum Public Street Design Requirements. For when such guidelines call for sidewalks on at least one side of the street, village policy is for such to be located on the north and west sides of streets unless otherwise determined by the Village Engineer. Reasons the engineer may determine otherwise include conflicts with the sidewalk's placement such as utilities, grades, and right-of-way width, or location of existing sidewalk connections.

The contractor will be responsible for getting the new seeding established in the terrace so that it covers the entire area to a height of 2-inches. The Village of Prairie du Sac specifies the contractor use Madison Parks or an approved equivalent grass seed. Madison Parks grass seed is a mixture of superior turfgrass varieties that thrive in full sun or light shade. It is excellent for new lawns or upgrading existing turf which establishes quickly and permanently. It may take up to two years for the lawn in the terrace area to be fully restored, depending on various factors. UW-Extension recommends setting your mower at 2½ to 3 inches to allow grass to be dense and have a deeper root system. UW-Extension also recommends you mow frequently, keep the mower blade sharp, and return the clippings to the lawn. Taller grass and frequent mowing can aid in preventing weed growth. The Village recommends that you begin mowing once the grass has reached a height between 2½ to 3 inches. Adjacent property owners' may choose to water the grass to aid in its growth. However, the Village will not reimburse such costs.

Some mature trees will likely need to be removed from the terrace area within the Right-of-Way (R/W) as part of the project due to significant root damage, construction activities and/or the Village's ash tree removal program. The Village's re-planting of trees in the terrace area depends on available funding and potential conflicts with utilities, vision triangles, and other trees, tree availability and other items that may conflict with trees. The Village's tree vendor will be responsible for planting and watering the trees for the first year after planting. If planted, trees will be planted in the fall after the construction is completed. The trees will be the property of the Village as will any items used to water the trees. The Village is not soliciting requests for planting of specific tree(s) in front of properties, as the Village cannot guarantee such requests will be fulfilled. The goal of the Village is to plant a diverse type of trees in each block. Diversity is important to aid in preventing diseases or insects that might attack a specific tree specimen and wiping out an entire block of terrace trees. The following are examples of trees the Village may plant in the street terrace. The selection is based on ideal trees for street terraces.

American Elm
Crimson King Maple
Kentucky Coffee Tree
Skyline Locust
Greenspire Linden

Cleveland Select Pear
Redmond Linden
Mt. St. Helens Plum
Autumn Blaze Maple

The Village recognizes that making the needed improvements will be a challenge and inconvenience for both homeowners and businesses. The Village will take measures to minimize the impact as much as logistically and financially possible.

Special Assessments

The Village intends to levy special assessments for driveways and carriage walks (private walkways that connect the public sidewalk and the street curb, not present on every lot) as they benefit the individual property. There are no special assessments planned for the street improvements, public sidewalks, or curb and gutters as these items benefit the entire village. Soon after the project design is completed, estimates of special assessment letters will be mailed out to affected property owners regarding driveways and/or carriage walks. The letter will contain information on the special assessment and the date of a public hearing before the Village Board regarding special assessments.

Project Update/Next Steps

The project was recommended by the Public Works/Utilities Committee in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Village Board approved the project as part of the 2024 Capital Projects Fund Budget on November 28, 2023.

Field survey work has been completed. The project will be designed during the 2023-2024 winter. The completed plans will be considered by the Public Works/Utilities Committee prior to going to bid in late winter/early spring of 2024. The bids will be considered by the Village Board for awarding. It is anticipated that the project construction will begin in the spring/summer of 2024 with scheduled completion prior to Labor Day 2024. More regarding the start and completion dates will be known after awarding the project to a contractor. The Village will host another Public Involvement Meeting with the public after the designs have been completed.

The Village has created an email distribution list to provide project updates. During construction, this list will be used to provide weekly updates regarding the project. Therefore, it is very important that you provide your e-mail to be added to this list. To be added to this list, please send an email to awildman@prairiedusac.net with 2024 Local Street Improvements Distribution as the subject. If you included your email on tonight's sign-in sheet, you will be added to the list. The weekly updates will also be posted on the Village's website under the Public Works Department at www.prairiedusac.net/streetwork or by clicking on the traffic cone icon that can be found by scrolling the icons in the middle of the page at www.prairiedusac.net.

Public Input/Comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions that you may have regarding the project. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the project. Please provide written comments about the project before January 5, 2024, or leave them tonight. You may mail, email, or drop off your comment form (information included on the form). Your comments assist us in developing a project to 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. For more information, please contact:

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