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RE: 15th Avenue Rehabilitation from Rawson Avenue to College Avenue

The City of South Milwaukee has been awarded American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for 15th Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation between College and Rawson Avenues. Under the ARRA requirements, the City completed design work; and WISDOT is responsible for plan approval, construction contract advertising, and contract administration.

Final plans as approved include the following work:

- Localized (or spot) replacement of defective or deteriorated curb and gutter.
- Localized replacement of deteriorated parking lane concrete pavement.
- Full concrete pavement replacement of travel lanes (24 foot total width).
- Full replacement of pavement and island in vicinity of College Avenue.
- 6 ft. wide signage median at Cherry, Walnut and Beech Streets to emphasize school zone and pedestrian crossings, and to slow traffic and improve safety. For traffic control, left turns (from northbound to westbound) will be prohibited at Cherry, Walnut, and Beech from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on regular school days.
- Pavement widening (6 ft.) on the east side of 15th Avenue (from 150 ft. south of Cherry to 200 ft. north of Beech) to accommodate the median described above, and allow a designated turn lane to the Middle School drop-off. The sidewalk location will not change, but terrace (curb to sidewalk) will be narrowed.
- The project does not include alterations to intersections of 15th Avenue with Rawson Avenue, Parkway Drive or College Avenue.
- The project does not include paving of stub streets easterly of 15th Avenue at Cherry, Pine, Chestnut, or Cedar, but the City intends to contract separately for this work in 2010.

WISDOT is scheduled to open bids for this project on February 23, with construction starting in April, and completion expected by October, 2010. The plans require construction to be done in five stages for detour and access purposes as indicated below:

Stage 1:	East side from north of Oak Creek Parkway to College Avenue
Stage 2:	West side from north of Oak Creek Parkway to College Avenue
Stage 3:	Intersection of 15 th Avenue and Oak Creek Parkway
Stage 4:	South of Cedar Street to south of Oak Creek Parkway
Stage 5:	North of Rawson Avenue to south of Cedar Street

Stage 4 has a designated construction time of mid-June to September 1, 2010 due to the adjacent school campus. Other stages will depend on the contractor's plan of operations. Connecting local streets will be closed during construction stages, and traffic will need to use other routes.

City officials are pleased that we were able to secure ARRA funds for this project, and look forward to rehabilitation of this important thoroughfare. Your patience during construction is appreciated since there will be restricted access, detours, and closures along 15th Avenue.

Additional correspondence will be sent when WISDOT has awarded the contract and the contractor's planned schedule of operations is confirmed.

In the interim, please contact Kyle Vandercar, City Engineer at vandercar@ci.south-milwaukee.wi.us, or 414-762-2222, ext. 136 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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