



South Milwaukee

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**RE: Nicholson Avenue/Pennsylvania Avenue Improvements (Rawson to College)
PROJECT UPDATE**

The State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proceeding with construction of improvements to Nicholson Avenue/Pennsylvania Avenue from Rawson Avenue to College Avenue.

The cities of South Milwaukee and Oak Creek have been working with WisDOT since 2009 to evaluate design options, finalize construction plans, acquire necessary right-of-way, and other items necessary to construct the improvements. The following information is provided as a brief update; and if you would like more information on a specific item or how your property may be affected, please feel free to contact the appropriate Engineering Department. Contact information is provided below.

- WisDOT awarded a contract in May, 2012 to Musson Brothers, Inc., who will serve as the general contractor for the project. Musson is preparing required submittals to WisDOT, and City representatives will be attending a pre-construction meeting on June 21. More details of the construction schedule will be available as details are approved by WisDOT.
- Utility companies (WE Energies, AT&T, Time Warner) have been relocating utilities in preparation for construction, with completion anticipated by June 30.
- Traffic will be detoured during construction to Howell Avenue, and the road will be closed to thru traffic starting June 26 or shortly thereafter. Local access for abutting residents will be maintained but use of intersecting streets is recommended.
- Construction should be substantially complete by early October.
- Improvement Summary:
 - Reconstruction of existing road with capacity expansion from a two lane road to a four lane road without median.
 - Pavement section is concrete curb and gutter, asphalt pavement.
 - Sidewalks on both sides of the roadway to meet WisDOT and federal standards for funding.
 - New street lighting (wood poles will not be reinstalled).
 - Storm sewer and inlets along entire segment to collect run-off.

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- Storm water detention pond to reduce peak run-off and improve water quality downstream.
- Construction of road within dedicated right-of-way, with centerline along the municipal boundary. The two northbound lanes will be aligned closely to the existing pavement, with two southbound lanes constructed to the west.
- The frontage road (Hickory to Beech) will remain; with sidewalk constructed within the existing median.
- Disturbed areas will be restored as lawn. There is no additional landscaping as part of this project.

Plans for this project may be viewed at the South Milwaukee City Administration Building, 2424 15th Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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