



May 31, 2018

**RE: NICHOLSON AVENUE (S. PENNSYLVANIA AVE) & MILWAUKEE AVENUE
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

BACKGROUND

In 2016, Oak Creek and South Milwaukee jointly funded a traffic study to address operational needs on Nicholson (Pennsylvania) between Rawson and Drexel. One of the study conclusions is to construct a left turn lane onto Milwaukee Avenue from southbound Nicholson at the intersection; and create a left turn only lane from Milwaukee Avenue onto Nicholson Avenue to reduce conflicts and congestion. Future work will include widening the road for a center turn lane along the entire segment between Rawson Avenue and Drexel Boulevard. Public information meetings will be held prior to such future work. The intersection improvements under this contract are considered interim work to reduce congestion and improve safety at the intersection.

Survey and design work was completed in 2017, along with budgeting of the project by both cities. A construction contract for the intersection work has been awarded to D.C. Burbach, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The work under this contract includes widening of the roadway on the east side to create a left turn lane and transitions between 2001 Nicholson (7275 S. Pennsylvania Avenue) and 2201 Nicholson (7375 S. Pennsylvania Avenue). The existing southbound lane and shoulder will remain unchanged. Curb and gutter will be installed along the east side to match future improvements (widening). The contract includes all necessary grading, drainage improvements, paving, and pavement markings to complete the intersection.

SCHEDULE & DETOUR

During construction, northbound Nicholson traffic will be detoured onto Michigan Avenue, 18th Avenue, and Minnesota Avenue in South Milwaukee. Southbound traffic will continue without left turns in the construction zone. There will be very limited access to driveways during construction at 2001, 2107, 2113, and 2115 Nicholson, as well as the Nicholson driveway to the apartments at 1818 Milwaukee Avenue. A temporary bank of mailboxes may be established for certain addresses (further correspondence will be provided). Garbage and recycling should be placed as usual and collection will be modified as necessary. There will not be access during construction to Milwaukee Avenue from Nicholson Avenue and Milwaukee Avenue will be closed at 18th except for resident access and parking. Work is expected to start on June 11 with

the detour established on Sunday June 10th. Construction is scheduled to be completed by June 29 barring unforeseen circumstances or weather conditions. Some utility work to relocate a We-Energies pole and fire hydrant will occur the week of June 4. Due to the short construction period, extended construction hours are being allowed, Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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