

WIS 35 Tower Avenue Project

Winter 2010

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans to reconstruct WIS 35, Tower Avenue in the City of Superior. The one-mile project would extend from Belknap Street northward to the vicinity of the intersection of North 3rd Street.

Project Need

The project was selected to be programmed to replace dated pavement and utilities. Goals of the project are to enhance pedestrian and vehicle safety and aid traffic mobility. The project creates the opportunity for improved speed control and street scape.

Partnership

WisDOT worked in coordination with City of Superior, Business Improvement District design committee and their consultant to incorporate community vision of a desired roadway within state and federal standards.

Proposed Alternative

South Portion (Belknap – Winter/RR)

Safety solutions of medians, designated left turn bays and curb extensions would provide for high local business traffic and pedestrian usage in this section of the project. Medians would be used to improve pedestrian safety while still allowing for left turn lanes facilitate traffic mobility for both WIS 35 traffic and local business traffic. Use of both the medians and curb extensions throughout this section would significantly increase pedestrian safety, traffic movement and traffic calming.

North Portion (8th/RR-3rd Street)

North of the rail corridor, the new roadway is proposed to serve the combined uses of thru traffic, industrial traffic, local business traffic and pedestrian users. The two lanes with center turn lane better facilitates traffic mobility for all traffic. The industrial traffic would be able to make use of the center turn lane for the large turning movements necessary in those areas. A raised safety median is utilized near the rail corridor. A median near 7th Street would facilitate pedestrian crossings. Curb extensions on Tower Avenue throughout this section would contribute to increased pedestrian safety and overall traffic calming.

Current Project schedule:

Early 2009: Preliminary design work begins and Public Involvement Meeting held

Feb 2010: Proposed Design Alternative Public Involvement Meetings & Public Comment Period

Fall 2010-2012: Final Design

Spring 2013: Construction Begins

Fall 2013: Tentative completion date

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