

WIS 35 (Tower Avenue) Reconstruction Project

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Northwest Region, Superior
Public Involvement
Winter & Spring 2009

Objectives

- Project Need
- Project Details
- Traffic Impact
- Business Information
- Timeline
- Contact Information



Project Need

- Existing concrete pavement dates back to 1914 and 1935
- Multiple overlays have temporarily preserved driving surface
- Existing combined sewer system requires storm water separation
- The reconstruction is the last in a series of projects to completely reconstruct the Tower Avenue corridor in the city



Tower Avenue 1945

Project Details

- Reconstruct approximately one mile of Tower Avenue from Belknap to North 3rd Street
- Improvements to roadway pavement, sidewalk, street lighting and side streets
- New roadway may include two lanes with center turn lane
- Raised median in some locations

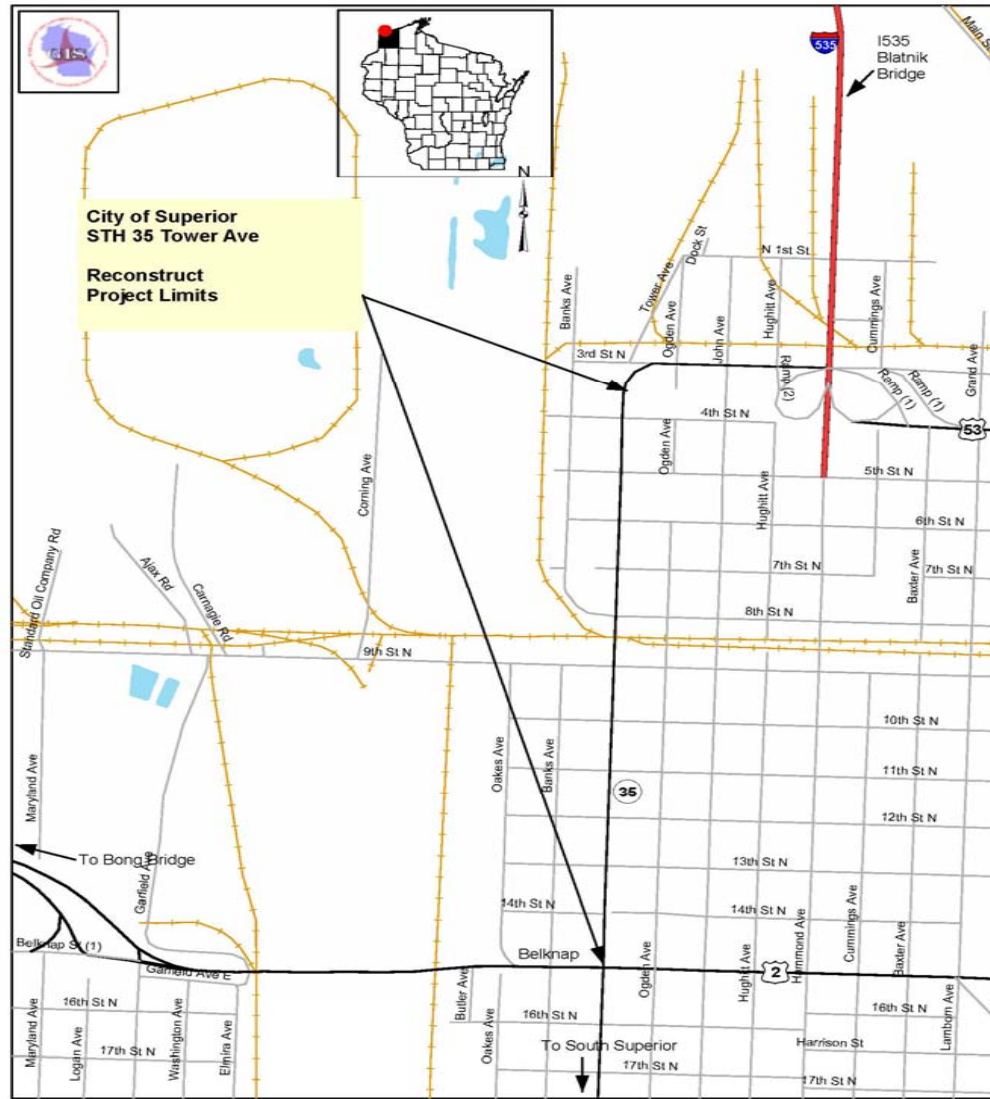


Project Details

- Enhanced pedestrian safety
- New storm sewer system
- Water line and other utility upgrades and repairs
- Aesthetic treatments and amenities like decorative lighting, special concrete sidewalk treatments, and green plantings



Project Limits



Traffic Impact

- Detour route for truck and through traffic provided to reduce congestion
- Roadway may be constructed “half-at-a-time” with additional spot closures to decrease reconstruction time
- Local business traffic uses one half of Tower Avenue while other half is under construction
- Tower Avenue may have one lane traffic in each direction with no on street parking



Business Communication

- In This Together program
- Project web site
- Newsletters
- Weekly/bi-weekly meetings throughout construction

**[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/wis35towerave/
index.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/wis35towerave/index.htm)**

Current Project Schedule

- Early 2009: Preliminary design work begins and Public Involvement Meeting held
- Fall 2009: Construction staging and traffic handling concepts ready for review
- Fall 2009: Preliminary plan review & Public Involvement Meetings
- January 2010: Public Comment Period Ends
- Spring 2010-2011: Final Design
- Spring 2013: Construction Begins
- Fall 2013: Tentative completion date

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