

County S Improvements

County H to Brumback Boulevard, Kenosha County

June 2016

You are invited to a Public Involvement Meeting

When: Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Somers Village Hall

7511 12th Street, Kenosha, WI 53144

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The Kenosha County Department of Public Works invites you to the second public involvement meeting to discuss the improvement of County S to a four lane roadway. This capacity expansion project is currently in the study phase and extends from County H to Brumback Boulevard in the Village and Town of Somers and the City of Kenosha in Kenosha County.

The format of the meeting will be open house. There will not be a formal presentation. Attendees may stop in at their convenience and view exhibits, meet with project staff, ask questions and provide feedback. The exhibits will show the recommended roadway cross section and layout for improving the roadway.

Kenosha County encourages property and business owners, interested citizens, and other stakeholders to attend the meeting and provide input.

Project Information

Purpose: The purpose of the County S improvement study is to develop a plan for addressing existing and future traffic demand, traffic flow, and safety concerns in the County S corridor that minimizes property and environmental impacts to the extent possible and practicable.

Deficiencies: County S has shoulder widths that are too narrow to safely pull over, poor sight distance at several hills, unsafe obstructions very close to the roadway such as power poles, and drainage problems. Due to recent and proposed developments in the project area, traffic volumes are projected to nearly double by 2019 (anticipated construction year). These deficiencies and the lack of traffic capacity contribute to a crash rate more than four times higher than the statewide average crash rate for this type of roadway.

Recommended Design: The study team has analyzed several alternatives and is recommending that a 4-lane hybrid typical section be constructed by widening the roadway to the north. The hybrid cross-section alternative would have a 30-foot grass median with curb and gutter in the median, paved/gravel shoulders on the outside and ditches for drainage. Two eastbound lanes would be built in place of the existing County S roadway, while two westbound lanes would be built to the north of the existing lanes. Right of way acquisition and temporary grading easements are anticipated.

Recommended Improvements:

- Expand County S to the north with four lanes and a grass median
- Construct a second bridge over the Canadian Pacific railroad for the additional lanes, north of the existing bridge
- Improve vertical deficiencies (cutting hills and filling in valleys)
- Upgrade intersections to current design standards with additional lanes
- Replace the traffic signals at County H and Brumback Boulevard
- Improve drainage with wider ditches and culvert replacements
- Provide bike and pedestrian accommodations along the entire project