



County B | French Island Public Involvement Meeting #1 January 27, 2021 Question & Answer Session

The first PIM was held on January 27, 2021. Due to La Crosse County guidance prohibiting public gatherings during the COVID19 pandemic and in the interest of public health; the public involvement meeting for the project was held virtually via Zoom. The formal presentation was given by the consultant public involvement lead Mary Beth Pettit (GRAEF) who has been retained by La Crosse County to design the project. Following the formal presentation, attendees submitted questions either through a chat window or by raising their hand in the Zoom application at which time the moderator called on them to hear their comment and/or question. The following is a summary of the Q&A session following the presentation:

- Q** A southbound small left-turn lane into Kwik Trip would make traffic flow more clear there. (And, combining their two curb cutout spots into one larger one.) Kwik Trip gets a ton of traffic/folks turning in there and it is quite close to the free-flowing left-turn onto Clinton.
- A** The design team will evaluate this as part of the proposed improvement and work with the adjacent property owner to determine if combining access points is appropriate for the project. Due to the close proximity of the driveway location and the intersection this spacing provides unique challenges.
- Q** Thanks for the previous proposal designs and the designs shared for this meeting. Is there any particular the multiuse pathway is proposed on the east side of Bainbridge? I believe it was on the west side on a prior version.
- A** The project team worked collaboratively with representatives from the Town of Campbell to determine the recommended typical section. The Town of Campbell indicated a preference of the multi-use trail on the east side of the roadway due to the proximity of a couple of properties to the county right-of-way line. The properties on the west side of the roadway are closer to the existing ROW line and by moving the path to the east side, the driveways for these properties can accommodate an additional parked car.
- Q** Will the segment going over the I-90 overpass match the design of the county? What coordination has there been with the state?
- A** The segment of County B going over I-90 will not be reconstructed as part of this project. The life cycle planning for this section of roadway is different than the county portion and is maintained by the state of Wisconsin. The roadway will not match the typical section proposed by the County until the state reconstructs that portion of roadway. The county will look for logical termini for the multi-use trail until the state has identified a project for the interchange area. The county is coordinating with the state on the County B reconstruction project as various funding sources require Wisconsin DOT oversight and design standards. There is currently not room for the multi-use path on the existing structure of County B over I-90, but there are paved shoulders that accommodate cyclists.
- Q** With the lanes staying at 12' widths on Fanta Reed and encouraging bikers and walkers to use this road, will there be any change to the trucks being allowed on this road?
- A** There are no plans to reduce the speed limit on County B as part of the project and CTH B will continue to be maintained as a truck route.
- Q** Will the multi-use path follow existing ground contour as not to affect driveway approach angles on the east side of the road greater than the wider roadway will. Also why does the gap between the road and the multi-use path have to be so wide? why does the path need to be 10 feet wide? That is only 2 feet narrower than the lanes the semi trucks use.
- A** The project is not proposing to significantly change the roadway profile and will have minimal impacts to the grade of existing driveways. Driveway grading will be done to assure drainage will flow back to the road. The "gap" is commonly

referred to as the terrace area and provides an area for snow storage during the winter months. The 10' path is the minimum width for a bi-directional path to allow bicycles to travel in both directions.

Q Will the multiuse pathway cross over Bainbridge or extend all the way over the highway to Fanta Reed? Is the intent to funnel the multi-use traffic to the pedestrian bridge?

A Following this first public involvement meeting, the team will be looking at connectivity of the path on the island. With the state portion not being reconstructed at the same time, a logical interim solution may be to use the multi-use pathway as a connection between the two portions of County B being led by the County.

Q What is planned for the Tellin Ct and Bainbridge St. intersection?

A The intersection will remain in the current configuration; the project will match into the existing Tellin Court profile at an appropriate distance that allow for drainage corrections.

Q I am concerned about the utility poles. How are they going to be moved?

A Utility coordination is done as part of the design project. Once we have a proposed plan of improvement, the design team meets with the utility companies to identify conflicts with the existing facilities. The utilities then prepare work plans to move their utilities to accommodate the proposed improvement.

Q Has the type of material been decided for the pavement?

A Yes, the county is proposing that the roadway be portland cement concrete pavement.

Q Are multi-use pathways treated like roads and plowed by municipalities or are residents expected to plow/shovel them? Who fixes cracks or trip hazards that develop?

A From the County perspective, the Town will be responsible for the maintenance of the path, this includes both winter maintenance and the physical maintenance needed to keep the path in good repair and ADA compliant. The winter maintenance (snow removal) would be in accordance with Town policy.

Q How are you planning to deflect traffic during construction? Access to Sky Harbor Dr?

A Construction staging will be planned as we get further into the project. Initial thoughts are that the roadway will be detoured using County and State Highways.

Q Will curb and gutter be installed?

A Yes, the county is proposing curb and gutter for both sections of the roadway.

Q How far away from my house does the road need to stay away from.

A There is not a defined or standard distance that the roadway must be from existing properties.

Q Are there plans for a bridge on south of French Island to La Crosse?

A A bridge was being considered by the Coulee Region Transportation Study led by WisDOT. The project has been on hold for quite sometime and the County is not aware of any plans for a bridge moving forward.

Q Does the path have to be 10 feet wide, or can it be narrowed?

A If the path is only on one side, it needs to be 10' side to accommodate bi-directional pedestrian and bicyclists. If a pathway is proposed on both sides of the roadway it can be reduced to 8'.

Q Would a section that has parking on one side and a bicycle lane on the other side be an option?

A If on-road bicycle lanes are proposed, they would need to be proposed on both sides of the roadway as on-road cyclists must travel in the direction of live traffic. An option to have parking on one side of the roadway and a multi-use trail on the other side was considered by the Town in January. Comments from this meeting will be shared with the Town for further consideration. The decision on parking and bicycle\pedestrian accommodations will be considered per input from the Town of Campbell.

Q Does this eliminate all parking at all times on Fanta Reed?

A Yes, parking would be eliminated along Fanta Reed Road.

Q If the grant money isn't awarded for this project, then what happens?

A The County will continue to pursue funding sources until money becomes available for the roadway. The grant allocations consider pavement condition as a major factor and we are optimistic that funding will become available for the project through a federal aid program.

Q Who pays the cost of making driveways match up to the road?

A The County is paying for the construction of all of the planned elements shown on the displays including the driveway replacement necessary to accommodate the new roadway.

Q Was sidewalk on both sides discussed?

A One of the typical sections shared with the Town of Campbell for comment included sidewalk on both sides and on-road bicycle lanes, this would require the elimination of parking on both sides of the roadway in order to keep the section within the 66' owned County ROW. The Town recommended to not move this alternative forward for further comment by the stakeholders.

Q How long will construction take?

A The roadway will be constructed in two phases. Each segment of roadway is expected to take a full construction season, April through November.

Q Which segment are you doing first?

A This has yet to be determined, we will know more when we have identified the funding for the project.

Q Will we be notified of the next meeting?

A Yes, public mailings for all meetings will be sent to the active stakeholder database which includes all properties on French Island. If you have attended any meeting or signed up via email you will receive an electronic invitation. The meetings will also be posted on the website.

Q Can you show again how to get to the interactive GIS map from the lacrossecountyb.com website?

The interactive GIS map may be accessed through the push button on the project website:

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
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- [Presentation \(MP4\)](#)
- [Handout \(PDF\)](#)
- [PIM Comment Form \(PDF\)](#)
- [Project Schedule \(PDF\)](#)
- [Fanta Reed Road from Lakeshore Drive to East of Airport Road \(PDF\)](#)
- [Fanta Reed Road from East of Airport Road to Dawson Avenue \(PDF\)](#)
- [Brainbridge Street from Clinton Street to North of Goddard Place \(PDF\)](#)
- [Brainbridge Street from North of Goddard Place to North of Tellin Court \(PDF\)](#)
- [Brainbridge Street from North of Tellin Court to Olivet Court \(PDF\)](#)
- [Typical Sections \(PDF\)](#)

These displays will be available for public viewing between January 25th and March 5th at the following locations:

- Campbell Town Hall, 2219 Brainbridge Street
- By appointment at the La Crosse County Highway Department, 301 Carlson Rd, West Salem. Call 608-786-3810 to make an appointment.

View an interactive map with Aerial Photo, Existing, and Proposed Alternative layers: 

Q Not a part of this project at all, but is there a known current PASER Score for Cty BW (Lakeshore Dr)

A Please contact the highway Department directly, they will look into the database and provide this information separately as it is not part of the County B project.