

## **Highway VV (Pioneer Road)**

Forest Avenue to WIS 23 (W. Johnson Street)

City of Fond du Lac

Fond du Lac County

## **W. Johnson Street/ Pioneer Road Intersection**

WisDOT ID 1440-40-00

Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP)

City of Fond du Lac

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## **Public Involvement Meeting**

**February 27, 2020**

**5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Fond du Lac County Highway Department**

## ***Welcome***

Welcome to the public involvement meeting for the upcoming improvement projects along Pioneer Road (Highway VV) from Forest Avenue to West Johnson Street (US 45/WIS 23) in the City of Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County. The meeting will be held in an open-house format, with a brief presentation scheduled for 5:15 pm.

This handout and the exhibits on display are available to help familiarize you with the project details. We encourage you to review the exhibits. Representatives from Fond du Lac County, City of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and Gremmer & Associates (consultant design firm) are here to receive comments and answer any questions you may have about this project. In addition to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and concerns about this project. You may drop your comment form in the comment box at the registration table tonight, or return by mail as noted on the form. We ask that all comments be returned by March 13, 2020.

## ***Purpose and need***

### Pioneer Road (Highway VV) – Forest Avenue to West Johnson Street

Address a deteriorating pavement throughout the project corridor, address safety concerns related to multiple driveways in a short segment of roadway between the “Home Depot” Private Road and Johnson Street, address safety concerns due to limited sight distance at the Pioneer Road/“Home Depot” Private Road intersection, and improve traffic operations at the Pioneer Road/Johnson Street intersection.

### West Johnson Street (US 45/WIS 23)/Pioneer Road (Highway VV) Intersection

The intersection of West Johnson Street and Pioneer Road is located approximately 400’ east of the ramp terminal of I-41 NB and West Johnson Street. The left turn lanes along West Johnson Street are not offset, which creates difficulties seeing oncoming through traffic during the permissive left turn traffic signal phase. In addition, the existing traffic signals are on trombone arms and do not have a signal head per lane. These items contribute to a high amount of crashes at the intersection.

## ***Proposed improvement***

### Pioneer Road (Highway VV) – Forest Avenue to West Johnson Street

Reconstruct the existing rural roadway with an urban roadway section including curb and gutter, a shared use recreation path on the east side of the road, and storm sewer. The roadway section from Forest Avenue to the “Home Depot” Private Road intersection will consist two 11’ traveled lanes and a 12’ continuous center left turn lane. The roadway section from the “Home Depot” Private Road intersection to Johnson Street will consist of two 11’ travel lanes (northbound), one 11’ travel lane (southbound), and a raised median. The proposed project also includes a new traffic signal at the Pioneer Road/“Home Depot” Private Road intersection. As a result of the preferred alternative, driveway access off of Pioneer Road will be modified.

This project is locally funded and managed by the Fond du Lac County and the City of Fond du Lac. Construction is currently scheduled for 2022.

### West Johnson Street (US 45/WIS 23)/Pioneer Road (Highway VV) Intersection

Construction of “slotted” left-turn lanes along Johnson Street, as well as a dedicated right-turn lane along westbound Johnson Street. Monotube traffic signals with one traffic signal head per lane will be installed on West Johnson Street. In addition, the project will upgrade the pedestrian crossing movements within the intersection.

This project is funded through the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP) program and managed by WisDOT. Construction is currently scheduled for 2022.

## ***Safety***

### Pioneer Road (Highway VV) – Forest Avenue to West Johnson Street

- The new traffic signals at the “Home Depot” Private Road intersection will help to mitigate the substandard intersection sight distance and help reduce crashes at the intersection.
- The raised median and the driveway modifications from the “Home Depot” Private Road to Johnson Street reduces potential for head-on and angle crashes.
- Combining the Schreiner’s entrance/exit driveway opposite of the “Home Depot” Private Road and signalizing the intersection eliminates conflict points which will reduce the potential for rear-end and angle crashes.

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- Construction of “slotted” left-turn lanes along Johnson Street is expected to decrease the number of left turn crashes along Johnson Street.
- Monotube traffic signals with one traffic signal head per lane on Johnson Street is expected to decrease the number of rear-end and right angle crashes.
- The upgraded pedestrian crossing movements within the intersection is expected to provide a safer crossing for pedestrians.

## ***Right-of-way***

Some minor right-of-way acquisition and temporary easements will be necessary for the Pioneer Road project from Forest Avenue to West Johnson Street. No new right-of-way or easements are anticipated for the WisDOT HSIP funded West Johnson Street/Pioneer Road Intersection improvement project.

## ***Access during construction***

The project will be constructed with a combination of traffic staging and/or detours. Access to adjacent businesses will be maintained at all times.

## ***What’s next?***

Upcoming project activities:

- Review input received at tonight’s public information meeting
- Continue to refine project design
- Determine right-of-way and easement needs for the project
- Continue to coordinate with local community leaders and impacted property owners

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