



**4th Public Information Meeting  
December 20, 2011  
Project I.D. 2440-07-00  
WIS 20/32  
7<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project  
City of Racine, WI**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the City of Racine welcome you to the fourth Public Information Meeting for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction project.

### **Purpose**

Our primary goals today are to show you the updated design plans and work done since the last public information meeting as well as continue to get your feedback. Several representatives from the project design team are on hand to review the project and answer any questions.

Your comments and continued interest in the project are very important to us. Please use the comment sheets provided to let us know about any concerns or questions you might have. You can fill them out now and leave them in the comment box or drop the comment form in the mail by January 3, 2012.

### **Project description**

WIS 20/32 will be reconstructed from just north of 9<sup>th</sup> Street to just west of Main Street. The project includes the intersection of Washington Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, which requires safety and operational improvements to meet current WisDOT standards. Work will include pavement reconstruction, storm sewer work, pedestrian and bicycle enhancements, streetscape improvements, and signal replacement. A roundabout will be constructed at the Washington Ave./7<sup>th</sup> St./6<sup>th</sup> St. intersection.

## Work recently completed:

- The advisory committee completed their work on the streetscape elements.
- A roundabout was chosen over a traffic signal at the Washington Ave./7<sup>th</sup> St./6<sup>th</sup> St. intersection.
- Historic property issues were resolved to ensure the project receives federal funding.
- Right-of-Way Plat was completed and the city is currently in the process of purchasing land or obtaining easements from several properties along the project.
- Final roadway and streetscape design.

## Why A Roundabout?

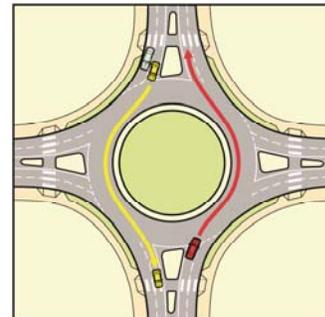
After an extensive study with public input, a roundabout was chosen to be installed at the Washington Avenue./7<sup>th</sup> Street/6<sup>th</sup> Street. intersection. The intersection control of a roundabout will provide clear vehicle paths, shorter pedestrian crossings, improved traffic operations for future traffic volumes, and lower vehicle speeds which should reduce the frequency and severity of crashes. The roundabout will also create an attractive gateway to the Downtown Business District.

Studies\* show roundabouts provide a:

- 90% reduction in fatal crashes
- 76% reduction in injury crashes
- 30-40% reduction in pedestrian crashes
- 10% reduction in bicycle crashes

Roundabouts move traffic safely and efficiently through an intersection with:

- Slower speeds
- Fewer conflict points
- Easy decision making
- Aesthetic benefits



Sources: WisDoT and FHWA. \*Studies from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety of 24 roundabout intersections in eight states and other studies.

## **Next Steps**

The design team will complete the construction plans in the next 4-6 weeks. Construction contractors will be given the opportunity to bid on the project in February 2012. In March 2012, the Department of Transportation will award the project and construction is scheduled to begin in May 2012.

At this time, it is anticipated that most of the project will be completed during 2012. There may be minor items to complete in the spring of 2013.

Another Public Information Meeting will be held prior to the start of construction. At that time the public will be given the opportunity to meet the construction staff and review the schedule and construction staging.

## **Your Part in the Process**

It is important to understand that we need your input on this project. Please provide the design team any questions or comments you have in regards to this project. Together we can all make this project a success.

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