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Dear Property Owner or Resident:

You are invited to attend the initial public involvement meeting for the proposed reconstruction of Washington Avenue (WIS 20) from Roosevelt Avenue to West Boulevard in the city of Racine. A project location map is attached.

The meeting will take place at **Fratt Elementary School Library, 3501 Kinzie Avenue, Racine, WI 53405, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2015**. Parking will be available in the school parking lot. The meeting will be conducted in an informal, open house format to allow for dialogue and individual questions and comments. No formal presentations will be given. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), City of Racine, and consultant representatives will be available to discuss the proposed project and address any questions or concerns.

The original pavement is from the 1950s and 1960s and has deteriorated over time. This project is needed to prevent excessive pavement maintenance while addressing the corridor's high crash rate. From 2008 to 2012, project corridor saw a crash rate of roughly 2.5 times the statewide average crash rate on urban streets similar to Washington Avenue.

With WIS 20 being the gateway to Racine, the city of Racine would like to showcase this by adding decorative items such as trees, shrubs, colored crosswalks and/or decorative lighting in various locations throughout the project. The Citizens Advisory Committee, made up of stakeholders and community members, is looking for local input on modifications to parking and access as well as these landscaping elements. The project aims to find a balance to maintain as much parking as possible while providing space for all roadway users including cars, buses, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The proposed work includes the reconstruction of existing pavement and concrete curb and gutter, along Washington Avenue from Roosevelt Avenue to West Boulevard. Curb ramps will be improved at all locations to make them Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant. A roundabout will be evaluated at two locations (the Ohio Street and West Boulevard intersections with Washington Avenue). Intersection geometry at some intersections may be reconfigured. Minor right-of-way acquisition is anticipated for curb ramp and intersection improvement and on-street bicycle accommodations. Access changes to some side streets is anticipated.

Proposed improvements will be constructed in two to three stages. During all stages, one travel lane in either eastbound or westbound direction will be provided from Ohio Street to West Boulevard and one travel lane in each direction will be provided from Roosevelt Avenue to Ohio Street. Motorists traveling the opposite direction of the provided lane will be detoured. Access to businesses and residents will be maintained during construction.

The design work on the project is scheduled for completion by the spring of 2019. Construction is currently scheduled for 2022 and it could change based on the funding availability.



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If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to attend the meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting or would like additional information, feel free to contact the project staff listed below:

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Written comments regarding the project can be mailed to Traci Gengler, WisDOT, 141 N.W. Barstow Street, P.O. Box 798, Waukesha, WI 53187 by July 1, 2015. Please reference Project ID # 2440-09-00.

Fratt Elementary School Library is wheelchair accessible. Citizens who require a sign language interpreter may request one by contacting Traci Gengler through the Wisconsin Telecommunication Relay System by dialing 711.

Sincerely,

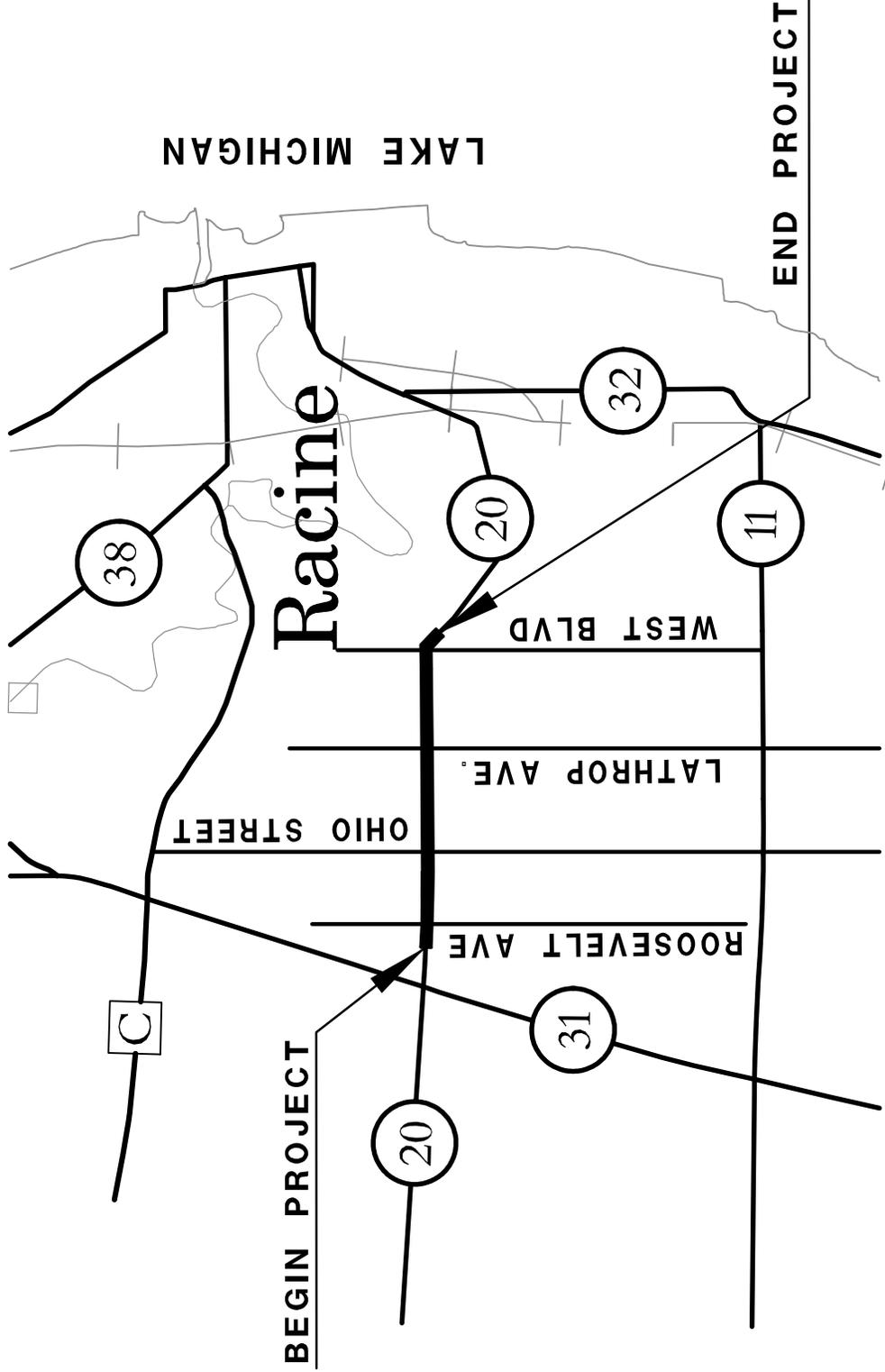
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Enclosure

**WASHINGTON AVENUE (WIS 20)  
ROOSEVELT AVE. TO WEST BLVD.**

**RACINE COUNTY**



**LOCATION MAP**