



# **WIS 13 (8<sup>th</sup> Street South) Improvement Project Lakewood Lane – Whitrock Avenue**

Public Involvement Meeting  
City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

**April 22, 2025**

# Purpose of this Meeting

- Our objective is to introduce the project obtain your input on the following:
  - Identified needs
  - Proposed improvements
  - Traffic impacts
  - Real estate needs

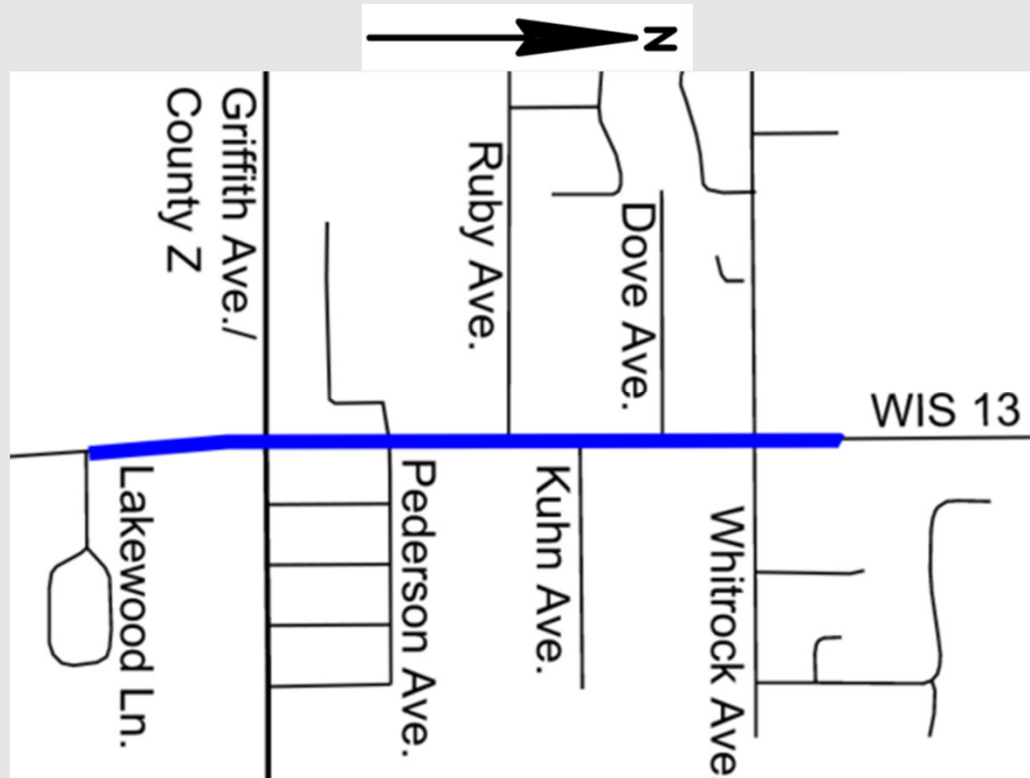


# Agenda

- Project Location/Description
- Project Purpose
- Project Need
- Proposed Improvements
- Anticipated Traffic Impacts
- Real Estate
- Business Coordination
- Project Schedule



# Project Location/Description



# Project Location/Description Cont.

- WIS 13 is a connecting highway
  - Carries state highway traffic on a local street
  - Connecting highway aids from WisDOT help the City maintain WIS 13 to state highway standards
  - Wisconsin Rapids
    - Maintains the roadway and drainage systems
    - Controls access
    - Owns the right of way



# Project Purpose

- The primary purpose of this project is to address identified needs within the corridor, preserve the roadway, and minimize the overall life cycle cost.



# Project Need

- Roadway

- The existing WIS 13 roadway surface is showing signs of deterioration.
- The existing third southbound lane between Ruby and Dove Avenues is functionally unnecessary.
- The pedestrian curb ramps within the corridor do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.



# Project Need Cont.

- Safety
  - Traffic signal visibility
  - Pedestrian crosswalk visibility





# Proposed Improvements

- Replace the existing concrete pavement with new base course and hot mix asphalt (HMA) pavement.
- Replace the existing driveway aprons and curb and gutter.
- Replace the traffic signals at the intersections of WIS 13/ County Z (Griffith Avenue) and WIS 13/ Kuhn Avenue. Proposed signals will include a signal head per approaching lane and arrow indicators for turning vehicles.
- Remove the third southbound lane along WIS 13 between Ruby Avenue and Dove Avenue.



# Proposed Improvements Cont.

- Replace the existing curb ramps with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps.
- Replace or modify the existing storm sewer network to match the final roadway/curb and gutter elevations.



# Proposed Improvements Cont.

- Current considerations being investigated
  - Extend the sidewalk from the existing limits approximately 200-feet South of County Z (Griffith Avenue) on the east side of WIS 13 to Lakewood Lane.
  - Access modifications
  - Intersection geometric modifications
  - Pedestrian crossing locations

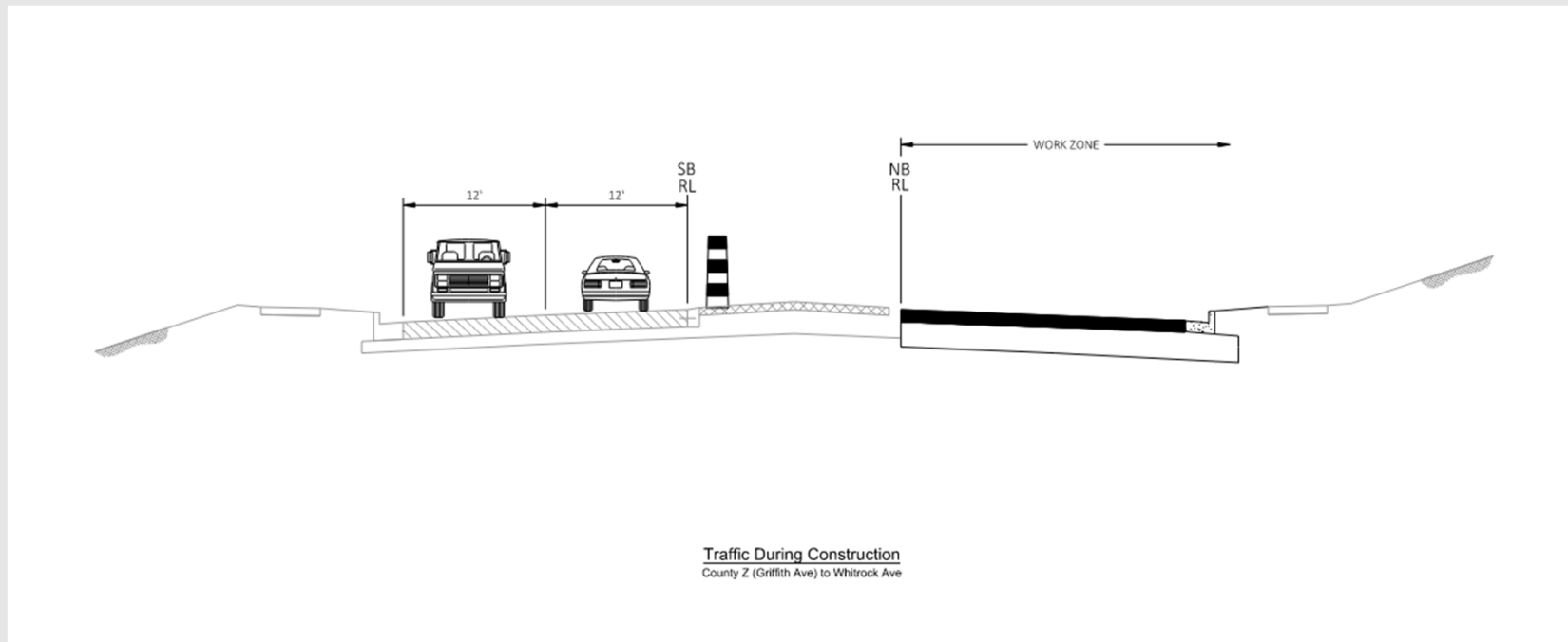


# Anticipated Traffic Impacts

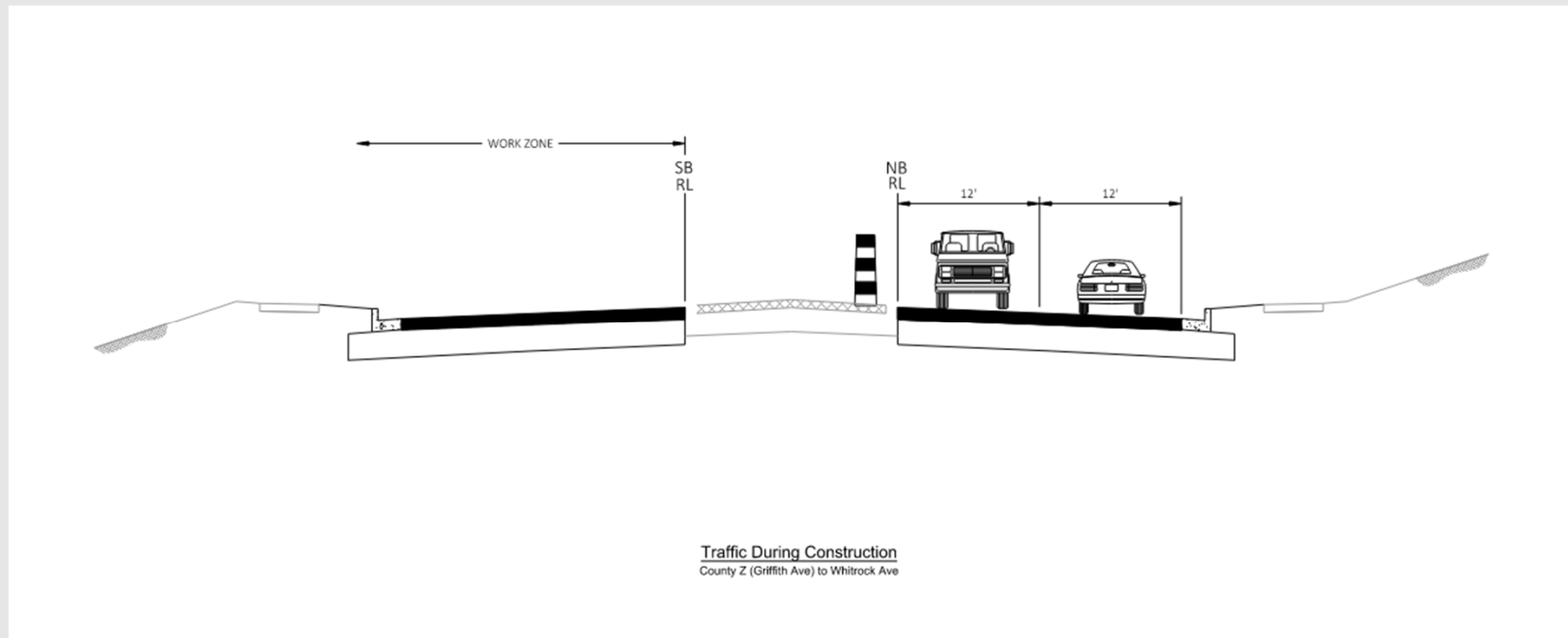
- WIS 13 will remain open to through traffic, with typically one lane of traffic in each direction.
- Temporary traffic signals are planned for use at the existing signalized intersections.
- Short-term sideroad intersection and driveway closures. Consecutive sideroad will not be closed.
- Pedestrian accommodations will be maintained.



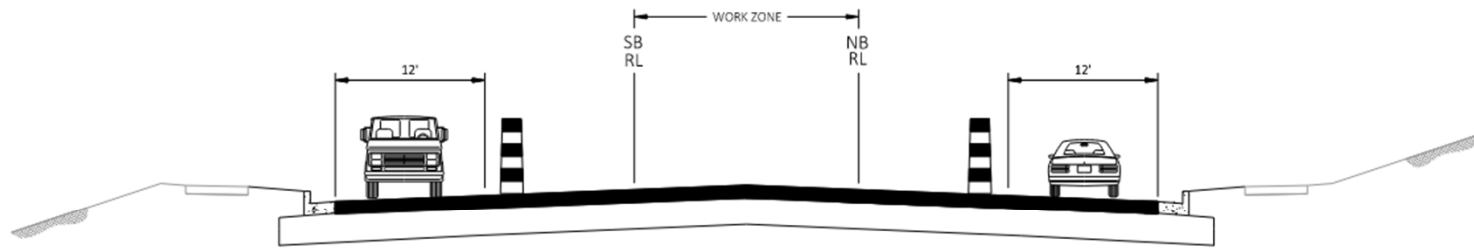
# Anticipated Traffic Impacts – Stage 1



# Anticipated Traffic Impacts – Stage 2



# Anticipated Traffic Impacts – Stage 3



Traffic During Construction  
County Z (Griffith Ave) to Whitrock Ave



# Real Estate

- Additional right of way will be required for this project. The areas where additional right of way will be needed are:
  - Sidewalk additions/replacements
  - Curb ramp replacements
  - Temporary pedestrian accommodations
  - Intersection modifications
- City of Wisconsin Rapids will acquire real estate
  - Preliminary real estate needs shown on the exhibits





# Business Coordination

## In This Together Program

- Visit [wisconsindot.gov/together](http://wisconsindot.gov/together)
  - Tips, tools and resources
  - Business coordination guide
- Project team is here to help
  - What information would help you...



# Project Schedule

- Preliminary design and plans: Summer 2025
- Environmental Document: Summer 2025
- Final right-of-way plat: Fall 2025
- Real estate negotiations: December 2025 to April 2027
- Final plans: May 2027
- Construction: 2028



# Public Input and Comments

- Public comment period will be held until May 13, 2025
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