

Calhoun Road Reconstruction Project

North Avenue (County M) to Capitol Drive (WIS 190)
Waukesha County

You're Invited: Public Involvement Meeting

When? March 16, 2021
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Where? Safety Building, City of Brookfield
2100 North Calhoun Road

The City of Brookfield will soon begin improvements to Calhoun Road from North Avenue (County M) to Capitol Drive (WIS 190). The focus of this meeting will be to:

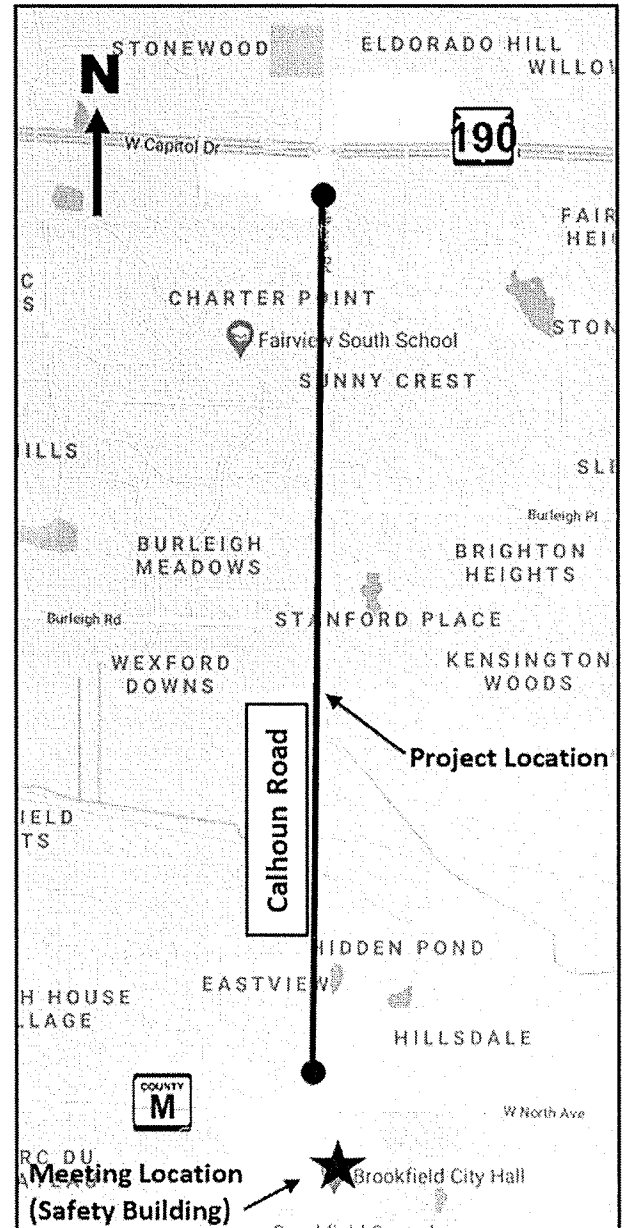
- Introduce the construction project staff and contacts for construction-related communications
- Review the proposed roadway improvements for Calhoun Road
- Discuss the upcoming schedule for roadway construction and road closures
- Discuss the current progress of utility relocations
- Discuss the detour route for through traffic
- Discuss access for residents within the work zone

The meeting will have an open house format, with project displays and staff available to answer your questions. You may attend at any time between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and have questions or concerns with the project, please refer to the following pages for project information and contacts.

Notice: Any person who has a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible format, must contact the Brookfield City Clerk forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting at (262) 782-9650 so that arrangements may be made to accommodate your request. Citizens who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, have low vision or speech disabled and require assistance, should contact Kathleen Kramer at least three working days prior to the meeting via the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711).

Attendees are required to wear a mask in accordance with State of Wisconsin Covid-19 recommendations. Project staff may limit the number of attendees at the meeting, if required, to maintain proper social distancing.



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Project Information

The City of Brookfield, through a federally funded project administered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), is proposing to improve approximately 2 miles of Calhoun Road from North Avenue (County M) to Capitol Drive (WIS 190).

Calhoun Road serves as a critical link for the traveling public as a north-south arterial in the center of the City carrying approximately 13,600 to 16,400 vehicles per day according to the 2016 traffic counts. Approximately four percent of the vehicles are trucks.

The surrounding land use consists mainly of single family residential properties with commercial properties at either end and between the Canadian Pacific Railroad crossings. An unnamed tributary of the Fox River crosses under the roadway just north of Holly Lane, and Underwood Creek begins on the east side of Calhoun Road, north of the Ponds of Brookfield property.

Calhoun Road is currently a two-lane undivided asphalt roadway with 4-foot to 8-foot wide shoulders and ditches for roadway drainage. The shoulders are generally paved 6 feet wide and act as on-road bicycle accommodations.

The following items have been identified as the driving factors for the improvements to Calhoun Road:

- The existing pavement has a variety of deficiencies resulting from age, poor drainage, and poor underlying soils making an asphalt overlay an ineffective long term solution.
- The roadway is critical to emergency services response times with three City fire stations and the police department located on Calhoun Road, outside the limits of this project.
- It is difficult for vehicles to enter Calhoun Road from the side streets during certain periods of the day, particularly at Pheasant Drive, Burleigh Road, and Burleigh Place.
- Future traffic volumes are expected to increase, further degrading safety and traffic operations.
- The existing corridor provides limited pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.
- The roadway's narrow shoulders make it difficult for vehicles to pull out of traffic to allow emergency vehicles to pass.
- Calhoun Road's lack of turn lanes and bypass lanes at intersections does not allow traffic to bypass left turning vehicles.
- A number of hills along the corridor create "blind spots" in the roadway.
- Finally, the roadway's notable grade change on both sides of the southern Canadian Pacific Railroad track causes some vehicles to "bottom out" as they cross the south track.

The City of Brookfield will be reconstructing Calhoun Road to address the issues described above. The existing culverts and ditches will be replaced with curb and gutter and a new storm sewer system. The reconstructed roadway will include accommodations for pedestrians and bicycles throughout the corridor. In addition, minor retaining walls are required in some areas to limit impacts of the proposed roadway improvements.

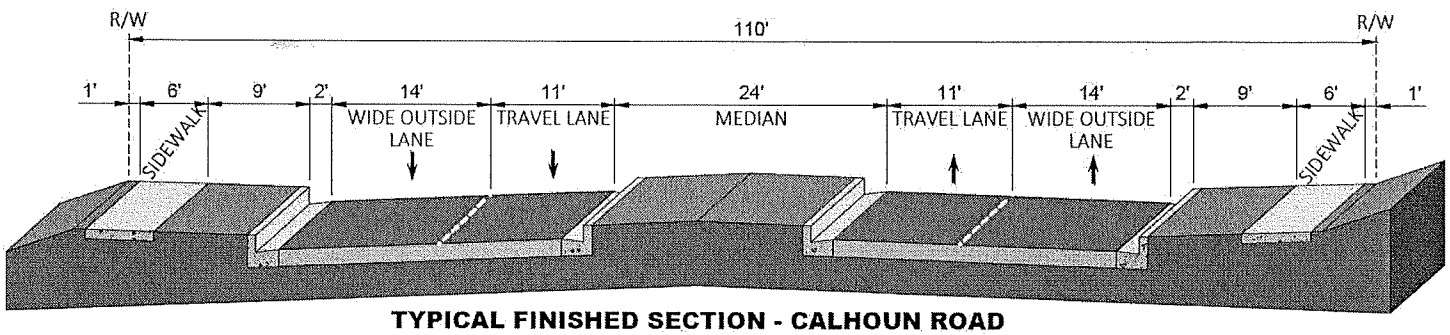
Proposed Roadway Improvements

Four-lane divided roadway with a raised median

The four-lane divided roadway with a raised median was selected as the preferred roadway improvement for Calhoun Road. The selection was based on the following:

- Is the preferred alternative based on public input
- Provides the greatest safety benefits
- Provides the best long-term roadway operations
- Is the preferred roadway cross section by emergency responders
- Is consistent with the roadway cross section to the south
- Is consistent with the long-term regional transportation plans

Exhibits for the preferred roadway improvement cross section, layout, and impacts will be available for review at the meeting and on the project website.



Construction Staging & Access for Residents & Businesses

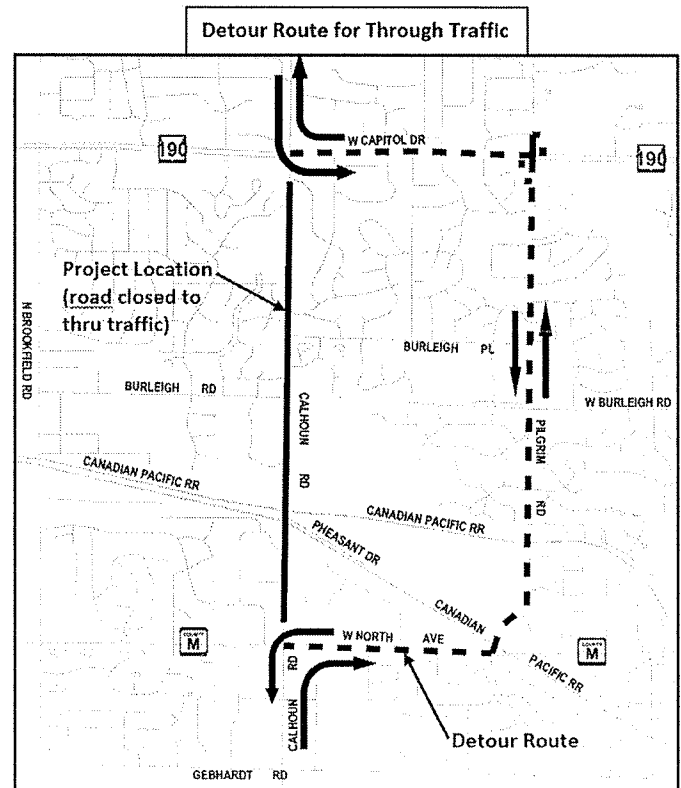
Utilities have been working on Calhoun Road for the past several weeks. The tentative project start date for the road reconstruction is late March 2021. Watch for electronic message signs that will be placed prior to construction to alert drivers of the exact start date.

Project Detour – Local Access Only

Calhoun Road will be closed to through traffic and **open for local access to residents and businesses only** for much of the 2021 construction season. Emergency access will also be maintained to the project area for the duration of the construction. Vehicular travel within the project limits may be on existing pavement, temporary pavement, or gravel. Please **drive slowly** and be alert and mindful of construction staff, equipment, and materials through the work zone.

Through traffic will be detoured to Pilgrim Road to get around the Calhoun Road reconstruction. See the diagram to the right for the detour route.

For businesses and residences located on the project, temporary driveway closures will be necessary during



the construction process. The contractor will contact homeowners and businesses before temporarily closing a driveway.

In fall 2021, the southbound half of the new roadway will re-open to through traffic with one lane in each direction while construction of the northbound lanes is completed. The final completion of the roadway is anticipated to be in late fall 2021, and the roadway will open to two lanes of travel in each direction.

Full Roadway Closures – No Through Access

A full roadway closure will be required from River Birch Drive to Burleigh Road to complete deep marsh excavation in that area. During this closure, access for businesses and residents on Calhoun Road will need to be from north or south of the marsh area. No through or local traffic will be permitted within the marsh area. This closure is anticipated to last from the end of March to mid-June.

Two additional full roadway closures will also be required for reconstruction of the railroad crossings within the project limits. These closures will occur at separate times from each other and from the marsh excavation. The railroad crossing closures are preliminarily anticipated to occur in July and August, but the exact timeframe is yet to be determined. Access for businesses and residents on Calhoun Road will again need to be from the north or south of each crossing, depending on which crossing is being reconstructed. The full closures at the railroad crossings will not occur at the same time as the full closure in the marsh excavation area.

A new concrete box culvert crossing Calhoun Road will also be constructed at the existing waterway crossing just north of Holly Lane. The box culvert will be constructed in multiple stages to allow access over the waterway at all times. However, access at times will be narrow with temporary barrier and on temporary gravel. It is recommended to avoid traveling through this area during construction if possible. If you need to travel through the box culvert crossing, be mindful of the traffic control signs, safety devices, construction equipment, and materials that may be located close to the driving area.

Tentative Project Schedule (exact dates and timeframes subject to change)

- Utility Relocations
 - Will continue into Summer 2021
- Roadway Construction (anticipated dates)
 - Project Start – Late March 2021
 - Stage 1 – March to October 2021
 - Calhoun Road closed to thru traffic from North Avenue to Capitol Drive
 - Full Closure at Marsh – End of March to Mid-June 2021
 - Full Closure at Railroad Crossings – July & August 2021
 - Stage 2 – October 2021
 - Calhoun Road open to one lane in each direction
 - Roadway Completion – Late November 2021
 - Calhoun Road open to two lanes in each direction

Public Involvement Contact

For project information or to receive project updates, please contact:

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