

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2021

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

8:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Sikorski called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2 (Chair)	Present	
James Mickelson	Chippewa County	District 8 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Mechele Shipman	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	

Others Present: Brian Kelley, Chris Elstran, Fred Anderson, Joe Gutowski, Dean Gullickson

Recorder: Tami Pieper

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were not any members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
SECONDER:	James Mickelson, District 8 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Sikorski, Mickelson, Shipman, Hull, McMenamin

1. Approve the agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Highway Committee - Regular Meeting - Jul 28, 2021 8:00 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - September 22, 2021 8 AM

5. REPORTS

1. Highway Commissioner Report - Brian Kelley

a. Financial Report

Highway Commissioner Kelley gave reports on highway funds, county aid bridges, highway construction and bridge construction (copies on file). Kelley provided an update on current project status. Supervisor Sikorski inquired about the CTH M project in Lake Holcombe. Kelley

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reported the project has been delayed due to challenges in material order fulfillment, but the goal is still to complete the necessary work this fall.

b. Patrol Superintendent Recruitment

Chad Gudis has resigned leaving the department in a recruitment process. Interviews will begin on Thursday, August 26.

c. Overview of Highway Department Safety Program

In the wake of the recent Clark County highway worker fatality, Kelley gave a presentation on the Chippewa County Highway Department safety program (on file). Highway department management staff are committed to ensuring all safety measures are in place and the department remains compliant with standards.

2. CTH T Corridor Mapping & RAISE Grant Application - Brian Kelley

Kelley provided the committee with an update and overview presentation (on file) on the status of the CTH T corridor expansion planning and mapping project. He stressed to the committee that this project is currently in the planning and mapping stage; it is not a construction project at this time. Kelley explained that the parties involved have submitted a RAISE grant application and are waiting for final selection which will take place in November. Kelley wants to be proactive and keep all Chippewa County Board members informed. This presentation will be given to the Executive Committee and County Board in the next couple of weeks to ask for support in moving forward with the project if the grant is awarded. Kelley discussed that the committee will see a resolution at their next meeting to ask them to pledge support for funding should the RAISE grant application be successful. Supervisor Gullickson stated that the Town of Wheaton board is supportive of the project.

RESULT:

REVIEWED

Next: 9/7/2021 4:00 PM

3. CTH J Award of STP-Urban Funds - Fred Anderson

Project Manager Anderson provided an update on funding that the County was recently awarded from the STP-Urban program. CTH J (from CTH X to 50th Avenue) has been chosen to receive 80/20 state funding in the amount of \$357,000, with an estimated \$89,000 local match to be provided by the County. Supervisor Shipman inquired about the construction timeline. Anderson said construction is planned for 2025.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no business items to discuss.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no future business items to be noted.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

RESULT:

APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Mechele Shipman, District 9

SECONDER:

Chuck Hull, District 14

AYES:

Sikorski, Mickelson, Shipman, Hull, McMenamin

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Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Absent	
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	

Others Present: Brian Kelley, Randy Scholz, Joseph Gutowski, Chris Elstran, and Fred Anderson.
Recorder: Amanda Richardson

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Mickelson, District 8 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER: Mechele Shipman, District 9
AYES: Sikorski, Mickelson, Shipman, McMenamin
ABSENT: Hull

1. Approve the agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Highway Committee - Regular Meeting - Jun 1, 2021 8:00 AM

3. Schedule next meeting date - August 25, 2021 8:00 AM

5. REPORTS

1. Highway Commissioner Report - Brian Kelley

a. Financial Report

Highway Commissioner Kelley presented the financial reports on highway funds, county aid bridges, highway construction and bridge construction. (Copy on file) Kelley also noted the Fall District meeting will be held in Black River Falls on October 5th and will get more information to the committee when it gets closer.

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2. CTH T Corridor Mapping - Fred Anderson

Project Manager, Fred Anderson, gave an update on Cobben Bridge. He stated Chippewa Valley Electric has to do a relocation of power lines and as soon as they get the DOT permit, they will start. Supervisor Sikorski asked if the project was on schedule and Anderson stated that it was with final plans submitted by the end of the week and bids due on January 11th. Anderson also noted that they requested more money from the State and in return received another \$280,000 making it a total of 5 million in State funding.

Anderson gave an update on the CTH T corridor mapping project. He stated the project goes from the North Crossing in Eau Claire to Cty Hwy X in Chippewa County. Partners are Chippewa County, Eau Claire County, City of Eau Claire, Town of Wheaton and Town of Union. Improvements would be a four lane highway, roundabouts and/or signal lights and controlled access. There was an application submitted for a RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant for 80/20 federal funding. The project cost will be shared between Chippewa County, Eau Claire County and the City of Eau Claire with a third each. Total project cost is around 31 million and with the possible grant of 25 million, it would put each shared third at around 3.67 million.

Supervisor Sikorski asked about the time frame from start to completion and Anderson stated about 10-15 years, however if the funding comes through, construction could take place within the next 5 years.

3. Road and Bridge Construction Update - Chris Elstran

Deputy Highway Commissioner, Chris Elstran, gave an update on Road and Bridge Construction. All road and bridge construction updates are located on the Chippewa County webpage at: <https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/government/highway/construction-updates>.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. 2022 Highway Department Budget - Brian Kelley

Highway Commissioner Brian Kelley along with Fiscal Manager Joseph Gutowski presented the 2022 Highway Budget. (Copy on File) Supervisor Shipmen commended Kelley and Gutowski for how well they were able to explain the budget and answer questions.

RESULT:	FORWARD BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Mickelson, District 8 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Sikorski, Mickelson, Shipman, McMenamin
ABSENT:	Hull

2. November and December Committee Meeting Dates - Brian Kelley

After discussion, it was agreed to consolidate the November and December meetings into one meeting on December 8th, 2021.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
SECONDER:	James Mickelson, Mechele Shipman
AYES:	Sikorski, Mickelson, Shipman, McMenamin
ABSENT:	Hull

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7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 am.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Mickelson, District 8 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Sikorski, Mickelson, Shipman, McMenamin
ABSENT:	Hull

9. ACTION ITEMS

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2021 ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY FUNDS

FUND	BALANCE 01/01/21	TRANSFERS & APPROP.	REVENUE	TOTAL AVAILABLE	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE 8/7/2021
ADMINISTRATION	(150,901.69)	395,546.00	176,270.12	420,914.43	345,158.73	75,755.70
LAND ACQUISITION	368,066.06	0.00	150.00	368,216.06	0.00	368,216.06
TOTAL MACHINERY	1,674,656.69	0.00	3,678,212.93	5,352,869.62	4,001,875.33	1,350,994.29
MACHINERY	0.00		3,678,212.93	3,678,212.93	3,844,256.02	
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					157,619.31	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	339,686.95	1,600,000.00	1,419,441.12	3,359,128.07	2,270,456.08	1,088,671.99
MAINTENANCE-CTHS	(190,069.59)	0.00	1,418,748.12	1,228,678.53	1,435,321.15	(206,642.62)
WINTER MAINT-CTHS	529,756.54	1,600,000.00	693.00	2,130,449.54	835,134.93	1,295,314.61
ROAD CONST-CTHS	846,639.85	2,809,740.00	1,000,000.00	4,656,379.85	3,183,853.61	1,472,526.24
BRIDGE CONST-CTHS	89,705.81	609,000.00	0.00	698,705.81	503,488.20	195,217.61
BRIDGE CONST-LOCAL RD	194,849.32	49,453.00	0.00	244,302.32	71,546.50	172,755.82
GRAVEL PITS	(413,727.42)	0.00	415,055.26	1,327.84	207,471.76	(206,143.92)
TOTAL NON-HIGHWAY FLEET	(229,229.80)	400,000.00	36,859.95	207,630.15	354,752.79	(147,122.64)
NON-HIGHWAY FLEET - OPERATIONS	(168,286.89)	200,000.00	19,606.95	51,320.06	158,149.79	(106,829.73)
NON-HIGHWAY FLEET - VEHICLES	(60,942.91)	200,000.00	17,253.00	156,310.09	196,603.00	(40,292.91)
TOTALS	2,719,745.77	5,863,739.00	6,725,989.38	15,309,474.15	10,938,603.00	4,370,871.15

Attachment: Fin 1 - Fund Analysis August (6564 : a. Financial Report)

County Aid Bridges

8/7/2021

Year Budgeted	Town	Road	Distance from nearest intersection	Location	Description	Project Cost	County Aid Requested	Amt. raised by local unit	2021 County Pymts	Remaining Balance
2021	Arthur	170th Ave	4,052 ft East of Cty Tk K	Sec. 14, T30N, R7W	Replace 36" culvert due to deterioration	\$ 2,522.50	\$ 1,261.25	\$ 1,261.25	\$ 1,261.25	\$ -
2021	Arthur	290th St.	1,792 ft N of Cty Tk S	Sec. 27, T30N, R6W	Add additional 76" by 46' culvert	\$ 7,490.70	\$ 3,745.75	\$ 3,745.75	\$ 4,705.50	\$ (959.75)
2021	Birch Creek	253rd St	.25 miles N of 260th Ave	Sec. 30, T32N, R6W	Replace 6 ft diameter metal culvert	\$ 13,130.00	\$ 6,565.00	\$ 6,565.00	\$ 5,965.00	\$ 600.00
2021	Cleveland	215th Ave	300 ft	Sec. 24, T31N, R8W	Replace 36" culvert	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 1,875.00
2021	Cleveland	180th St	3/8 mile	Sec. 2, T30N, R8W	Replace (2) 36" culverts	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,680.00		\$ 1,680.00
2021	Edson	325th St.	1/8 mile N. of Cty Hwy MM	Sec. 5, T28N, R5W	Replace culvert with (2) 48" culverts	\$ 6,852.00	\$ 3,426.00	\$ 3,426.00	\$ 4,021.82	\$ (595.82)
2021	Estella	270th St	200 ft South of 27/64	Sec. 20/21, T31N, R6W	Replace (2) 5 ft culverts	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
2021	Howard	82nd Ave	300 ft from Cty Hwy N	Sec. 29, T29N, R10W	Remove and Replace old culvert	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,641.85	\$ (891.85)
2021	Sigel	50th Ave	.5 miles W of STH 27	Sec. 7/18, T28N, R6W	Replace culvert	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,004.00	\$ 746.00
2021	Sigel	50th Ave	.75 miles W of STH 27	Sec. 7/18, T28N, R6W	Replace culvert	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,659.00	\$ 741.00
2021	Woodmohr	82nd Ave	1,150 ft N of 170th Ave	Sec. 7, T30N, R9W	Replace culvert	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,105.00	\$ (4,105.00)
						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
TOTALS						\$ 98,905.20	\$ 49,453.00	\$ 49,453.00	\$ 35,363.42	\$ 14,089.58

Previous Years County Aid Bridge

Year Budgeted	Town	Road	Distance from nearest intersection	Location	Description	Pre Audit 1/1/21 Balance	2021 County Pymts	Remaining Balance
2020	Bloomer	242nd Ave	.4 miles west of 90th St	Sec. 5, T31N, R9W	Replace existing bridge P-09-966	\$ 1,662.55		\$ 1,662.55
2020	Sigel	20th Ave	1/2 mile W of STH 27	Sec. 30, T28N, R6W	Emergency Aid for Culvert Replacement	\$ 473.00	\$ 422.50	\$ 50.50
2014/17/19	Lafayette	195th St	.6 mi S of CTH X	Sec. 7, T28N, R7W	Replace existing bridge P-09-040	\$ 102,762.76	\$ 35,760.58	\$ 67,002.18
								\$ -
Miscellaneous Balance						\$ 89,951.01		\$ 89,951.01
TOTALS						\$ 194,849.32	\$ -	\$ 158,666.24

Total Balance of County Aid Bridges

\$ 71,546.50 \$ 172,755.82

Attachment: Fin 2 - Bridge Aid August (6564 : a. Financial Report)

2021 HIGHWAY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION										
Job No.	Description	1/1/2021 Balance	Appropriations	Transfers/ Revenues	Total Available	Expenditures YTD	Balance 8/7/2021	Fed/State Aid Anticipated	Other Revenues Anticipated	Balance Including Anticipated Revenues
032 "TT"	"TT" Cobban Bridge	67,218.43			67,218.43	238,384.29	(171,165.86)		200,000.00	28,834.14
041 "K"	CTH "K" Little Drywood Creek	12,853.66			12,853.66	1,011.28	11,842.38			11,842.38
2051 "Q"	CTH "Q" Bridge B-09-074	17,937.55			17,937.55	13,949.06	3,988.49			3,988.49
2151 "S"	CTH "S" Trout Creek Bridge P-09-933	(511.04)	400,000.00		399,488.96	171,550.22	227,938.74			227,938.74
001	Miscellaneous Bridge	(7,992.79)	209,000.00		201,007.21	78,593.35	122,413.86			122,413.86
	Total Misc. Repairs Expenditures YTD					78,593.35	122,413.86	0.00	0.00	122,413.86
	Projects Under Review for Closing With State	200.00			200.00	0.00	200.00			200.00
	TOTALS	89,705.81	609,000.00	0.00	698,705.81	503,488.20	195,217.61	0.00	200,000.00	395,217.61

2021 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Job No.	Description	1/1/2021	Appropriations	Transfer	Total Available	Expenditures	YTD	Balance 08/07/21	Bonding Anticipated	Fed/State Aid Anticipated	Other Anticipated	Balance Including Anticipated Revenues
1905 "S"	US 53 east ramps to the east about 1640 feet	356,545.10			356,545.10	347,369.40		9,175.70				9,175.70
2004 "SS"	83rd to Q (D) (STPR)	(19,941.55)	46,085.00		26,143.45	16,674.33		9,469.12				9,469.12
2101 "SS"	CTH SS STH 64 - 83rd St	(3,060.00)			(3,060.00)	169,803.18		(172,863.18)	1,050,000.00			877,136.8
2111 "J"	CTH J (D) 50th Ave Intersection	0.00	32,000.00		32,000.00	102.24		31,897.76				31,897.7
2112 "J"	CTH J (D) 50th Ave SRTS Path	0.00	2,500.00		2,500.00			2,500.00		154,560.00		157,060.0
2106 "M"	CTH M Lake Holcombe - STH 27	0.00	100,000.00		100,000.00	988.04		99,011.96				99,011.9
2102 "M"	CTH M Dunn County - 60th Ave W	0.00	480,000.00		480,000.00	388,243.99		91,756.01				91,756.0
2103 "J"	CTH J 160th Street - CTH X	0.00	405,000.00		405,000.00	307,014.36		97,985.64				97,985.6
2104 "OO"	CTH OO 160th Street - 20th Avenue	0.00	334,140.00		334,140.00	253,531.22		80,608.78				80,608.7
2113 "X"	CTH X (D) 197th St - CTH XX	0.00			0.00	11,435.80		(11,435.80)				(11,435.8)
2105 "F"	CTH F STH 64 - CTH M	0.00		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	736,771.18		263,228.82	450,000.00			713,228.8
555	Rut Wedging	0.00	150,000.00		150,000.00	109,591.05		40,408.95				40,408.9
666	Chip Sealing	0.00	480,000.00		480,000.00	488,766.34		(8,766.34)				(8,766.3)
444	Miscellaneous Engineering	0.00	50,000.00		50,000.00			50,000.00				50,000.0
888	Miscellaneous Road Projects/Culverts	0.00	240,015.00		240,015.00			240,015.00				240,015.0
999	Supervision	0.00	490,000.00		490,000.00	353,550.82		136,449.18				136,449.1
777	Contingency	502,589.40			502,589.40			502,589.40				502,589.4
	Projects Under Review for Closing With State	10,506.90			10,506.90	11.66		10,495.24				10,495.2
TOTALS		846,639.85	2,809,740.00	1,000,000.00	4,656,379.85	3,183,853.61		1,472,526.24	1,500,000.00	154,560.00	0.00	3,127,086.2

Attachment: Fin 3 - Highway Construction August (5564 : a. Financial Report)



Safety Program Overview

Chippewa County Highway Committee – August 25, 2021

Brian Kelley, Highway Commissioner
Chris Elstran, Deputy Highway Commissioner

Training

- Monthly Toolbox Talks
- Spring Safety Day
- Fall Safety Day (even years)
- Fall Safety Roadeo (odd years)

Training (cont'd)

- Keeping Safety Simple – Dustin Thompson
- Learning Management System – LocalGovU
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS online)

Training (cont'd)

- Job Safety Analysis (JSA)
 - 38 common tasks

Job Safety Analysis		Municipal: Chippewa County		Department: Highway		JSA#: 8	
Job Title Assessed: Highway Staff		Task Observed: Flaggers		Conducted By: Dustin Thompson/Joe Simon		Date: 1/21/16	
Severity		Frequency (Task)		Likelihood		Ranking	
0	No Injury Possible	1	Injury No Treatment	2	First Aid	3	Reckonable
4	Lost Time	5	Multi Injury/Serious	Ranking			
Never	<Once Per Month	Once Per Month	Once Per Week	Once Per Day	Multiple Per Day	6-9 Medium Risk	
No Injury Possible	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Probable	10-12 Low Risk	

Personal Protective Equipment Requirements							
Safety Sun Glasses	Class 3 Vest	Safety Boots	Class E Legging	Class E Pants	High Vis Hat	Other	
							

Special Instructions/Information/Additional PPE			

Basic Step Description	Hazards Identified	Safety Controls in Place	Risk Ranking
1) Get Supplies From Vehicle	Traffic, Moving Equipment, Weather, Sun Exposure	High Vis Apparel, Signage, Radios, Ambers, cones/barrels, Training	9
2) Directing Traffic	Traffic, Moving Equipment, Weather, Sun Exposure, Cold, Heat	High Vis Apparel, Signage, Radios, Ambers, cones/barrels, Training	9
3)			0
4)			0
5)			0
6)			0

JSA Risk Level=	9
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Training (cont'd)

- New Hires
 - Flagging, Safety Orientation, Mine Safety Site-Specific
- Annually
 - Hearing Protection, Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazard Communication, Emergency Action Plan, Workzone & Flagging

Training (cont'd)

- Mine Safety Health Administration (MSHA)
 - 24-hour New Miner Training
 - 8-hour Annual Refresher Training

Physical Demands of Job

- Physical Demands Testing
 - Analysis of all standard objects in Highway Department
 - Weight, lifting movements, frequency
 - Established physical lifting requirements of job descriptions
 - 50# frequently, 75# occasionally
 - Over 75# requires teams or mechanical device, no exception
- Pre-Employment Fitness Screening
 - Verifies that potential employee can safely perform physical aspects of job
 - Completed prior to employment
 - Same time as pre-employment drug/alcohol testing

Safety Equipment

- Personal Voltage Detectors
- Portable Stop Lights
- Radar Speed Trailer
- Crash Attenuators
- Pavement Router w/ Dust Control

Safety Equipment (cont'd)

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by Chippewa County
 - Reflective clothing
 - Gloves
 - Hard hats
 - Eye/ear/respiratory protection
 - \$125/year protective footwear allowance

Safety Work Group

- Monthly Safety Work Group meetings
 - 3 Highway managers
 - 8 Highway employees from across all crews
 - Joanna Hart from Human Resources
 - Dustin Thompson from Keeping Safety Simple
- Wide variety of topics discussed
 - New safety equipment and PPE requests
 - Workers comp injuries/claims
 - Accidents/near misses
 - Toolbox Talk & Safety Day training topics
 - County wellness initiatives
- Mission Statement:
 - The mission of the Safety Work Group of the Chippewa County Highway Department is to promote a safe environment for Staff and the General Public by creating and maintaining an active interest in safety by each department employee.

County Traffic Safety Commission

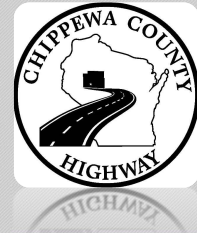
- Quarterly meeting
- Required by State Statute 83.013
 - Highway Department, Law Enforcement, Education, Medical, Legal
- Wide range of topics
 - Review recent crash factors
 - Discuss public concerns
 - Forward necessary ordinance changes to Highway Committee
 - (speed, parking, intersection control, etc.)
 - Roundtable

Dangers of the Job

- Shawano County
 - May 26, 2015 – Derek Stempa
- Lincoln County
 - July 14, 2015 – Marcus Wydeven
- Buffalo County
 - March 11, 2021 – Dennis Semling
- Clark County
 - August 7, 2021 – Russell Opelt

Questions





Expansion of CTH T

Chippewa County Highway Committee – August 25, 2021
 Chippewa County Executive Committee – September 7, 2021
 Chippewa County Board – September 14, 2021

Brian Kelley, Highway Commissioner
 Fred Anderson, Project Manager

Project History

- Stakeholders are Chippewa County, Eau Claire County, City of Eau Claire, Town of Union, Town of Wheaton
- Recognize the need for future expansion, planning and controlled access on CTH T
- Signed an intergovernmental agreement in 2020 to conduct the CTH T Corridor Planning and Mapping Project
- Submitted application for Federal RAISE grant funds in July 2021

Project Location & Limits

- Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Area
- South Limits: STH 312 (North Crossing) in Eau Claire
- North Limits: CTH X in Chippewa County
- Project Length: 3.5 miles
 - 2.3 miles in Chippewa County
 - 1.2 miles in Eau Claire County
 - Total of 1.7 miles within current Eau Claire City limits



Current Conditions

- CTH T is classified as a Minor Arterial
- CTH T has one of the highest daily traffic counts in Chippewa County (6,800)
 - the only County Highways that have more are CTH S (8,000) and CTH X (7,500)
- Increased growth and potential for commercial development
- Prospective businesses concerned with corridor infrastructure

Reasons for Planning & Mapping Study

- Safety
- Capacity
- Municipal Planning
- Future Development

Benefits of the Planning & Mapping Study

- Document and address corridor conditions (traffic volumes, constraints, land use, primary infrastructure)
- Document and address significant safety and operational concerns
- Document and address local concerns from citizens and officials
- Identify conceptual options for preserving corridor safety and function
- Assist local municipalities in long-range planning of land use and transportation
- Develop the preliminary design and right-of-way plat

Current Alternatives

- Three alternative layouts
- Proposed Improvements: 4-lane divided highway, shared use path, railroad overpass, controlled access, roundabouts and/or signals at 10th, 20th, and 30th Avenue.



Public Involvement for Planning & Mapping Study

- Public Involvement Meeting #1 – June 28, 2021
 - In person and online
 - Three alternate corridor layouts
 - One 'no-build' alternative
 - Attendees were invited to comment
- Public Involvement Meeting #2 – September 20, 2021
- Future public involvement will also be sought prior to construction

From Planning to Construction

- There is no current funding for construction
- Project Team continues to seek out Federal and State funding
- Anticipated design and construction may be 10 or more years out

RAISE Grant Application

- Opportunity for federal funding
- Eau Claire County is the lead agency on RAISE Grant Application
- Grant application submitted on July 12, 2021
- Awards are anticipated on November 22, 2021
- Anticipated schedule if awarded
 - Design 2023 thru 2026
 - Right-of-Way Acquisition 2025 thru 2026
 - Construction Phase 1 in Eau Claire County 2027
 - Construction Phase 2 in Chippewa County 2028 thru 2029

Stakeholders and Cost Sharing

- Planning & Mapping Project Cost Share
 - Chippewa County, Eau Claire County, and City of Eau Claire - 30% each
 - Town of Wheaton and Town of Union - 5% each

- Design, Right-of-Way & Construction Project – PROPOSED Cost Share
 - Chippewa County, Eau Claire County, and City of Eau Claire – 1/3 each

Funding Strategy with RAISE Grant

If Awarded

Estimated Total Project Cost = \$33,143,746

Chippewa County Share of Cost = \$2,804,303

Phased Cost Estimates

Design & Right-of-Way Acquisition 2023-2026 = \$834,569

Construction 2027-2029 = \$1,969,734

Funds for County's share of project costs will be from bonding, sales tax or levy

Next Steps

- Adopt the official corridor plat map once complete (late 2021)
- If awarded, accept the RAISE Grant funds
 - Budget County funds for the local match
 - Sign agreements to proceed with design and construction

Questions

