



**Office of the
City Engineer**

February 14, 2019

RE: Milwaukee Avenue Streetscaping Plans
Public Information Meeting – Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Dear Property Owner, Business Owner, or other Interested Party,

The City is in the final phase of preparing streetscaping improvement plans for Milwaukee Avenue. The Public Works & Public Property Committee, together with the City Engineer and consultant, have considered comments, design options, and budget, and incorporated various elements into the project as described on the attached document. Plans will be available for review at the meeting and can also be viewed beginning February 22, 2019 on the City's website <https://smwi.org/engineering-project-information-3/>. Plans will also be available to review in the Engineering Department at the City Administration Building, during regular business hours.

Pending final approval of the plans, contract award by the Common Council, and incorporation of We Energies design work, construction is anticipated to start in August 2019. Information on construction phasing, parking, and other disruptions will be provided when the construction schedule is developed.

The purpose of the February 27th meeting is to present the final plan layout, address questions and solicit comments on the final details. If you cannot attend the meeting, and would like to meet with the City Engineer to review the project, please use the contact information listed below to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,

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MILWAUKEE AVENUE STREETSCAPING PLANS SUMMARY OF PROJECT PLANS – FEBRUARY 2019

- I. Purpose – The intent of the streetscaping project is to modernize and improve Milwaukee Avenue aesthetics, and eliminate a neglected appearance by removing outdated banner poles, installing new lighting and street trees, replacing sidewalk and terrace, and providing a cohesive network of site furnishings (planters, trash receptacles, benches, and bicycle racks). City investment can help spur private investment in the Central Business District, and make the area a more attractive asset to residents, visitors and business owners.
- II. Project Limits – The streetscaping improvement zone has been extended to include 12th Avenue to 13th Avenue (concept limits were 9th Avenue to 12th Avenue). Project limits will be from the east side of 9th to the west side of 13th, and other work described herein.
- III. Street Lighting – We Energies will continue to provide and maintain ornamental (non-standard) lighting on Milwaukee Avenue. Existing concrete poles will be removed, with new underground conduit and wiring installed. New roadway light poles will be black fiberglass decorative pole, with 3000 K LED fixtures. The proposed lighting is similar in style to existing lighting with pole and post top. Lights will have a convenience outlet for holiday decorations, and a banner bracket, or flag pole option can be installed. (Not integrated into pole.)
- IV. Traffic Signals and Poles – Traffic signal poles at 10th and 13th intersections will be replaced to coincide with new street lights.
- V. Street Trees – Approximately 77 trees will be installed within the 4 block improvement zone. Trees will be spaced at 44 feet with a variety of species. Tree planter areas will be framed with concrete border and landscape stone, in lieu of cast iron tree grates. A fill pipe will be provided for watering by the City.
- VI. Concrete Pavement, Sidewalk, Curb Ramps, Terrace – Existing concrete pavement and curb will be replaced at localized areas as determined, or necessary for drainage or curb ramps. The curb line (or curb location) will remain the same, without “bump outs” at intersections or mid-block. Curb ramps will be replaced as determined to meet current standards. Concrete will be removed from back of curb to buildings, with standard concrete placed within the walk area. The terrace area will be a scored (or picture framed) concrete, with Milwaukee Avenue (BARR) brick incorporated near the street trees.

- I. Crosswalks, Pavement Markings, Parking – Crosswalks will be “ladder style” (also called “piano key”) to highlight pedestrian crossings. A 4 foot wide bike lane will be striped between the parking lane and travel lane on both sides of Milwaukee Avenue from 15th Avenue to Mill Road (6th), which is the intersection with Oak Creek Parkway. The parallel parking configuration along Milwaukee Avenue will remain. The angle parking zone will be eliminated along 9th Avenue.
- II. Site Amenities/Furnishings – Trash receptacles, planters, bike racks, and benches will be direct purchased by the City, and installed following contract work. (Proposed layout is underway and will be presented at the public meeting.)
- III. “Da Crusher Statue Location” – The Common Council has approved the site location for “Da Crusher” to be the southerly side of the municipal parking lot at 1101 Milwaukee Avenue, with site work completed by “Da Crusher” Foundation.
- IV. Project Costs – The total estimated project costs, including allowances for site furnishings and construction oversight is \$1.8 million. It is anticipated that the City’s Capital improvement program will be used to fund the improvements, without assessments of public work to the adjacent property owners. Private concrete abutting the sidewalk may be assessed to adjacent owners if replacement is not required for construction of public improvements, and will be coordinated with property owners when we approach construction.
- V. Project Construction Schedule/Inspection – It is anticipated that the Common Council will authorize contract advertising in March with contract award in April. The contract will require that construction start in August, following Heritage Days/Evening on the Avenue; with completion in November. Some items may carry over into spring 2020, but the goal will be to have substantial completion in 2019. A construction schedule is being developed with We-Energies, who will be responsible for street lighting under a separate contract. As we get closer to construction, additional information will be provided as well as contact information.

Illustrations of the proposed streetscaping layout and amenities will be provided at the informational meeting scheduled for February 27th.

Prepared by Kyle Vandercar
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