**Public Involvement Meeting**

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# Highland Road Bike Spur Ozaukee Interurban Trail to Rotary Park

**City of Mequon**

**Ozaukee County**

**ID 2697-22-00 (70)**



# January 23, 2025

**5:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Mequon City Hall, City Council Chambers**

**11333 N. Cedarburg Rd., Mequon, Wisconsin**

**This handout and other meeting items are available on the project website at:**

<https://mtcfgives.org/mttrails/>

**Thank you for your interest in this project; we look forward to your feedback.**

# Purpose of the meeting

The objective of this PIM meeting is to obtain your input on the identified needs and proposed improvements along Highland Road in the City of Mequon.

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Description automatically generatedThe project is located along approximately 1.45 miles of Highland Road. The project extends on the north side of Highland Road from east of the Pigeon Creek bridge near the intersection with Green Bay Rd. to the west entrance to Rotary Park. The Mequon/Thiensville Trail Foundation is proposing this project in cooperation with Wisconsin DOT.

# Recommended improvements

The Mequon/Thiensville Trail Foundation is planning to develop and support a network of multi-use off-road trails to provide better connectivity for pedestrian and bicycle users throughout the Mequon and Thiensville communities.

A 10-foot wide asphalt path is proposed on the north side of Highland Road between the Ozaukee Interurban Trail and Rotary Park. The trail will be placed behind (north) of the existing Highland Rd. ditch line to maintain drainage and provide separation between the roadway and new trail. In some short segments the trail may be placed closer to Highland Rd. and curb and gutter would be placed at the existing gravel shoulder, by the intersections, to provide the required separation.

# Alternatives Studied

# An alternative trail was investigated on both the north and south side of Highland Road. The trail is being proposed to be placed on the north side for the following reasons:

# Existing R/W on the north side is full width for the project length. This is not the case on the south side and would result in additional real estate acquisition and project delays.

# A safety study was conducted, indicating the trail on the north side would be safer than the south side.

# There are more homes on the south side which would be in closer proximity to a new trail than on the north side.

# Real estate

Most work will occur within the existing right of way. Temporary Easements will be acquired for minor grading on private property. Temporary easements are minor in area, usually 5’ or less in width, and are only used during construction, and expire after construction is complete. At this stage of the preliminary design, no Permanent easements are required. If during final design a permanent easement is needed to place a drainage structure or ditch to maintain drainage patterns, the property owner will be notified. These will remain in place after construction is completed so that the city will have access to maintain the drainage structures.

# Proposed traffic impacts

The trail project is currently scheduled for construction in 2025. Motorists can expect to encounter shoulder closures and single-lane closures with flagging operations during construction. No detours are anticipated at this time.

Access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. The contractor will be required to notify property owners and businesses prior to construction.

# Construction Cost

The estimated construction cost is $1.12 million. The project is funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The TAP allocates federal funds to transportation improvement projects that "expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment”.

Funding is split between the Federal Highway Administration and the Mequon/Thiensville Trail Foundation at an 80/20 percentage ratio.

# Project update/next steps

* + Preliminary plans February 2025
  + Environmental document February 2025
  + Design Study Report March 2025
  + Right of Way Exhibits (if Necessary) March 2025
  + Final plans March 2025
  + Right of Way Acquisition (If Necessary) March 2025
  + Utility Relocations Prior to/during Construction 2025
  + Construction Summer/Fall 2025

# Project design website

Access the following materials on the Mequon/Thiensville Trail Foundation website:

<https://mtcfgives.org/mttrails/>

* + - This handout with comment form
    - Project Plan Exhibit
    - Preliminary Plans

# Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Please forward your comments/input by **February 21, 2025:**

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document
2. Or email comments or questions to the contact listed below

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. For more information, please contact:

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# Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form

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Address:

Phone Number (optional):

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Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

*The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and*

*signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.*

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