

# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

I.D. 3618-00-04  
Town of La Prairie, Elm Drive  
Branch Turtle Creek Bridge, B-53-0388  
Local Street  
Rock County  
January 19, 2021

Welcome to the public involvement meeting to discuss the replacement of the bridge carrying Elm Drive over a branch of Turtle Creek. The intent of the meeting is to present information about the proposed project and to gather input from you.

Feel free to view the displays and ask representatives from Ayres, the Town of La Prairie, and Rock County any questions. An informal presentation is planned for shortly after the onset to help explain the displays and project.

A comment form is available for your comments and concerns about this project. Please provide written comments by either returning them today or sending them to the address shown.

## **PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED**

The purpose of this project is to address the deteriorated bridge structure on Elm Drive in Rock County. The bridge is located at the crossing of a branch of Turtle Creek, approximately 3.2 miles east of the junction with CTH J. The existing bridge needs to be replaced because it is structurally deficient.

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

While the “no build” option was considered, it did not meet the project’s purpose and need. The preferred alternative is to replace the single-span steel deck girder bridge with a new single-span concrete flat slab bridge. The bridge width between railings will be 24 feet and the bridge will have a normal crown of 2%.

The 140-foot long project will include replacing the bridge and rebuilding about 96 feet of roadway. The roadway horizontal alignment and vertical profile will approximately match the existing condition. The project is anticipated to temporarily impact 0.3 acres of adjacent private right-of-way. Work included will be a temporary bypass, bridge removal, new bridge construction, grading, placement of crushed aggregate base course and asphalt pavement, erosion control, and minor landscaping.

## **TRAFFIC CONTROL**

During construction, the bridge will remain open to traffic on a temporary bypass as the new bridge is constructed on the current alignment. The project will last approximately 3 months during the summer 2022.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Approximately 0.4 acres of wetlands will be impacted on the project. Necessary permits for wetland and in-stream impacts will be completed with the DNR and US Army Corps of Engineers.

The branch of Turtle Creek is classified as a cool/cold water fishery. Work in the waterway may not occur from September 30<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> to protect the fish population.

## **TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Public Involvement Meeting	January 19, 2021	90% Plans Complete	June 2021
Environmental Document	February 2021	Final Plans Complete	August 1, 2021
Design Study Report	March 2021	Bid Letting	November 9, 2021
Real Estate Acquisition	March 2021	Bridge Construction	Summer 2022