

WE HOPE TO ADDRESS ANY COMMON CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROJECT AND HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE CHANGES.

1. WHY IS THE COUNTY CHOOSING TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL AID FOR THE JANESVILLE ROAD PROJECT?

The economy has shifted and changed in the last year, adding new challenges to individuals, businesses and government agencies. Waukesha County has reevaluated our spending, budget and funding to respond to the economy to most efficiently serve the taxpayers. While the county is committed to funding and constructing this project, we now must review alternatives to our original plan and look at additional sources of money. By shifting some construction costs of this project to the Federal Aid program, we can save county taxpayers approximately \$6 million. This shift in funding will allow the construction of the roadway without compromising the county budget.

2. WHY IS THE COUNTY APPLYING FOR FEDERAL AID NOW INSTEAD OF AT THE START OF THE PROJECT?

Originally, the CTH L, Janesville Road, project involved only Waukesha County funding. Budget decisions for highway projects are made many years before the start of a project and the current economic downturn has caused the county to re-evaluate all of our projects and plans. This review has allowed us to find alternative funding for the project that was not originally considered. The use of Federal money for part of the construction will allow the county to stretch existing county funds and continue to provide a high level of service for the county taxpayers.

3. HOW DOES THIS FUNDING CHANGE AFFECT THE PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS?

The use of federal aid for the construction of the project will impact the project schedule. The federal requirements for roadway projects involve more complicated procedures and more detailed environmental analysis. The work Waukesha County has completed will still be utilized; however, additional steps are required to meet with federal requirements. The county will enhance some reports, update plans and follow the more stringent federal procedures. This work will not require the county to re-do or start over on any work, but will require additional reviews and enhancements. Once the enhanced environmental document is approved, the land purchase and construction process will continue as planned from the date of approval. Construction may be delayed until 2012 and 2013.

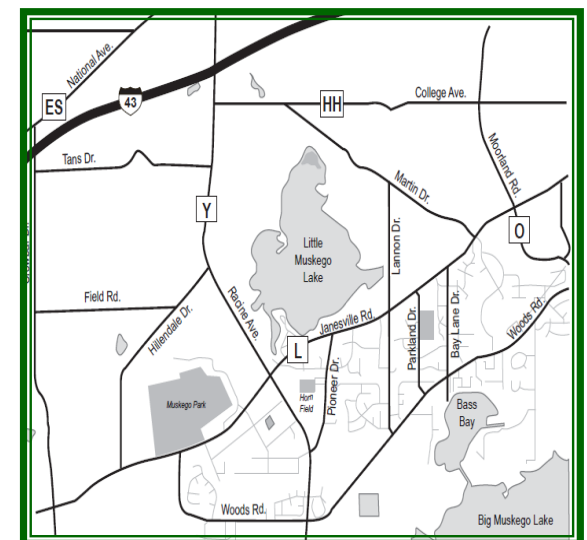
4. WHY IS THIS CHANGE SLOWING THE PROJECT TIMELINE?

The project timeline may need to be adjusted to accommodate both the additional federal requirements and the more stringent federal review and approval process. This could result in project delays for up to one year. At this time, it is impossible to determine the exact amount of time this process will require. The county is still committed to this important project, and we will work to design and build the highway as soon and as efficiently as possible.

5. HOW DOES THE FUNDING AFFECT LAND ACQUISITION?

The county has started to buy properties in anticipation of the construction. Many affected owners have had the county offer to buy their properties or have already relocated. At this time, we are unsure about how the project changes will affect the real estate acquisition. There is a possibility that the county will stop purchasing properties and delay the acquisition of additional lands for up to one year, depending on the federal requirements.

We understand the frustration of many property owners who want to know the project schedule and impacts. As information becomes available, we will post updates on the Janesville Road website at <http://www.Janesvilleroad.com>.



6. IS THE COUNTY STILL COMMITTED TO THE JANESVILLE ROAD PROJECT?

Yes. The CTH L, Janesville Road, project corridor is an important part of the county highway system. It is a county priority to construct this highway. This funding change does not affect the need for the highway or the county's commitment to completing this project. The funding change will affect the schedule and the design.

7. WHAT ENHANCEMENT OR BENEFITS DOES THE FEDERAL AID PROVIDE.

The addition of federal funding to this project is a great benefit to the taxpayers of Waukesha County. The county is expected to save \$6 million by shifting a portion of the construction costs from county monies to federal money. The savings on county funds will allow additional programs to be funded while keeping the budget steady. Additionally, Waukesha County, as usual practice, will not be required to assess adjacent owners for the highway improvement.

8. WHOM DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

If you have any specific concerns or questions, we welcome you to contact us. The county project manager is Mr. Ed Hinrichs and his contact information is:

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COUNTY UPDATE

Waukesha County is strongly committed to improving CTH L, or Janesville Road, through the City of Muskego. The CTH L corridor between 124th Street and CTH Y, Racine Avenue, represents the largest financial investment for a highway project ever made by Waukesha County. This corridor has been a major focus of the Waukesha County Department of Public Works for over 15 years. In total, Waukesha County has committed \$35 million for the corridor including \$11.3 million expended for the now completed 124th Street to CTH O (Moorland Road) portion. We are currently working on the design of the remaining section from CTH O (Moorland Road) to CTH Y (Racine Avenue). The projected costs for this portion are 23.5 million dollars.



Waukesha County has made a decision to pursue available federal aid funding for the current CTH L, Janesville Road, project from CTH O to CTH Y. This decision was made based on the challenging economic times we are facing and the need to best utilize available funding to the benefit of taxpayers. This decision will result in some minor administrative changes to the project.