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Department of Public Works & Development Services

## Kenosha County to host public hearing on Phase 1 of Highway S expansion

The Kenosha County Department of Public Works will hold a public hearing later this month to discuss the location, design, and environmental aspects of the proposed improvements in Phase 1 of the Kenosha County Trunk Highway S expansion project.

Phase 1, as proposed, involves the widening of Highway S (38<sup>th</sup> Street) between Highway H (88<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Brumback Boulevard in the Village and Town of Somers.

Information regarding the Highway S (Burlington Road/38<sup>th</sup> Street) Phase 2 project, between the Interstate 94 East Frontage Road (120<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Highway H, will also be provided at the public hearing.

The hearing will be held Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Kenosha County Center, 19600 75<sup>th</sup> St., Bristol. Public hearing testimony will be collected from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., with an informational presentation to be delivered at 5:30 p.m.

This hearing is a tool for obtaining citizens' input about the recommended course of action for this project, said Kenosha County Highway Director Clement Abongwa. Exhibits will be available for viewing and staff will be on hand to answer questions for the duration of the meeting. People are urged to attend to ask questions and provide testimony.

"We invite the public to come and learn more about the proposed improvements and provide input," Abongwa said.

The Highway S Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects are approximately 2.0 miles and 1.6 miles long, respectively. The goal of the project is to improve safety and capacity, and reduce congestion by reconstructing the two-lane rural roadway with a four-lane divided roadway

(expanded northward), adding turn lanes, replacing traffic signals, improving drainage and adding bicycle and pedestrian accommodations with a multi-use path.

Real estate acquisitions and the relocation of residents and businesses are anticipated with the proposed improvements.

Project maps and other information will be on display at the hearing, and the project design team will be available to explain the proposed improvements and answer questions. Information on how to present verbal and written testimony will be provided at the public hearing.

The meeting is wheelchair accessible. Deaf or hard-of-hearing persons needing assistance may call the Wisconsin Telecommunication Relay System (dial 711). To allow time for arranging assistance, please call no later than three working days prior to the hearing.

For additional information about the proposed improvements, please contact Highway Director Clement Abongwa at 262-653-1870 or <a href="mailto:Clement.Abongwa@kenoshacounty.org">Clement.Abongwa@kenoshacounty.org</a>.

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