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## MEMO

TO: Chairperson Wetzel and Commission Members  
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.  
DATE: September 8, 2022  
RE: Public Works Commission Meeting of September 13, 2022

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### Agenda Item:

#### Cady Street Bridge 2023 Rehabilitation Project update and public information meeting

#### BACKGROUND:

#### Cady Street Bridge 2023 Rehabilitation Project update and public information meeting

The City of Watertown received Wisconsin Department of Transportation funding to rehabilitate the Cady Street Bridge and extend its service life approximately twenty years. The Local Bridge Program covers 80% of construction project costs using State/Federal funds with the remaining 20% being funded through the project sponsor (City). The proposed project scope of work includes removing the existing concrete overlay (originally installed in 1989); install a new concrete overlay to protect the bridge deck slab; concrete surface repairs to sidewalk, deck, and piers; and bridge approach reconstruction. Additional bridge railing repair work may also be included in the project scope of work. The City has worked closely with WisDOT and the City's consulting design engineer, Ayres Associates, to potentially advance the rehabilitation project from 2026 to 2023 with the intention of having the Cady Street Bridge rehabilitated and in good order prior to the Main Street (Cole Memorial) Bridge Reconstruction project scheduled for 2025 (advanceable date for reconstruction is 2024). Cady Street is currently the designated pedestrian detour route during the Main Street (Cole Memorial) Bridge Rehabilitation project. WisDOT staff has stated that the timeline for the 2023 Cady Street Bridge Rehab project is tight but is working with the City to meet 2023 project deadlines. WisDOT has also stated that the 2023 advanceable project date is not guaranteed and may be postponed depending on the following: DNR project approvals, asbestos inspection results, endangered species (bats), historical concerns, Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics coordination, etc.

WisDOT requires two Public Involvement Meetings (PIMs) for Local Bridge Program projects. The first is scheduled during the September 13<sup>th</sup> Public Works Commission meeting. The second meeting is scheduled on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the City of Watertown Common Council Meeting. The PIM press release is attached for reference.

#### Enclosed:

- Public Information Meeting Press Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING NOTICE**

Watertown, Wis. (September 8, 2022) – Improvements to Cady Street Bridge at Rock River to be discussed at September 13<sup>th</sup> Public Involvement Meeting

Planned improvements for Cady Street in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, will be discussed at a Public Involvement meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at the Watertown City Hall, 106 Jones Street, Watertown, WI 53094, Room 2044.

The project involves improvements to the Cady Street roadway and bridge at the crossing of Rock River just east of the intersection with State Highway 26 Business. The existing concrete bridge deck will be resurfaced and railings may be repaired and painted. Approximately 80 feet of roadway approaches will be reconstructed. The project is scheduled for construction in 2023. Cady Street will be closed to traffic at the bridge during construction.

A variety of exhibits and maps will be featured at the Public Involvement meeting, and representatives from the City of Watertown Public Works Department and Ayres Associates will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. The public is encouraged to attend to examine the proposed improvements and discuss any concerns they might have.

Individuals who are unable to attend on September 13<sup>th</sup> can contribute comments about the Cady Street bridge project by contacting the following individuals:

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