

BAYFIELD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the City of Washburn are combining efforts to reconstruct Bayfield Street (Hwy 13), from Thompson Creek to Superior Avenue. Work will include utility replacement, road reconstruction and other items to be identified. The anticipated construction will be from 2024-2027.

SCOPE OF WORK

Wisconsin DOT

- **Phase 1 Project Scope website**
- Reconstruct roadbed and place new pavement
- New curb and gutter where needed

City of Washburn - Utility Upgrades

- Water main
- Sanitary sewer
- Stormwater sewer
- Downtown decorative street lights
- To be determined: sidewalks, turn lanes

As the City and WisDOT prepare for this project, construction will occur in two phases. Both phases will start at Washington Avenue and work outward.

PROJECT GOALS

1. Discuss preparations with the Washburn Chamber of Commerce, business and other property owners along the route that can be taken to allow access and traffic to businesses during construction.
2. Inspect the water and sewer lateral services to all properties along the construction route to determine which properties will be required to replace laterals.
3. Work with the public and WisDOT to determine the best detour routes for the community during the phases of the project, as well as scenarios for traffic flow.
4. Plan for financing the overall project as well as addressing considerations for sidewalk replacement and street lighting.



Phase 1 - (2nd Ave W to Thompson Creek)



- At the February 7, 2022 City Council meeting, Council approved the multi-directional detour route along Bigelow Street and Holman Lakeview Drive. Council further

approved one stage of construction.

- Construction zone is between the arrows on the map, starting at 2nd Ave W and working west. [Detailed Map](#)
- Anticipated time line: April 2024 - October 2024

Phase 2 - (2nd Ave W to Superior Ave)



- Construction zone is between the arrows on the map, starting at 2nd Ave W and working east.
- Anticipated detour route is multi-directional along Washington Avenue and Maki Road, with construction occurring in one stage.
- Anticipated start time: April 2027

PUBLIC INPUT

Feedback is welcome as we continue working with WisDOT. Provide your comments [here](#).

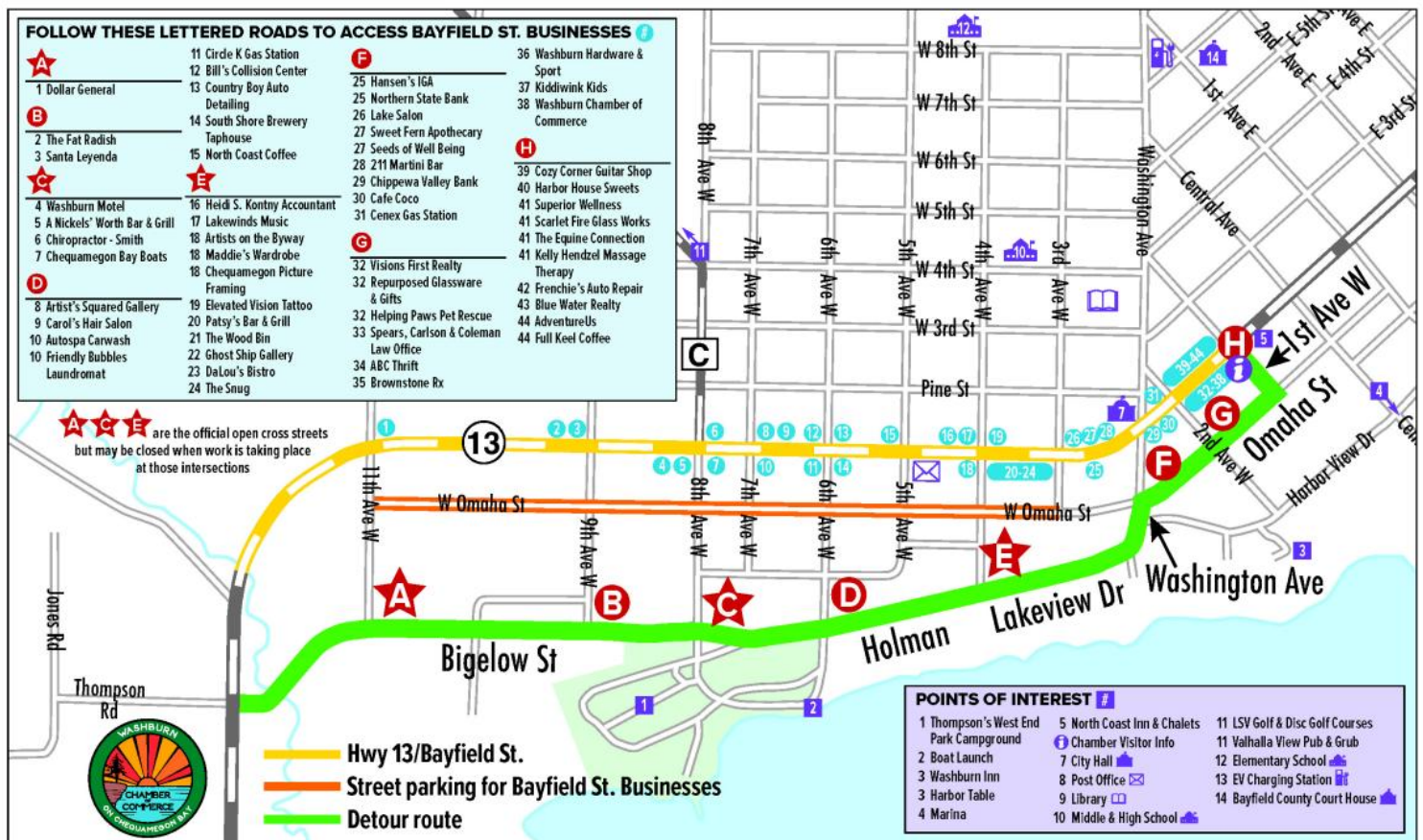
BAYFIELD STREET BEAUTIFICATION AD-HOC COMMITTEE

City Council has appointed a Bayfield Street Beautification Ad-Hoc Committee to assist in developing a plan for improving the look of Bayfield Street. The reconstruction of Bayfield Street

- Cross traffic at the intersection at 4th Ave W. will be closed for water & sewer installation. The 6th Ave W intersection is now open for cross traffic. This change is expected for 3

weeks, and then it will move back.

- As water lines are installed, there may be a loss of service for a few hours to businesses and residents where work is being completed.
- Expect construction work and related noise between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM Monday through Saturday.



Update - Phase 1 Bayfield Street Reconstruction Project 03/20/24

The Bayfield Street Phase 1 Reconstruction Project has finally begun. The detour route is now open, with signage directing to businesses. The 4th and 8th Avenues will remain open for crossover traffic; that is until construction is at those intersections. Further updates on this will be provided as the project progresses. Residents should also be aware of the following items:

- Sidewalks on the south side of the street will remain open for pedestrian usage to enter businesses. Unless water/sewer connection work is occurring at that specific location. The north sidewalk will be closed and is not for pedestrian usage. Please use the alternative entrances for these business. The one exception is Lake Salon , as they have no back entrance.
- There will be no parking allowed on the detour route and the detour route will have Class B weight limits with an exception for local deliveries.

- Once construction commences, expect construction work and related noise between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM Monday through Saturday.
- When the project starts, the entire pavement from approximately 2nd Avenue West to 8th Avenue West will be removed. Pavement from 8th Avenue West to Thompson's Creek will be removed at a later date but the detour is still in effect, so only necessary access will be allowed.
- Property owners with mailboxes will be contacted for individual removal.

Update - Phase 1 Bayfield Street Reconstruction Project 02/15/24

Plans are proceeding with the April 1 start for the Bayfield Street Phase 1 Reconstruction Project. It is possible that work could begin prior to April 1, and residents should in fact expect the detour route to be in place prior to April 1. Further updates on this will be provided once details are known. Residents should also be aware of the following items:

- Signage and other items will start to be removed from street lights by the end of February. The streetlights will also be removed prior to the project beginning, so expect the street lights to stop functioning at some point in March.
- Detour signage will be going up in advance of the detour opening. There will be no parking allowed on the detour route and the detour route will have Class B weight limits with an exception for local deliveries.
- Necessary tree removals will be occurring prior to April 1.
- Once construction commences, expect construction work and related noise between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM Monday through Saturday.
- When the project starts, the entire pavement from approximately 1st Avenue West to 8th Avenue West will be removed. Pavement from 8th Avenue West to Thompson's Creek will be removed at a later date but the detour is still in effect, so only necessary access will be allowed.
- Property owners with mailboxes will be contacted for individual removal.
- Property owners affected by sewer and water work will be receiving information soon on lateral replacement requirements and options.

Update - Phase 1 Bayfield Street Reconstruction Project 10/17/23

In preparation for the Bayfield Street Phase 1 Project occurring next year, the grading and paving of Holman Lakeview Drive and the milling and paving of Bigelow Street is scheduled to start on October 28.

This work is being done as part of the detour route for the project. There will be about a week of work that will start with adding gravel base on Holman Lakeview Drive, the milling of Bigelow Street, and then the paving of both streets. The streets will not get pavement markings until the spring.

Residents along the route will be able to access their homes, but the roads will be closed to all other traffic.

In addition, the City is changing the stop sign configuration of all the intersecting streets along this route. There will be four-way stops at all intersections until after the paving is completed at which point the stop signs along Holman Lakeview Drive and Bigelow Street will be removed.

Because of this work, the City will be removing the docks at the Thompson's West End Boat Ramp prior to October 28.

Public Meeting - Phase 2 Bayfield Street Reconstruction Project 07/17/23

WisDOT held a Public Involvement Meeting regarding the proposed reconstruction project on WIS 13 from the Washington Avenue to Superior Avenue in the City of Washburn.

The proposed improvements would consist of removing and reconstructing the existing pavement with concrete pavement, replacing the curb and gutter and sidewalk. Other proposed work will consist of replacing storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water mains and street lights.

Below is a recording of the meeting, with a presentation (about 60 minutes) and Q&A period following. Contact the project manager for any specific questions on the WisDOT's scope of work.

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