

December 28, 2023

TOWN OF WHEATON
4975 COUNTY HWY T
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI 54729

RE: Project Update – December 2023
CTH T
State Highway 29 – Station Highway 312
Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties

Dear TOWN OF WHEATON,

This letter is to provide an update on the improvements proposed to County Highway T between Alpine Road and 33rd Avenue along with an updated schedule of milestone dates.

Since the letter sent out in July of this year notifying landowners of upcoming field survey efforts, the project team has been working to develop the design contract along with coordinating with officials from Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, the City of Eau Claire, Town of Union, and Town of Wheaton. After some delays, the contract has been approved and Jewell Associates has been issued a notice to proceed with the preliminary design and environmental coordination phases of the project.

Due to the delays associated with the contract, the initial public involvement meeting, originally planned for late 2023 has been rescheduled for the summer of 2024. Between now and then, our team will be beginning the preliminary design phase for this project. This includes traffic analysis and intersection alternative investigation. We will also be evaluating the existing drainage patterns throughout the corridor to determine stormwater management needs. In addition, we will be completing an inventory of environmental assets and assessing impacts and mitigation efforts.

Our survey crews have completed the initial fieldwork mapping the existing conditions. Throughout the winter and spring, our crews may be returning to the project corridor to collect additional information as needed. Some of the initial soil boring fieldwork was completed this fall; however, additional efforts will be required this spring as preliminary design progresses. As with the initial survey efforts, some of this work will require our staff to enter adjacent properties. Efforts will be made to minimize impacts to properties and any crops.

Approximately 3-4 weeks prior to the Public Involvement Meeting, we will be sending out invitations to property owners along the project. The location of the meeting has not been confirmed yet; however, the meeting will be held in the early evening hours and will include updated design drawings along with the project delivery schedule.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (608) 459-6091 or jeff.smith@jewellassoc.com or Jon Johnson, Eau Claire County Highway Commissioner at (715) 839-2952 or jon.johnson@co.eau-claire.wi.us.

We appreciate your cooperation with our project development efforts.

Sincerely,



Jeff Smith, P.E.
Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc.

cc: Jon Johnson, Eau Claire County Highway Commissioner