

NEWS RELEASE  
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
EAU CLAIRE RIVER BIKE / PEDESTRIAN STUDY  
EAU CLAIRE RIVER CROSSING DESIGN FEASIBILITY STUDY  
CITY OF SCHOFIELD, MARATHON COUNTY  
PROJECT ID: 699-14-04

The Wausau MPO, City of Schofield, City of Wausau, Village of Weston, Town of Weston and Marathon County Parks invite community members to engage in planning efforts at a Public Input Meeting as they look to gather feedback on connecting the communities with a bridge over the Eau Claire River and recreational trail network. The proposed improvements would provide an alternate bicycle and pedestrian routes to the Business 51/Schofield Avenue and Northwestern Avenue routes currently mapped. This feasibility study reviews two alternate routes would cross the Eau Claire River and railroad right of way on the north side of the City of Schofield while providing regional trail connections to bordering municipalities. Proposed improvements include a 12 foot wide bridge/boardwalk, paved 10-foot-wide trail with 2-foot shoulders and 3-foot clear zone to accommodate a bicycle design speed of 18 mph, with all improvements required to comply with current Wisconsin Bicycle Design Standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The study reviews, existing site conditions, environmental impacts, structures necessary for a crossing, construction access, costs, funding, schedule, and property owner impacts. MSA Professional Services, Inc., consulting engineers from Marshfield, Wisconsin, prepared conceptual information for the project.

A public information meeting for the proposed construction of the shared-use trail will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at Marathon County Park, East Gate Hall, 801 Garfield Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401.

Wheelchair accessibility is available at this meeting site. Hearing impaired people may request an interpreter at the meeting if they plan to attend by contacting Dan Borchardt, PE at 715-304-0448 or [dborchardt@msa-ps.com](mailto:dborchardt@msa-ps.com) at least one week prior to the meeting date. Representatives from MSA Professional Services, City of Schofield, Marathon County Parks and Recreation, City of Wausau, Town of Weston and Village of Weston will be present to answer questions and receive comments.

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