



Lawrence Avenue Intersections MacArthur Boulevard & Walnut Street



Welcome!

Welcome to the Public Informational Meeting for the Lawrence Avenue Intersection Improvement at MacArthur Boulevard and Walnut Street.

The reason for the meeting is to identify the purpose and improvements addressing the current transportation challenges within the project area.

The meeting format is informal; no presentation will be made. Please browse the available materials at your leisure. Representatives of the City of Springfield and their consultant, Fuhrmann Engineering, Inc., are available to answer any questions that you may have.

Materials Available for Review

- Plan view of anticipated improvements with topography / aerial photography
- Crash Data
- Traffic Data
- Existing & Anticipated Proposed Typical Sections

Project Location and Description

The City of Springfield is proposing to improve the intersections of Lawrence Avenue with MacArthur Boulevard and Walnut Street.

Traffic Data

- Lawrence Avenue
 - 2017 ADT: 9,500-11,000 vpd
- MacArthur Boulevard
 - 2017 ADT: 10,200-13,000 vpd
- Walnut Street
 - 2017 ADT: 6,750 -7,450 vpd

ADT = average daily traffic
vpd = vehicles per day

Wanted: Your Input

Your questions, comments, and input are greatly appreciated, so please record them on the comment form provided. You may fill out the comment form and return it today, mail it to the address on the form, or email feedback@springfield.il.us under the subject heading of "Lawrence Avenue Safety Improvements" by December 20, 2021. All comments received will become part of the permanent record for the project and included in the final project development report.



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Project Scope

Lawrence Avenue, MacArthur Boulevard and Walnut Street will be improved along the approaches to the intersections and at the intersections themselves. The intent is to add dedicated left turn lanes at each leg of each intersection. This will involve pavement widening to construct the necessary tapers and turn bays to allow for safe and efficient traffic signal operation. The exact extent of improvements will be determined by the results of the study team's engineering and environmental analysis of the project purpose, alternative analysis and public input. Concurrence by the stakeholders will be sought as well.

Problem Statement and Purpose

We also seek your input on "What is the problem with these intersections." From your personal experience traveling through these intersections, please document what you see as the problem with these areas, and what improvements should be made. Input received from the questionnaire will be used to help to further refine project purpose and need.

Project Schedule

- Phase I (preliminary engineering), is currently under way and will be completed in the spring of 2022.
- Phase II (preparation of construction plans) will begin upon completion of Phase I and is anticipated to be completed by late 2022.
- Phase III (construction) will begin at the end of Phase II and will take 6-12 months.

Additional Right of Way

Right-of-way and easements, if required, will be purchased during Phase II, which will begin approximately 6-9 months from now.

Funding

The City was awarded Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds. MFT Funding will be utilized to cover the remainder of the balance of engineering and construction.

Additionally, you may contact the city regarding this project using the below information.

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