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**Re: 2024 Weston Avenue Reconstruction Project: Notice of Public Input Meeting**

Dear Resident,

The Villages of Rothschild & Weston have entered into an agreement to jointly complete the reconstruction of Weston Avenue. Weston Avenue from Alderson Street to Birch Street is a roadway that is half Rothschild's and half Weston's jurisdiction. The Village's contracted with MSA where they submitted an application for funding assistance on behalf of both Village's jointly for WisDOT Municipal Street Improvement Discretionary and Municipal Street Improvement Supplemental Program within the Local Roads Improvement Program.

In 2022, the Villages were awarded a \$733,463.03 grant for the street reconstruction and new construction of a multi-use pedestrian way on Weston Avenue from Alderson Street to Birch Street. Per the agreement between the communities, the funds will be equally split for the proposed work scheduled for 2024.

The design is also being completed by MSA and is about 1/3 completed. We are hosting a public input meeting on March 29, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Village Hall in the Community Room.

The project boundaries for the street reconstruction are shown in **magenta** on the image on the **attached map**. The Village of Weston will also be adding new water and sewer mains in the Weston Avenue project boundary. Weston will also be replacing their existing watermain under Alderson Street from Weston Avenue to Summit Avenue and on Summit Avenue from Alderson Street to Wall Street. Since large portions of existing roadway will be removed as part of this work, the Village of Rothschild will participate in the asphalt replacement on both Alderson Street and the full length of Summit Avenue shown in **blue** also on the image on the **attached map**.

The Weston Avenue portion of the project will be a complete reconstruction project including new watermain, sanitary main, storm main, drain tile, multi-use pedestrian path, street, curb and gutter, and driveway approaches. There are no proposed assessments as part of this project from the Village of Rothschild. The Alderson Street portion will be watermain work by the Village of Weston and the joint removal and replacement of asphalt. The Summit Avenue portion will be watermain work by the Village of Weston and some ditch and culvert work, asphalt pulverizing, grading and repaving by the Village of Rothschild. *Street* work on Summit Avenue will need to be approved by the Village of Rothschild Board in the 2024 general budget this coming fall.

A caveat as part of this project's design is that there is a compact roundabout proposed at the intersection of Weston Avenue and Alderson Street. This intersection configuration was recommended by MSA as the preferred alternative after they completed an intersection study at this location in 2021 based on the current traffic volume and the modeled future traffic volume.

This would be the first roundabout in Rothschild. Research on compact roundabouts show they offer similar performance as compared to common multi-lane intersections but add the benefits of traffic calming, and enhanced safety as larger roundabouts with the added benefit of having a smaller footprint. More specifically compact roundabouts can more effectively support a higher vehicle capacity than an all-way stop-control intersection. They also offer flexibility in coping with increased traffic volumes during all times of the day and are proven to reduce the number of fatal and severe injury crashes since they are less severe (reduction in T-bone crashes). Roundabouts have a lower travel speed as compared to all-way stop-control intersections and are more environmentally friendly in that they reduce wait times, reduce fuel consumption, and reduce vehicle fuel use and emissions.

In general, the project's design of the streets and drive openings will remain in relatively the same configuration as they are now with exception to the proposed roundabout parcels. Street access will be maintained throughout the project. Access will be limited to your home at the time of any unforeseen concrete work and street paving. However, you should be able to park vehicles in your driveway or on the street during non-working hours.

In summary, the Village is inviting you to attend the Weston Avenue Reconstruction public input meeting. You may also attend *virtually* by typing in this link into your web browser and follow the Zoom instructions. Please note that there may be some reduced audio clarity as the room is large when using this service.

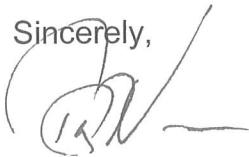
**This meeting will be held via Zoom.**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6953385367>**

**Or via telephone: 646-558-8656, enter, 6953385367# then enter #**

The meeting is March 29, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Village Hall located at 211 Grand Avenue. Please contact me at 715-359-3660 or [tvergara@rothschildwi.com](mailto:tvergara@rothschildwi.com) if you have any questions or special concerns you would like to discuss.

Sincerely,



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cc: Village Staff and Board, Chad Grundeman, PE – MSA, Michael Wodalski, PE – Village of Weston DPW.