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Subject: Project Update Meetings
Business 51/Rothschild interchange
Villages of Rothschild, Schofield and Weston
Project ID: 6999-08-70

You are invited to attend project update meetings for the improvements to Business 51 between Everest Drive and Drott Avenue and the north Rothschild WIS 29 interchange ramps.

The meetings are scheduled for the first and third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the City of Schofield City Hall, 200 Park Street, Schofield. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19. The prime contractor will present their schedule for the following two weeks and be available for questions.

Project improvements include replacing pavement, curb and gutter, storm sewer, median curbs, streetlights, and traffic signals. The project also includes pavement replacement on the north Rothschild WIS 29 eastbound off ramp and the westbound on ramp.

During construction, Business 51 will remain open one lane in each direction and will be constructed in four stages:

- In June and July (Stage I) crews will be working on the Grand Ave/Drott Street/BUS 51 intersection, Metro Drive/Schofield Avenue/Business 51 intersection, and the West Grand Avenue/Business 51 intersection.

- In mid-July or early August (Stage 2) crews will shut down the WIS 29 ramps. Business 51 from Everest Drive to the Metro Drive/Schofield Avenue/Business 51 intersection will be restricted to one lane in each direction. Traffic will be shifted onto the existing southbound lanes while work is completed on the northbound lanes and median. Business 51 from the Metro Drive/Schofield Avenue/Business 51 intersection north to Drott Street will be restricted to one lane in each direction. Traffic will be shifted onto the inside lanes while work is completed on the outside lanes.

- In late September (Stage 3) crews will shift traffic on Business 51 from Everest Drive to the Metro Dr/Schofield Ave/Business 51 intersection from the existing southbound lanes to the newly constructed northbound lanes. Traffic from the Metro Drive/Schofield Avenue/Business 51 intersection to Drott Street will shift from the existing inside lanes to the newly constructed outside lanes. The WIS 29 ramps will remain closed in this stage.

- In late October (Stage 4) crews will open Business 51 to two lanes in each direction from Jelinek Street to Drott Street. Business 51 traffic from Everest Drive to Jelinek Street will be diverted to the outside lanes while work is completed on left turn lanes and medians. The WIS 29 ramps will remain closed until the end of this stage.

- Throughout construction, various closures will occur on Everest Drive, West Grand Avenue, Ellen Street, Volkman Street, East Kort Street, Jelinek Avenue, Keck Street, Neupert Avenue, Post Avenue, Hill Street, Depot Street, Eau Claire Street, Ross Avenue, South Grand Avenue, Drott Street. Public access to local neighborhoods will be maintained.

- The project is scheduled for completion in late October 2008.

If you have any questions or concerns that may assist in the development of this project, we encourage you to attend the meetings or contact Stacy Hagenbucher of EMCS, Inc (715) 305-1470, shagenbucher@emcsinc.com.

Sincerely,

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