



CITY OF MANITOWOC

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RE: 2025 Reconstruction of Fleetwood Drive – Waldo Blvd. to Stokes Lane

Dear Property Owner:

The City of Manitowoc intends to reconstruct Fleetwood Drive from Waldo Blvd. to Stokes Lane in 2025. We are sending you this letter to invite you to the upcoming Public Infrastructure (PI) Committee Meeting to give you an opportunity to express your opinions regarding the proposed reconstruction.

Engineering Staff is in the early stages of design for this project. We are currently proposing to eliminate the existing island with the reconstruction project. There are several benefits by removing the island.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.** at City Hall, 900 Quay Street, Council Chambers or by Zoom at 888-475-4499 US Toll Free, Meeting ID 843 7825 4663; Passcode 180688 or online at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84378254663?pwd=KqK3WbZQsG61UdpVeJySSig3QafSZv.1>

Benefits of Removing the Island:

1. Provides unhindered access to everyone's driveway. There are 11 driveways in this area, 9 of them are impacted or blocked by the island. Eliminating the island also provides much better access to driveways for those home owners with boats, campers or other trailers.
2. Reduces the amount of curb. The island more than doubles the amount of curb. needed. Eliminating this curb saves about \$100,000 to \$120,000.
3. Reduces the amount of concrete pavement (we do not need the concrete pavement at the island openings). This would save approximately \$25,000.
4. Reduces the number of storm inlets needed (inlets are needed at the island if there is one. The island doubles the number of inlets needed). Eliminating half the inlets saves about \$30,000 to \$50,000.
5. Some of the existing driveway approaches are at slopes steeper than 12% which is our standard maximum. The wider terrace/wider driveway approach width will allow the driveway approaches to be much flatter and ride smoother.
6. Many of the existing sidewalk ADA Ramps at the intersections exceed the standard maximum slope of 8.33%. Eliminating the Island will bring in the roadway, which gives us more room to get flatter slopes on the ADA ramps (this saves us from going back along the mainline sidewalk and removing and replacing it, so we can drop the elevation down).
7. The wider terrace gives more room for snow storage.
8. City Crews will be able to remove snow more quickly without the island.
9. City Crews no longer have to push-up or remove snow from the island ends.
10. City Crews no longer have to cut the grass in the island.
11. The construction time frame will be reduced by removing the island (Possibly by as much as 3-4 weeks).
12. The roadway will be about 6 feet further away from everyone's home.
13. The increased terrace width is better for any existing or new trees.

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Negatives with Removing the Island:

1. The terrace (area between the curb and sidewalk) will basically double in width from about 6 feet to 12 feet, plus or minus. This means that there will be additional lawn for residents to cut.
2. The driveway approaches will increase by about 6 feet. This means that there will be additional snow for residents to shovel out of the driveways.

However, the single biggest reason to eliminate the island is simply the cost savings, which we have estimated to be in the range of \$200,000.

In order to complete the design and prepare the plans, we need a decision on this issue as soon as possible. We will need the PI Committee to make a final decision at the December 4th PI Committee Meeting.

Engineering Staff will be at the meeting to answer questions about the possible island elimination and the reconstruction in general.

Your input is very important for the success of this project. Please attend this meeting if at all possible to give us your input on the project. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may call the Engineering Office at (920) 686-6910 or e-mail any comments to Greg Minikel at gminikel@manitowoc.org. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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Director of Public Works

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cc: Public Infrastructure Committee