



Meeting: Village Board
Meeting Date: 2/13/12
Agenda Item: 7c

Mission Statement
Delivering quality services in a courteous, cost-effective and efficient manner.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: Burt R. McIntyre, President and Village Board of Trustees

REPORT FROM: Paul Evert, Village Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: Review and take action on funding of a pedestrian bridge over Hwy 41 between Bond Street and Woodman Drive

POLICY ISSUE

Does the Village Board wish to commit \$1.25 million toward the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Highway 41 that would connect Bond Street and Woodman Drive?

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Village staff recommends denying the local share of funding to construct the pedestrian bridge. If the board were to support the recommendation, the following motion may be made:

“Motion to deny \$1.25 million of funding for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Highway 41 that would connect Bond Street and Woodman Drive.”

POLICY ALTERNATIVE(S)

The Village Board could take the following action:

- Approve the funding
- Table the item and request additional information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On June 13, 2011 Interim Village Administrator Bob Bartelt advised the Village Board of DOT’s proposal to have the Village share in the cost of the construction of a pedestrian bridge between Bond Street and Woodman Drive. The minutes from that meeting do not show that the Board took any action on the item. The DOT requested in a December 20, 2011 letter that the Village provide a decision regarding the Village’s desire to develop and fund the Village’s portion of the project by April 9, 2012.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$2.25 million. The Village’s contribution to the project would be \$1.3 million. This is based on DOT’s guidelines that local participation is:

- 25% of the construction costs from touchdown point to touchdown point, including structure, grading and paving
- 100% of the path connection from touchdown point to existing facilities
- 100% of real estate and acquisition
- Maintenance of the path, including snow removal

The approved 2012 budget did not include funding for this project, and if the Village Board wishes to fund the project, staff would recommend borrowing the money to pay for the Village's contribution. However, the staff recommendation is to decline local participation, due to the extremely high cost and the limited benefit. It should be noted that without the Village's financial support, the pedestrian bridge will not be installed, and if the Village wishes to have it installed at a later date, the same amount of DOT funding will probably not be available. However, despite that, staff feels that connectivity should be improved in this area of the Village, but should be done so with the existing cross-roads and the expansion of sidewalks and trails.

ATTACHED INFORMATION

- I. Letter from DOT dated Dec. 20, 2011



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December 20, 2011

Mr. Geoffrey Farr, Executive Director of Engineering Services
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2456 Glendale Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54313

Re: Initial Project Notification
Project I.D. 1133-03-03
DePere – Suamico
Orange Lane – CTH M
USH 41 (Bike/Pedestrian Overpasses)
Brown County

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for a proposed project located along the USH 41 corridor in Brown County, Wisconsin. For the project, three locations are being developed for bike/pedestrian overpass structures and associated approach paths to improve connectivity thru the USH 41 corridor. One of the locations is within the Village and is proposed to extend across US 41 from Woodman Drive on the west to Bond Street on the east in the Village of Howard.

The proposed design includes a bike/pedestrian overpass structure as well as any necessary approach paths to the structure. The approach paths to the overpass structure will consist of multi-span concrete slab structures as well as paved paths. The enclosed plan view shows a preliminary configuration. For the Howard crossing, the design of the west approach will need to be configured to try to avoid a slightly expanded detention pond from its current condition or be reconfigured with a different ramp configuration. New right-of-way will be required for the structure and approaches. The Village will be responsible for the right-of-way acquisition within their respective boundary. A preliminary configuration of the right-of-way needs can also be seen on the enclosed plan view. Construction of the project is planned for the year 2014.

Please provide written comments regarding this project, including special concerns the Village may have, and how the addition of the crossing would impact the Village, both beneficial and adverse if appropriate.

Upon completion of your review of the project, please forward your written comments to Paul Vraney, Project Manager. We intend to incorporate your comments into the project's Environmental Report; therefore, we ask that you submit your written comments within 30 days of the date of this letter. In addition, we would like your decision regarding your communities desire to develop and fund your portion of this project by April 9, 2012.

If you have any concerns regarding this project, need additional information, or would prefer to meet to discuss the project further, please contact me at (920) 492-2232 or paul.vraney@dot.wi.gov If I am unavailable, you may contact Dave Gale of OMNNI Associates

at (920) 830-6327 or dave.gale@omni.com OMNNI is the consulting firm working with the WisDOT on this project. Please also copy Dave Gale with your response.

Sincerely,

Paul Vraney

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Paul Vraney
US 41 Team Interim Project Manager

Enclosures

cc: **Paul Evert, Village of Howard Administrator**

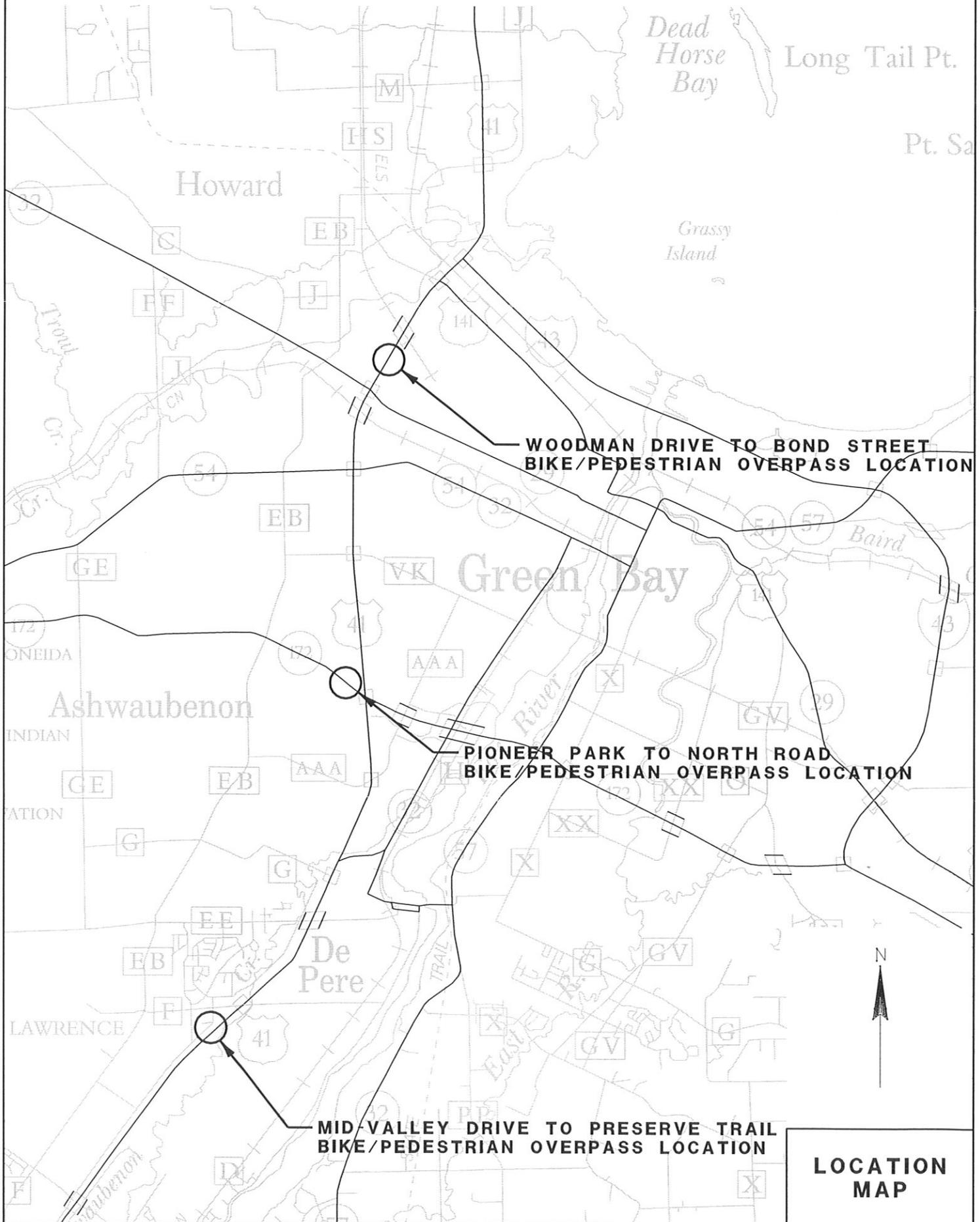
Natasha Gwidt, WisDOT US 41/441 Project Group Design Supervisor

Brian Roper, US 41/441 Projects Group Chief

Dave Wiese, Village of Howard Executive Director of Community Development Services,
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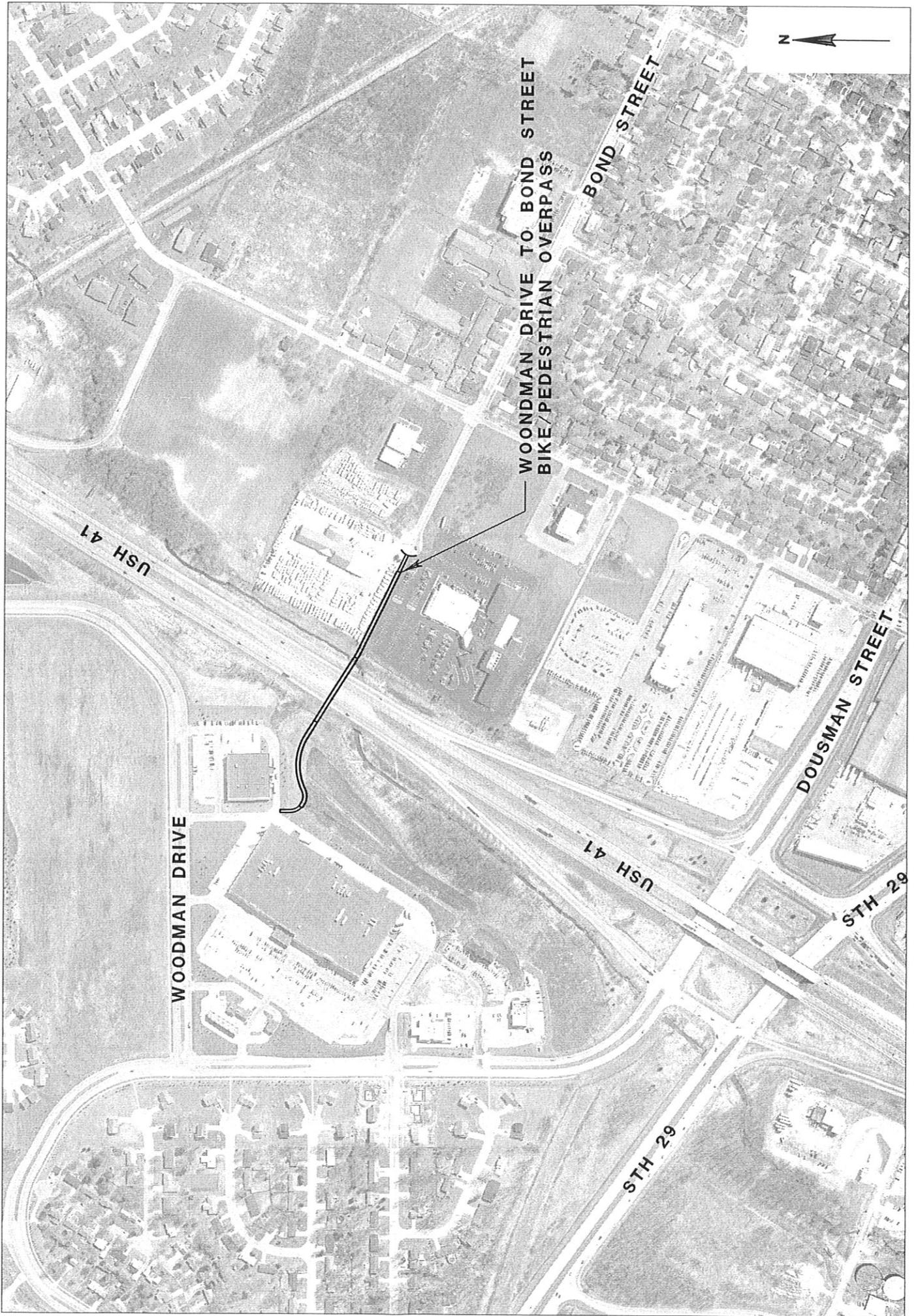
Dave Gale, OMNNI Associates, Inc. One Systems Drive, Appleton, WI 54914-1654

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LOCATION
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WOODMAN DRIVE TO BOND STREET
BIKE/PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS

