



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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December 5, 2019

Memo

To: Craig Fisher - Wisconsin Department of Transportation La Crosse Street Project Manager

From: City of La Crosse Planning and Development Department

RE: La Crosse Street Preferred Option – La Crosse Transportation Vision

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Upon review of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's proposed plan for La Crosse Street we concluded that the proposed design includes; a Two-Way Left Turn Lane (TWTL), two pedestrian crossing flashing beacons, and expanded roadway from 36 feet to 44 feet wide. We applaud the efforts to improve the La Crosse Street corridor; however, widening of the road and subsequent loss of street trees would be contrary to the [2015 La Crosse Transportation Vision](#) and *Confluence Comprehensive Plan* that were adopted by the City of La Crosse Common Council.

The proposed widening of the roadway would result in the loss of urban street trees. This would be contrary to our adopted Comprehensive Plan that states, "Improve roadway design through streetscape enhancements and design standards that encourage: interconnections, narrower widths and traffic calming where feasible, **boulevard trees**, sidewalks and bicycle lanes." The adopted plan goes on to address major road corridors such as La Crosse Street by recommending to, "Upgrade the appearance of the major road corridors by making streetscape improvements such as **boulevard trees**, ornamental lighting, special pavement and banners."

Please consider integrating the La Crosse Street cross section, illustrated below, from the Common Council adopted *2015 La Crosse Transportation Vision* into your current design. This design preserves street trees, accommodates bicycles and pedestrians, maintains the current road width, calms traffic and improves/maintains the appearance of a major road corridor. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Zabrowski'.

Jack Zabrowski - Associate Planner
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La Crosse Street Cross Section - 2015 *La Crosse Transportation Vision*