

Subject: Please keep the Losey Blvd Resurfacing Project #781 in the 2026-27 Capital Plan

Dear City Council Members,

I'm writing to urge you to keep the planned Losey Blvd resurfacing and utility project (1 mile) in the 2026-27 capital projects plan rather than delaying it 5 years. There are compelling reasons why this project should be done now & as a single phase project.

1.Financial Responsibility: The current 1-mile project is budgeted at 6.66 M. Delaying pushes the work into two half-mile phases in 2029 & 30 at 6.9M each, costing taxpayers over twice as much (\$13.8M total). Postponement will also require ongoing pothole patching & large-area repairs to a failing surface in the meantime, adding further expense.

2.Road & Infrastructure Condition: Losey Blvd is already in poor shape with numerous pothole patches, cracking seams, and heaved sections. Storm sewers on the North end of this stretch still are flooding after a recent project hasn't completely handled recent heavy rainfall. Delaying the project means continued infrastructure failure and more costly emergency repairs.

3.Neighborhood Quality & Safety: Homes along this section experience vibration & damage from trucks hitting uneven pavement, potholes, & patches. The noise & physical impact on the properties will only worsen with time. The current condition is unacceptable now & several more years of roadway traffic, especially dual-axle trucks will crumble the surfaces.

4.Minimize Disruption: Doing this project in one phase in 2026-27 would mean a single detour period. Delaying creates **two consecutive years of disruption** (half-mile each year). Affecting commuters, local residents, & detour routes twice.

5.Critical Corridor: This is a key North-South corridor that transitions from a newly resurfaced highway 16 at 45 mph down to 25 mph in a residential area. Improving Losey Blvd now will create consistency in road quality and safety to La Crosse's Gateway to south side enhancing the Cities impression to the public.

This project is a rare opportunity to address deteriorating infrastructure at a lower cost, with less disruption, before utilities, storm sewer, infrastructure issues worsen further. I strongly encourage you to keep this project in the 2026-27 capital plan & complete it as a single-phase, 1-mile resurfacing & utility upgrade.

Thank You for your service to our community & for your consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
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