

How was My Street Chosen for Construction?



All streets need to be rated on a scale of 1 to 10 (called a Paser rating) every other year. These ratings need to be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. This helps WisDOT understand what kind of condition the pavement is in, and it also allows the City to evaluate where the worst roads exist.

The Engineering Department looks at the pavement segments with the worst rating. However, many other factors are also researched.

- Age and condition of the sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main under the road.
- Resident complaints about the condition of the road.
- Adjacent construction projects in the previous year. Due to Special Assessments being paid by the residents, the City does not want to charge Special Assessments to residents on a corner two years in a row.
- Nearby WisDOT or utility projects that will cause traffic backups.
- The Engineering Department attempts to balance projects throughout the City.
- An existing concrete road can be resurfaced in asphalt to lengthen its life. This is a cost savings over a complete replacement.
- An older road that has already been overlaid in asphalt needs to be completely removed and replaced.



The City of West Allis has a Five-Year plan published on its website. The project, however; is not 100% assured of being constructed until the Common Council approves the construction after a Public Hearing. Also, the Five-Year plan is flexible based upon the criteria mentioned above as well as other factors such as development in the area. The Five-Year plan is reviewed and adjusted, if necessary, every year.

The City of West Allis develops the annual budget during the summer. The budget is voted on by the Common Council in the fall and implemented the following year.

