**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Draft Environmental Impact Assessment and Notice of Public Meeting**

**Engineering Drive Utilities Extension, Replacement, and Restoration**

**DFD Project # 21C3B**

**University of Wisconsin – Madison**

This is an update to notice for the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (DEIA) for the University of Wisconsin – Madison’s proposed Engineering Drive Utilities Extension, Replacement, and Restoration project published in the Wisconsin State Journal on January 21, 2023. The DEIA release date and the start of the public review period are January 21, 2023, and the public meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023.

The public meeting to present the DEIA for the proposed project will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023. The meeting will be held virtually and can be attended online at [https://meet.goto.com/AyresTest/engdriveutilities](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/321337693) or via phone by dialing +1 (408) 650-3123 followed by access code 678-137-125. A description of the project and potential environmental impacts will be presented. All persons will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to identify both orally and in writing any support, issues, or concerns they believe should be further addressed during the EIA process for this proposed project. The DEIA has been prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 1.11, and UWSA guidelines (Board of Regents’ Resolution 2508, November 6, 1981). The University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) has retained Ayres Associates on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Madison to prepare this EIA.

A Campus Utility Master Plan completed in 2005 and updated in 2015 recommended that the Engineering Drive utility systems be replaced and/or relocated due to age, condition, and location. These utilities should be increased in size, where necessary, to support current and future facilities and provide additional system redundancy. The proposed utility improvement project aims to increase utility reliability, decrease operational costs, and develop the site utilities to be viable for the next 50 years or more.

The proposed project includes demolition, restoration, and construction of utility tunnels along West Dayton Street to North Randall Avenue, then north to Engineering Drive, then west along Engineering Drive, and throughout the Engineering campus to the Lot 17 Parking Facility and north to the south right-of-way line along the railway line. Work includes removing and replacing existing underground utilities on Engineering Drive and Engineering Mall, and replacing existing chilled water lines on North Randall Avenue and West Dayton Street back to Charter Street.

The purpose of the Draft EIA is to identify the project’s potential impacts on the physical, biological, social, and economic environments. The Draft EIA describing these potential impacts is being made available to the public and appropriate federal, state, and local agencies for a 15-day minimum review period, which begins January 21 and concludes February 9, 2023. Copies of the document will be available for review at the UW-Madison Memorial Library and Madison Central Library or on the following project website:

<https://ayresprojectinfo.com>

If you are interested in this project or have any information relevant to it, we welcome your comments, suggestions, or other input. For consideration in the Final EIA, please submit your comments at the meeting or in writing by February 9, 2023. Comments in writing can be sent to:

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Comment forms are available via the project website.