

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 21  
Coloma – Redgranite  
I-39 to WIS 22  
Waushara County**

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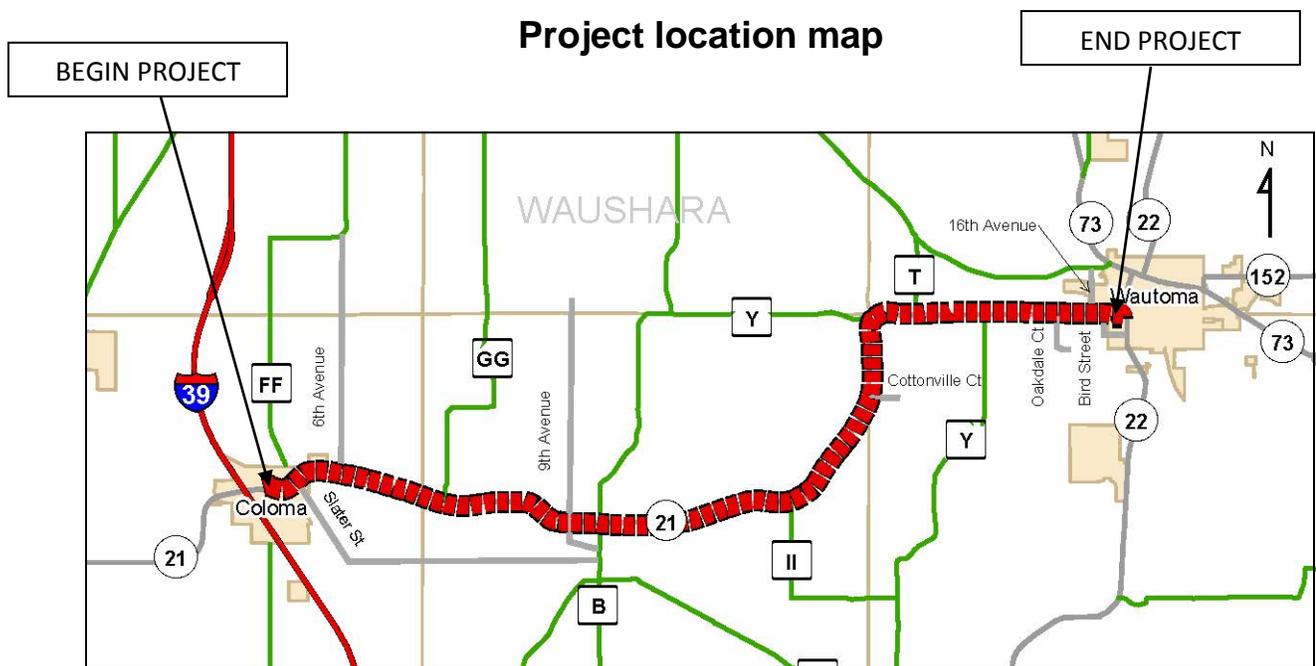


**Wednesday, November 11, 2015  
6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Coloma Village Hall  
Coloma**

## Purpose of the meeting

Welcome to the public involvement meeting to discuss WIS 21 between I-39 and WIS 22 in Waushara County.

The objective of today's meeting is to present information regarding the purpose and need for the proposed project, answer questions, and obtain your input. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at **6 p.m.** After the presentation, the meeting will follow an open house format.



## Project information

We have identified several needs along WIS 21, including:

- The pavement has a significant amount of cracking and rutting
- The guardrail no longer meets current standards and requires replacement
- Safety concerns regarding motorists crossing the center line and run-off-the-road crashes

## Proposed improvements

- Resurface the roadway to address pavement cracking and rutting
- Install new guardrail
- Clear trees within right of way that may become obstacles if vehicles run-off-the-road
  - County GG – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - County B Intersection
  - County II – Cottonville Court
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Bird Street
- Widen paved shoulders from 3 feet to 5 feet for bicycle accommodations
  - 900 feet east of Slater Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Oakdale Court to WIS 22
- Minor Intersection Improvements
  - Slater Street – Lengthen the approach grade of Slater Street to WIS 21 to improve operations for semis
  - County B – Widen right-turn lane from 9 feet to 12 feet to meet current standards
  - County II – Widen right-turn lane from 9 feet to 12 feet to meet current standards

Between 2007 and 2011 there were 35 run-off-the-road crashes. Part of the proposed safety improvements include installing centerline rumble strips and pavement safety edge.

Rumble strips are designed to alert drivers of a lane departure through vibration and noise created when a vehicle's tires contact the rumble strip. Rumble strips on rural two-lane roads are especially helpful during bad weather such as rain, snow or fog when visibility of the edge line or centerline is reduced. Rumble strips also help to reduce inattentive driving crashes due to fatigue, drowsiness, and inattention.



**Centerline Rumble Strips – WIS 66, Wood County  
WisDOT North Central Region**

Pavement safety edge is a sloped wedge of pavement added to the outside edge of a lane or outside edge of a paved shoulder, which can eliminate vertical drop-off. The safety edge provides a smooth transition for all vehicles to return to the roadway. Initial studies of safety edge indicate a 5.7 percent reduction in all crashes on rural two-lane highways.



**Pavement Safety Edge Example**

More information about the benefits of rumble strip installation and safety edge treatment can be found on our website:

- <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/safety-eng/rumble-strip.aspx>
- <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/safety-eng/safety-edge.aspx>

## **Traffic impacts during construction**

During construction, motorists can expect to encounter flagging operations and brief delays.

The Ice Age Trail will remain open during construction. Trail users may encounter short delays while crews are working at the trail crossing. Trail users will either have to wait for machinery to pass or will have to cross WIS 21 at a different location.

## **Project update/next steps**

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| • Local officials meeting    | October 15, 2015   |
| • Public involvement meeting | November 11, 2015  |
| • Finalize design            | August 2017        |
| • Construction               | Spring/Summer 2018 |

For information about the WIS 21 project, and to sign up for project updates, please visit the project website:

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/21waushara/default.aspx>

## Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed improvements. Please mail any written comments about the project before **December 2, 2015** or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below.

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

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