

Public Meeting

**US 45
Winchester – New London
US 45/WIS 96 intersection
Waupaca/Outagamie counties**

Project ID: 6430-07-00



**August 30, 2016
4:30 to 6 p.m.
New London High School
Auditorium**

A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting

Welcome to the public meeting to discuss the US 45/WIS 96 intersection in Waupaca and Outagamie counties.

The objective of today's meeting is to provide you with current information about the project, discuss the proposed improvements, and obtain feedback on proposed construction traffic management strategies.

After a brief presentation, the meeting will follow an open house format.

Project background

The US 45/WIS 96 intersection has been identified as a safety concern. Current left turn lane lengths on US 45 are not long enough to provide adequate deceleration for turning vehicles. Additionally, the turn lanes are configured in a way that opposing left turn vehicles obstruct the view of oncoming traffic.

From 2010 to 2014, there were 11 crashes at the intersection:

- Four right-angle crashes
 - Three westbound-southbound crashes and one eastbound-southbound crash
 - Of the four crashes, two westbound vehicles ran a red light and one eastbound vehicle ran a red light. Westbound and eastbound traffic may have had difficulty seeing the traffic signals.
- Four rear-end crashes
 - Three of the crashes were vehicles slowing or stopped for a red light.
- One left-turn angle crash
- One sideswipe
- One run-off-the-road crash

Five of the 11 crashes at the intersection occurred on wet/snowy/icy pavement.



US 45/WIS 96 intersection (view looking north)

Proposed improvements

The purpose of this project is to:

- Improve safety by reducing the number and severity of potential crashes
- Maintain current and future capacity needs for the intersection
- Address the needs of the US 45 corridor.

After evaluating and discussing intersection alternatives, our preferred alternative is to reconstruct the intersection as a single-lane roundabout.

A roundabout is the preferred option because it is expected to have a lower potential for severe accidents than a signalized intersection at this location.

Project schedule and traffic impacts

The US 45/WIS 96 intersection reconstruction is currently scheduled for 2018.

During construction, US 45 will remain open to traffic. Motorists on US 45 can expect to encounter lane closures, flagging operations, and some delays.

We are proposing to close WIS 96 at the intersection with US 45 and detour traffic via WIS 110, US 10 and WIS 76.

- The proposed detour route was chosen based on safety, constructability, and cost.
- Closing the highway during construction allows crews to complete the project in a shorter amount of time.
- The closure will last for approximately 3 1/2 months.

Access to adjacent properties will be maintained throughout construction operations.

Real estate

Some real estate will be required to reconstruct the intersection:

- Permanent right of way from the southwest corner of WIS 96
- Temporary easements along the west side of US 45, north and south of the intersection

Right of way acquisition is scheduled to begin in October 2016.

Project update/next steps

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| • Local officials meeting | August 3, 2016 |
| • Public meeting | August 30, 2016 |
| • Begin right of way acquisition | October 2016 |
| • Final roadway plans | November 2017 |
| • Construction currently scheduled | 2018 |

To view information about the project, and to sign up for updates, visit the project website at: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/4596/default.aspx>

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Please forward your comments/input by **September 13, 2016**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document
2. Or complete the online comment form <http://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/4596/public.aspx>
3. Or email comments or questions 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. For more information, please contact:

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