

# **Public Involvement Meeting Handout**

**WIS 47/55  
Duquaine Road to north County VV intersection  
Menominee County**

**Project I.D. 9650-17-00**



**February 10, 2016  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Menominee Casino Convention Center  
Ballroom 2**

## Purpose of the meeting

Welcome to the public involvement meeting to discuss WIS 47/55 between Duquaine Road and the north intersection of County VV in Keshena.

The objective of tonight's meeting is to discuss and obtain your input on the project's proposed improvements, schedule, and traffic management strategies during construction.

## Project information

We have identified several needs on this section of WIS 47/55, including:

- Deteriorated pavement
- Limited pedestrian and bicycle accommodations
- Deteriorated box culvert at the south County VV intersection
- Several safety concerns along the roadway. Between 2008 and 2012 there were:
  - 34 crashes on this section of WIS 47/55
  - Three crashes at the south County VV intersection caused by limited sight distance and lack of defined driveway access

## Proposed improvements

Section 1 – **Duquaine Road to Blacksmith Road**, 1.6 miles: Improve as a full urban section, which includes new pavement, curb and gutter, a grass terrace, sidewalk, street lighting, and storm sewer on both sides of the roadway. Construct defined driveway entrances to two businesses south of the County VV intersection. Remove and replace box culvert to south of County VV intersection.

Section 2 – **Blacksmith Road to Courthouse Lane**, 0.6 miles: Improve as a half urban section, which includes new pavement and curb and gutter, a grass terrace, sidewalk, street lighting, and storm sewer on the east side of the roadway.

Section 3 – **Courthouse Lane to the north County VV intersection**, 0.4 miles:

- Resurface with new pavement
- Construct or replace curb and gutter in spot locations, where needed
- Replace deficient guardrail near Wolf River bridge
- Regrade hazardous roadway side slopes and ditches
- Local officials have requested evaluation of extending sidewalk on east side of the roadway

## Proposed traffic impacts

The existing roadway is not wide enough to keep two lanes open to traffic during construction. To complete all of the proposed improvements, crews will need to close and detour northbound traffic. The southbound lane will remain open during construction.

To minimize traffic impacts, we are currently evaluating several traffic management strategies including:

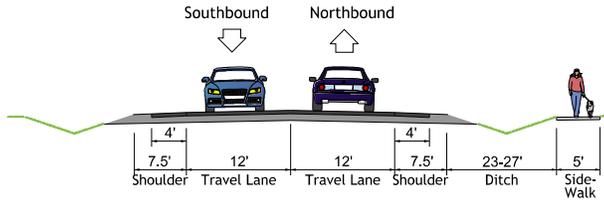
- Closing the northbound lane in sections to limit traffic impacts
- Detouring northbound traffic via Go Around Road and County VV
- Detouring northbound traffic using multiple, shorter routes via Go Around Road and Warrington Road and via Go Around Road and Our Children's Road

Motorists can also expect to encounter lane closures and flagging operations.



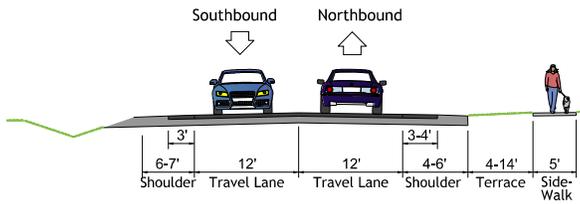
# WIS 47/55 PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTIONS

## Section 1 - Duquaine Road to Blacksmith Road



**Existing Roadway**

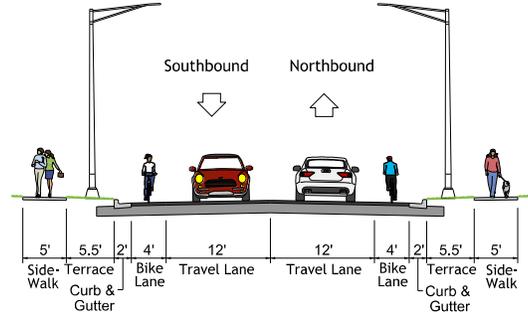
Duquaine Road to Chief Little Wave Road



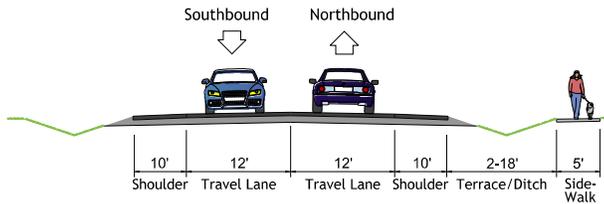
**Existing Roadway**

Chief Little Wave Road to Tribal Office Loop

(Note that the typical section varies slightly between Chief Carron Road and Our Children's Road)



**Proposed Roadway**

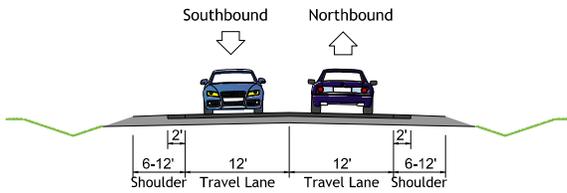


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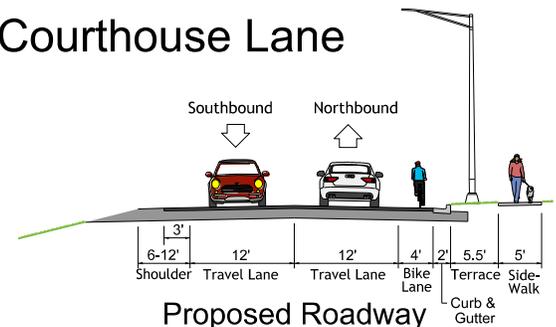
Tribal Office Loop to Blacksmith Road



## Section 2 - Blacksmith Road to Courthouse Lane

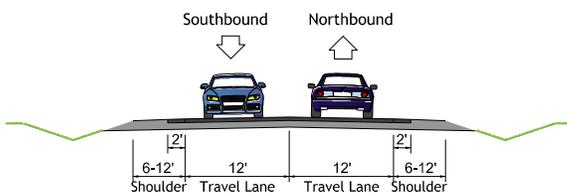


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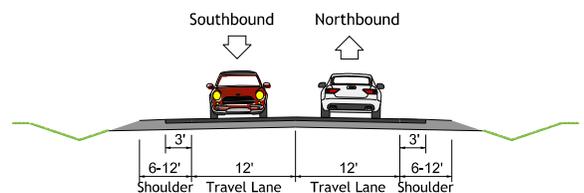


**Proposed Roadway**

## Section 3 - Courthouse Lane to North County VV Intersection



**Existing Roadway**



**Proposed Roadway**  
(New pavement, guardrail and grading only)

## Real estate

We will likely need to acquire minor strip highway easement and strip temporary easements from properties adjacent to WIS 47/55. Small areas of highway easement may also be required from properties adjacent to intersections.

Right of way staging will take place in late summer to early fall 2016. Please do not remove the stakes that will be installed for this work.

During summer 2016, WisDOT's survey consultant, AECOM, will begin staking the proposed new right-of-way limits and temporary limited easements. The staking will provide you and WisDOT with a clear idea of the location of the proposed easement areas and assist in the assessment of your property. Formal letters will be mailed to affected property owners prior to the staking. We ask for your cooperation in temporarily maintaining the location of the stakes.

## Project schedule

Complete environmental document.....	Spring 2016
60% plans complete.....	Summer 2016
Right of way acquisition begins.....	Fall 2016
90% plans complete.....	Spring 2018
Final plans complete.....	Summer 2018
Award project to construction contractor.....	Winter 2019
<b>Construction currently scheduled.....</b>	<b>Spring 2019</b>

For project information, and to sign up for project updates, please visit the project website:  
<http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis4755/default.aspx>

## Contacts

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 **February 24, 2016** or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contact 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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