

**Main Street, Village of Winneconne  
West Village Limits – East Village Limits  
WIS 116  
Winnebago County**

**Project I.D. 6190-15-00**

**And**

**Main Street, Village of Winneconne  
Wolf River Bridge and Approaches  
WIS 116  
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**Public Involvement Meeting**

**May 3, 2016**

**6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Winneconne Middle School**

## ***Welcome!***

Welcome to the public involvement meeting for the proposed reconstruction of WIS 116 between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the proposed construction of a new WIS 116 bridge over the Wolf River. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 6:10 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open house format. WisDOT representatives are available to address your questions and comments.

## ***Purpose of the meeting***

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to present updated information on the proposed improvements, answer questions and listen to your comments, concerns or suggestions. Your input is valuable and will assist in the development of these projects.

## ***Project information***

The purpose of the projects is to provide a roadway and bridge that will safely and efficiently transport people and products. A secondary purpose is to improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Four main needs that support the project purpose are as follows:

1. **Pavement Condition** – The existing roadway is in poor condition and has some underlying concrete pavement on the bridge approaches that dates back to the 1930's. A mill and asphalt overlay of the driving lanes was completed in 2013 to extend the riding surface until the proposed reconstruction.
2. **Bridge Condition** - The existing bridge was constructed in 1934 and is near the end of its service life. While the bridge continues to be safe for use by the travelling public, most of the electrical and mechanical systems for the movable span are original and in need of replacement. The bridge must be raised for navigation of larger vessels, and the frequency of the bridge getting stuck in the up position is increasing.
3. **Utility Replacement** - The water main facilities, storm sewer, and sanitary sewer under WIS 116 are approaching their service lives. Replacement of these facilities will require major disturbance to existing WIS 116.
4. **Bike/Pedestrian Accommodations** - The existing roadway does not provide on street bicycle accommodations. The existing sidewalk is only 4 feet wide which does not meet current standards. Improvements to the roadway and bridge would allow inclusion of bicycle accommodations and improved pedestrian accommodations in the village.



### ***WIS 116 Wolf River Bridge and approaches***

The preferred option for the new WIS 116 bridge includes replacing the existing movable bridge with a new fixed bridge located south of the existing bridge. The fixed bridge will be constructed much higher (23-foot clearance above the river standard low water elevation) in accordance with the requirements of the United States Coast Guard. Due to the higher bridge, retaining walls are proposed along the roadway approaches to minimize the impacts to adjacent properties. New right-of-way and business relocations are required on the south side of WIS 116 between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. South 1<sup>st</sup> Street will become a one-way southbound roadway. North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue will remain a one-way northbound roadway. The intersection of WIS 116 and South 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue will be eliminated and a cul-de-sac will be constructed.

The proposed bridge roadway width includes two 12-foot travel lanes and 6-foot shoulders, thus providing room for vehicles and on-street bicyclists. A 6-foot sidewalk is proposed on the north side of the bridge, and a 10-foot sidewalk is proposed on the south side of the bridge. The 10-foot sidewalk will provide better accommodation for snowmobile traffic during the winter months.

A 55-inch high combination rail is proposed for the bridge. The railing consists of a 32-inch high concrete parapet and a 23-inch high decorative railing. A height of 54-inches is the recommended minimum railing height to provide protection for bicyclists that choose to ride on the sidewalk.

Fishing will not be allowed on the new roadway bridge. In order to mitigate the loss of on-bridge fishing and enhance fishing opportunities, our project includes new fishing platforms on both sides of the river. The fishing platforms will extend out approximately 220 feet from each river bank. The fishing platform structures will have a functional width of 22-feet between the railings which will allow fishing on both sides of the platform. The structures have been designed to be a level surface located slightly over 6.5 feet above the average water elevation in the Wolf River during spring run-off. The elevation at the end of each platform will be more than 6 feet lower than the elevation of the existing bridge sidewalk in the same location in the river. Pedestrian

scale lighting will be provided on the fishing platforms as well as the paths leading to the platforms. Fishing platforms will be handicap accessible and designed to standards set forth in the American Disabilities Act.

A parking lot funded by the Village of Winneconne is proposed adjacent to the east fishing platform. The parking lot will offer handicap parking and also serve as a drop off point on the east side of the river.

### ***WIS 116 roadway reconstruction***

WIS 116 will be reconstructed as a two lane urban section from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue except for the north side of the road between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street that will remain as a rural section. Left turn lanes will be provided at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The roadway will be widened to include a 12-foot wide center two way left turn lane between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a 14-foot wide center two way left turn lane between 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to provide safer access to commercial driveways. On-street bicycle accommodations will be provided throughout the entire project.

New sidewalks will be constructed on both sides of WIS 116 between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All existing 4-foot wide sidewalks will be replaced with new 5-foot wide sidewalks.

Additional right-of-way is required from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to accommodate the width of the new roadway and temporary easements will be required along the entire project to blend into adjacent yards and parking lots.

Limits for proposed on-street parking are shown on the displays and are summarized as follows:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street - parking is proposed on the south side of WIS 116
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street - parking is proposed on both sides of WIS 116
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue - no parking on either side of WIS 116
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue - parking is proposed on the north side of WIS 116
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue - parking is proposed on a portion of the north side of WIS 116
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue- no parking on either side of WIS 116
- 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue- parking is proposed on the south side of WIS 116 beginning 200 feet east of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and ending 200 feet west of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue - no parking on either side of WIS 116

The Village of Winneconne will be reconstructing sanitary sewer and water main along the WIS 116 corridor. The utility construction will be done concurrent with work under the bridge and roadway projects.

## ***Community Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Funding***

CSS funds are available for amenities on both the bridge and roadway projects. Current proposals for use of the funds include the following:

### Roadway Project

- Upgrade existing decorative lighting fixtures in the downtown area and in the commercial area between 9th Avenue and 13th Avenue to new decorative LED lighting fixtures.

### Bridge Project

- Upgrade bridge approach lighting fixtures with new decorative LED lighting fixtures
- Provide decorative light poles and LED lighting fixtures on the new WIS 116 bridge
- Construct two lookouts on the bridge near the navigation channel (one on each side)
- Provide a rock concrete form liner pattern with multi-color stain pattern on the front and back sides of the bridge and retaining wall concrete parapets.
- Provide a 12-foot wide by 18-foot long steel canopy structure at the end of each fishing platform

## ***Bridge Aesthetic Options- Community Input Requested***

Aesthetic concepts have been developed for the WIS 116 Bridge. The Village of Winneconne will be responsible for all future maintenance costs associated with concrete staining. Concrete stain has a life expectancy of 15 to 20 years.

Concrete Parapet Walls- A rock form liner pattern has been selected for both the front and back of the concrete parapet walls that will be located along both the bridge and retaining walls. There is an option for a continuous or a framed pattern with either a gray or tan color scheme. A similar rock pattern and matching color scheme will be used for the concrete panel retaining walls.

Decorative Railing- Two different decorative railing styles are shown on the aesthetic renderings.

Bridge Support Piers- Two options have been selected for aesthetics on the river piers. The first is a broken rib pattern and the second is a rock pattern to match the parapet and retaining walls. If the rock pattern is selected, the color would match the color selected for the concrete parapet walls.

The meeting comment sheet includes a questionnaire which seeks input on the aesthetic options. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire to assist the Village of Winneconne in selection of final aesthetics.

## ***Traffic impacts***

The existing Wolf River Bridge will remain open to local traffic and emergency vehicles until the new bridge has been completed. The remainder of the WIS 116 roadway will be closed to through traffic during construction and a detour route for WIS 116 will be posted. Construction of the roadway will include some staging to allow local access through the Village, access to businesses and access across the bridge. More complete details for roadway traffic staging will be available at a later date.

## ***Project schedule***

Real estate is currently being acquired for both the roadway and bridge projects. The current real estate and construction schedule for both projects is shown below.

	<b>Bridge Project</b>	<b>Roadway Project</b>
Real estate acquisition complete	January 2017	Summer 2017
Begin construction	July 2017	Spring 2018
End construction	Fall 2018 *	Fall 2018

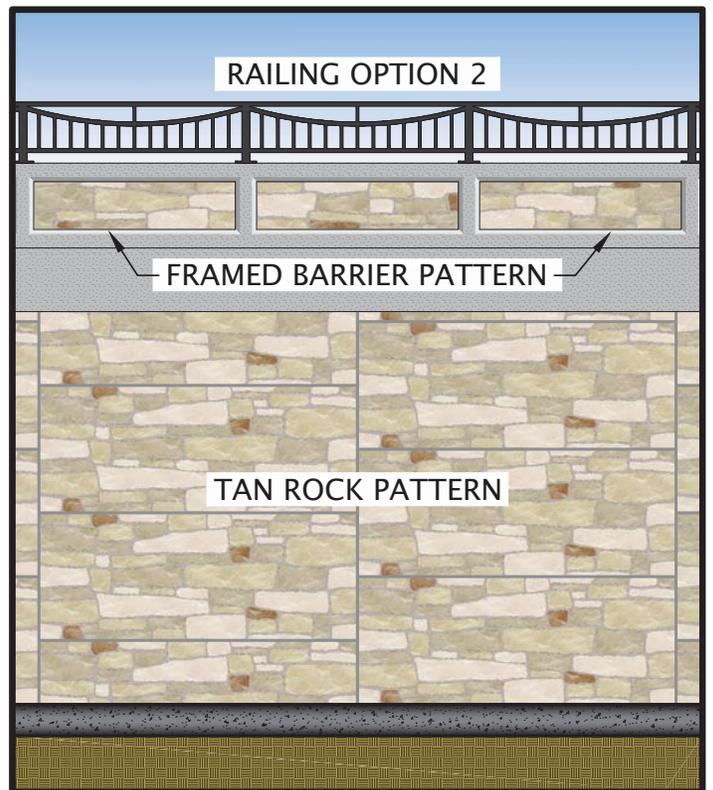
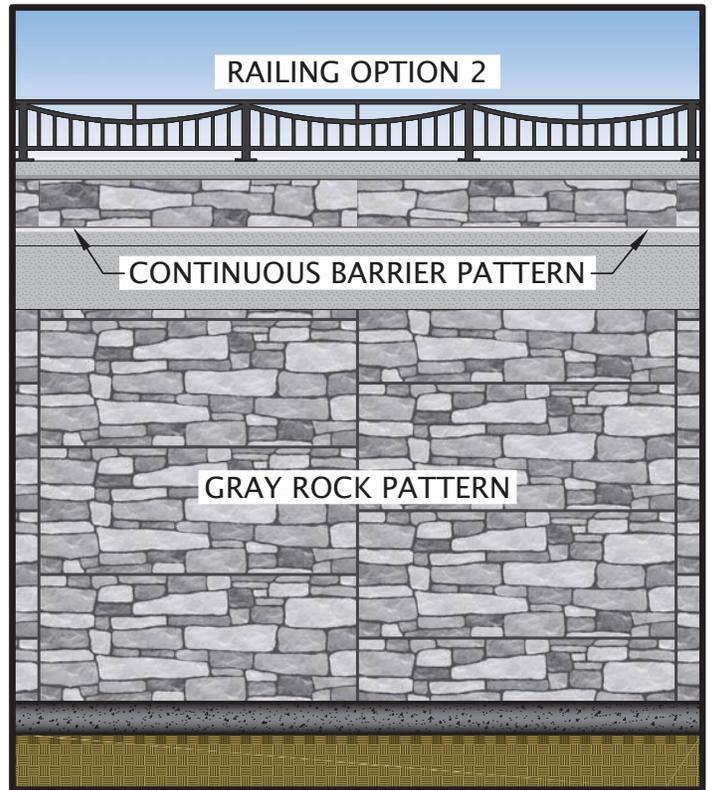
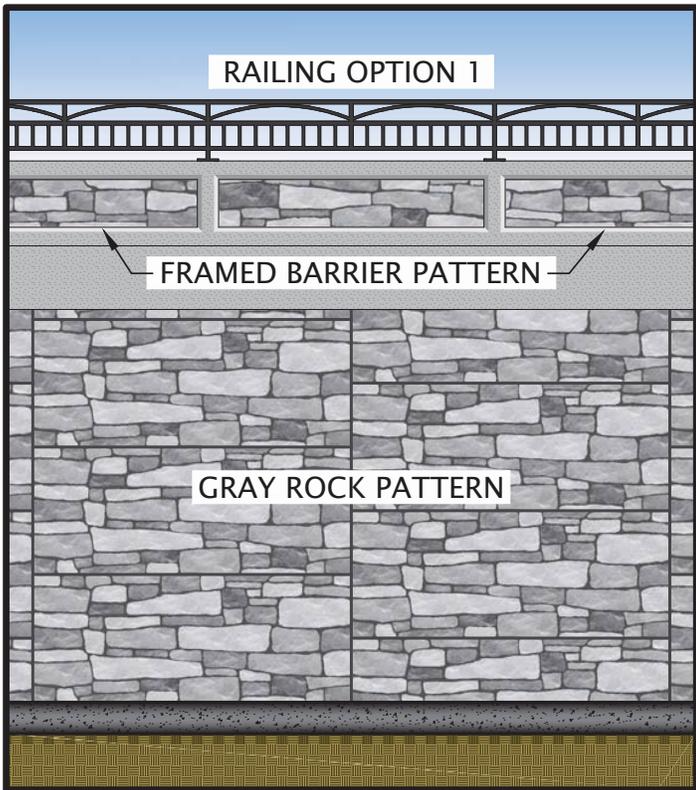
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## ***Public input***

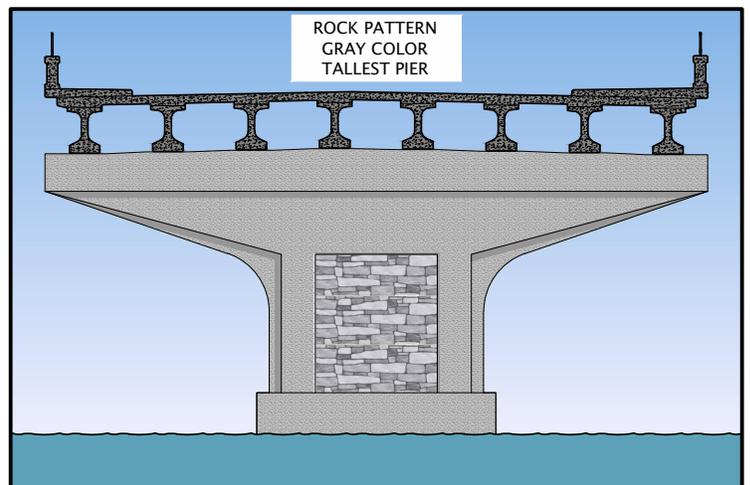
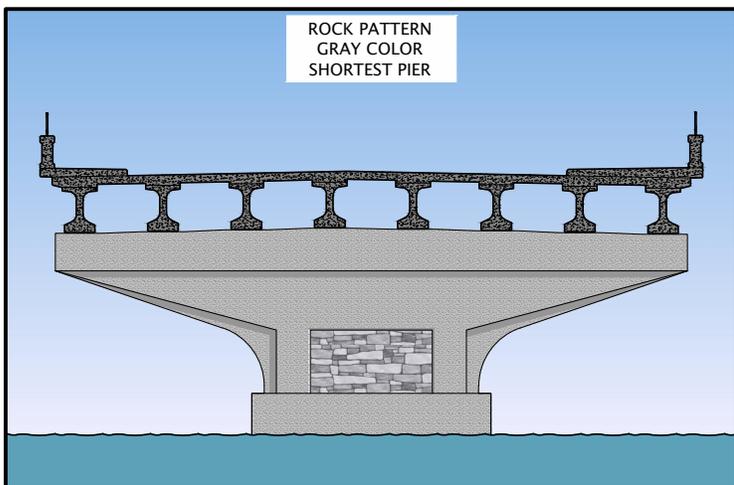
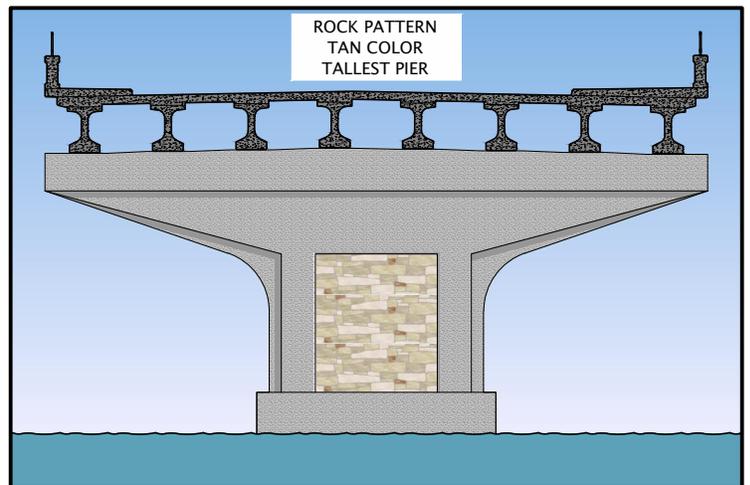
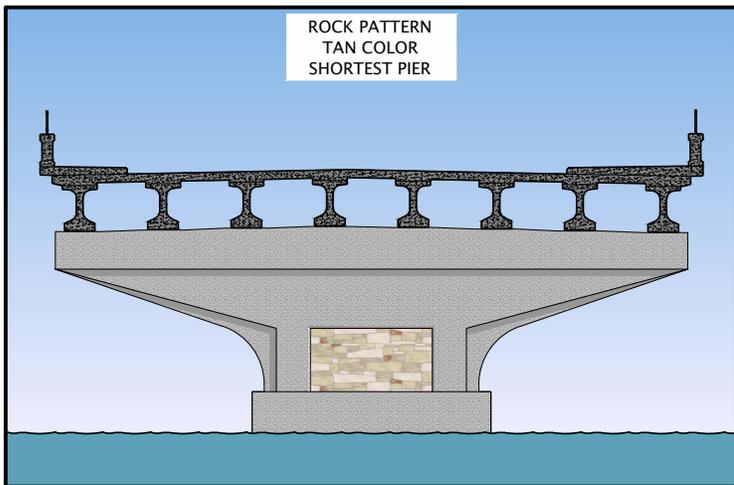
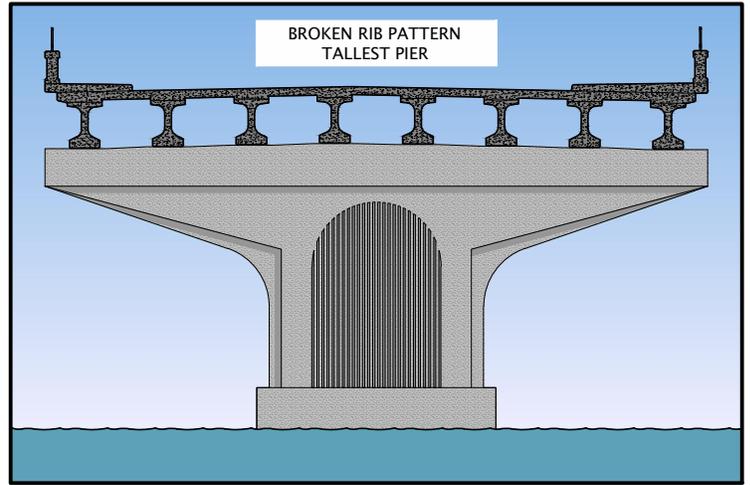
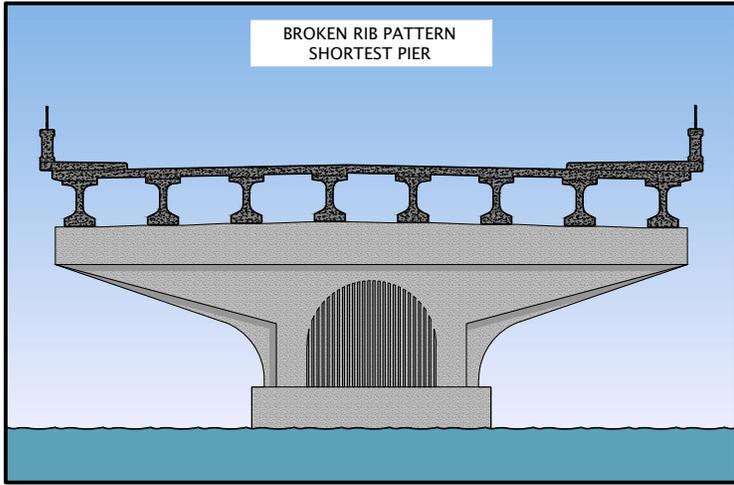
We encourage you to review the displays, visit with the project representatives and ask them questions. A comment form is attached to this handout to provide input on the bridge aesthetic options and for providing written comments. You may leave your comment form at today's meeting or mail it by **May 13, 2016** using the prepaid mailer. If you have questions or would like more information as the project progresses, contact the WisDOT project manager listed below.

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WALL, BARRIER, AND RAILING OPTIONS



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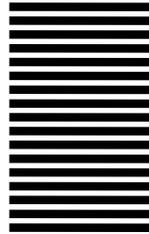
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