

**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**

**November 5, 2014**

**5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Winneconne Elementary 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 5:15 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 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 the 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 from the completed environmental study 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. 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. The environmental study proposed 6-foot sidewalks on each side of the bridge with both interior and exterior railings. Based on continuing coordination between WisDOT and the local community, two changes have been made to the bridge sidewalk. First, the interior railing has been eliminated due to the difficulties it would create for clearing snow. Second, the sidewalk width has been increased to 10' on the south side of the bridge to better accommodate snowmobile traffic during the winter months.

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 prior study proposed fishing platforms that extended out roughly 290 feet from each bank to the edge of the navigation channel with the bottom of the platforms located 8 feet above the ordinary high water (OHW) elevation. Due to the depth of the bridge girders, the surface of the fishing platforms would be roughly 13 feet above the OWH elevation.

Village officials recently expressed concern about the proposed height of the fishing platforms and asked about the potential to lower them. Our additional coordination with WDNR and other agencies has resulted in a new design for the fishing platforms that is presented at tonight's meeting. The new designs increase the opening in the middle of the river but allow for fishing platforms much lower to the water. Displays show both the original fishing platform layouts and the new designs side-by-side so the public can compare the differences and provide comment.

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

WIS 116 will be reconstructed from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue as a two lane urban section 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. The roadway will be widened to include a 14-foot wide 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.

All existing 4-foot wide sidewalks will be replaced with new 5-foot wide sidewalks. In addition, new sidewalk will be constructed along Marble Park and as well as along the north side of WIS 116 near 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Additional right-of-way will be required from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to accommodate the new roadway and temporary easements will be required along the entire project length.

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 the road only
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street - parking is proposed on both sides of the road
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue – no parking on either side of the road
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue - parking is proposed on the north side of the road only
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue - parking is proposed on both sides of the road
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue - parking is proposed on the south side of the road only
- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue - no parking on either side of the road

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.

## ***Traffic impacts***

The existing Wolf River Bridge will remain open to traffic 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 be staged to allow access across the bridge. More complete details for roadway traffic staging will be presented at a later date.

## ***Project schedule***

A second public involvement meeting will be held in 2015 to present project design refinements. The two projects have the following schedules for real estate acquisition and construction:

	<b>Bridge Project</b>	<b>Roadway Project</b>
Begin real estate acquisition	Early 2015	Late 2015
Begin construction	July 2017	Spring 2018
End construction	Fall 2018 *	Fall 2018

\*Existing bridge demolition and fishing platform construction may take place in 2019.

## ***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 for providing written comments. You may leave your comment form at today's meeting or mail it by **November 24, 2014** 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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