



WIS 15 Improvement Project **(US 45 to Lily of the Valley Drive)** Outagamie County



Public Information Meeting

November 7, 2012

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Hortonville High School

Meeting Purpose

The purpose of today's meeting is to present the latest plan, answer questions and listen to your comments, concerns or suggestions. The meeting is an open house format with a brief presentation to take place at 5:10 p.m. Project staff is available during the meeting to listen to comments and answer questions.

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Project Information

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning to expand 11 miles of WIS 15 (US 45 to Lily of the Valley Drive) to a 4-lane divided highway bypassing the village of Hortonville to the north. Roundabouts will be installed at the County T/Givens Road/WIS 15 intersection and the County JJ/WIS 15 intersection, which will connect the new bypass to existing WIS 15. Other project improvements include bridges carrying WIS 15 over Nash Street, County M and the Canadian National Railroad (west of Hortonville), as well as a multi-use trail connecting Hortonville to Greenville.

The proposed improvements to WIS 15 are needed to eliminate design deficiencies, improve safety, reduce congestion, minimize access and to preserve the corridor for future transportation use. The final environmental impact statement for the project was completed in 2009 and the project was enumerated for funding by the Transportation Projects Commission (TPC) in 2010. The TPC members

include the governor, several state legislators and citizen representatives. By enumerating a project for funding, the TPC authorizes design to begin, which is a key step in securing funds to construct highway projects. WisDOT began preliminary design in late January of this year.

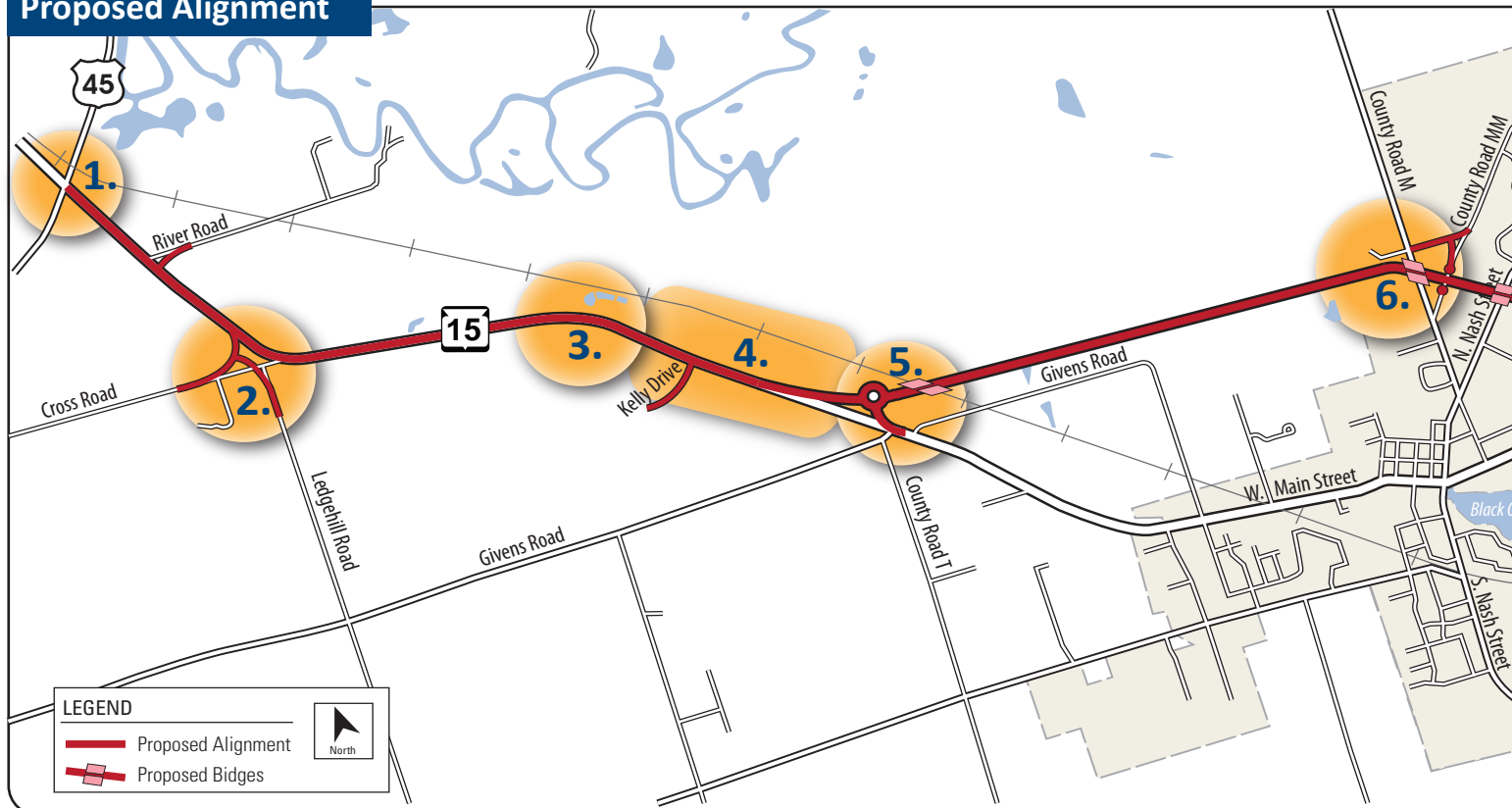
Project Updates/Modifications

WisDOT is moving forward with the basic plan for widening WIS 15 that was approved in 2009. Work completed over the last several months includes:

- Field survey
- Soil borings
- Traffic counts and analysis
- Crash analysis
- Review of access and median opening locations
- General preliminary engineering review of plans/concept identified during the environmental study phase

Based on this preliminary engineering review of the plans, the following modifications are being considered to improve the design through improved safety, reduced im-

Proposed Alignment



pacts and lower project costs. See Proposed Alignment map below for locations:

1. Evaluate intersection improvements including upgrading the existing signal controlled intersection or installing a roundabout.
2. Evaluate a more gradual curve, which would allow safer travel at the 55 mph posted speed.
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4. Shift the new WIS 15 alignment south of existing WIS 15. This would eliminate two residential and one commercial relocation on the north side of WIS 15 but would create two new residential relocations on the south side of WIS 15.
5. Possibly reconfigure the County T/Givens Road roundabout including:
 - Moving the roundabout to the northwest
 - Eliminating the at grade railroad crossing by constructing two bridges to carry WIS 15 over the railroad tracks
 - Reducing side road reconstruction/realignment

6. Evaluate a more gradual curve which would allow safer travel at the 55 mph posted speed.
7. The WIS 15 plan approved in 2009 included a 10-foot wide multi-use trail on the south side of WIS 15 from the east side of Hortonville to Julius Drive. WisDOT is considering extending the trail south along the west side of Julius Drive to connect to the existing trail south of Dover Court.
8. Evaluate intersection improvements including upgrading from stop-controlled intersections to signals or roundabouts.

For general project information



Find us online at:
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/neregion/15/index.htm



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WIS 15 Expressway Designation Study

WisDOT is also conducting a concurrent but separate study to designate WIS 15 as an “expressway” between New London and Greenville. By definition, an expressway is a divided arterial highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access and some grade separations at intersections. This “expressway” designation will assist WisDOT in our efforts to control future access along WIS 15 and help protect our investment in this corridor. A public hearing for the expressway designation study is planned for early 2013 and more information will be sent out as this hearing approaches.

Public Comments

We encourage you to review the displays, visit with the project representatives and ask any questions you might have. A comment form is included in this handout for providing written comments. You may leave your comment form at today’s meeting or mail it on or before November 16, 2012. If you have questions during the WIS 15 Improvement Project or would like more information as the project progresses, contact the WisDOT project manager or visit the project website.

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Project Timeline

