

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**US 45 (Lovers Lane Road)
St Martins Road to County BB (Rawson Avenue)
City of Franklin
Milwaukee County**

Project ID: 2040-21-00



**Tuesday, January 30th, 2024
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Franklin Public Library
9151 W Loomis Rd
Franklin, WI 53132**

Introduction

Welcome to the public involvement meeting for the US 45 (Lovers Lane Road) resurfacing project. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning to improve 1.6 miles of US 45 from St. Martins Road to County BB (Rawson Ave) in the City of Franklin in Milwaukee County.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to present the purpose and need for the projects, receive input from residents and interested parties, and present the recommended roadway improvements. Exhibits are on display showing the recommended roadway design alternative along US 45.

Your attendance today indicates your interest in the project and your comments and questions are appreciated. Engineers from the project team are available to discuss the project and any questions or concerns that you may have. If you have comments or concerns, please fill out and return a comment form by either placing it in the comment box or mailing it to the address listed on the backside of the comment sheet.

Background & Project Need

US 45 begins as a two-lane undivided roadway with a posted speed limit of 45 mph from the south project limits to 2,200 feet north of St. Martins Road where the posted speed limit increases to 50 mph. The two-lane undivided roadway transitions to a four-lane divided roadway approximately 1,200 feet south of Church Street/Drexel Avenue. US 45 continues north through two traffic signal-controlled intersections to the County BB bridge. A mixture of single- and multi-family residential, industrial, institutional, and undeveloped land uses are adjacent to the project corridor.

According to the WisDOT, the annual average daily traffic (AADT) volume in 2011 along US 45 north of St Martins Road was 15,500 vehicles per day (vpd) and the AADT volume in 2017 south of County BB was 21,200 vpd. The traffic forecasts project that traffic volumes would increase to 18,400 vpd north of St. Martins Road and 23,700 vpd south of County BB by 2046 (design year).

The roadway section north of St. Martins Road to approximately 575 feet south of the County BB bridge was last resurfaced in 2008 with hot-mix asphalt. The roadway section from 575 feet south of the County BB bridge to the County BB bridge was reconstructed in 2012 with hot mix asphalt. The pavement has deteriorated past its useful life and is in need of replacement.

Sidewalk is present along the east side of US 45 from the Target driveway to Drexel Avenue. Existing pedestrian curb ramps are outdated and non-compliant with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Purpose & Need

The purpose of the project is to address deteriorating pavement, outdated traffic signal equipment, drainage maintenance concerns, and multimodal uses. The recommended alternative would resurface the pavement throughout the project, replace traffic signal equipment, regrade ditches at spot locations, and construct a shared-used path along US 45.

Recommended Improvements

The recommended alternative on display tonight, if built, would include the following improvements:

- From the south project limits to approximately 500 feet south of the Rawson Avenue bridge, 3 ½ inches of existing asphaltic pavement would be milled and replaced with 3 ½ inches of new asphalt pavement.
- From approximately 575 feet south of the County BB bridge to the County BB Bridge and the ramp from US 45 to County BB, 1 ¾ inches of existing asphaltic pavement would be milled and replaced with 1 ¾ inches of new asphalt pavement.
- An asphalt paved shoulder will be added to the ramp from US 45 to County BB
- Traffic signal equipment would be replaced at the US 45 intersections with W Drexel Avenue/W Church Street and Target driveway.
- Ditches would be regraded at spot locations to improve drainage.
- Pedestrian curb ramps would be replaced to meet ADA requirements.
- A shared-use path would be constructed along the west side of US 45 from St. Martins Road to the Sacred Heart Monastery driveway. The path would cross US 45 north of the Sacred Heart Monastery driveway and continue north along the east side of US 45 to the County BB bridge. The crossing of US 45 would be facilitated with an enhanced pedestrian crossing. The path is being constructed through a partnership between WisDOT and the City of Franklin.
- New sidewalk would be constructed from the existing sidewalk along the north side of St. Martins Road to the shared-use path along the west side of US 45.
- A sidewalk would be constructed along the west side of US 45 from the shared-use path crossing to the County BB bridge.

Construction Impacts

Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2026 or 2027.

Construction staging and any required road or lane closures will be evaluated throughout the design process. Local access to properties along US 45 would be maintained throughout construction.

Real Estate

Right of way acquisitions may be required for these improvements. The vast majority of acquisitions would take the form of temporary easements for the purposes of grading and restoration. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisitions in summer 2024.

Project Schedule

Design: 2023 – 2025 or 2026

Real Estate Acquisition: 2024

Utility Relocation Work: 2025

Construction: 2026 or 2027

Public Input/Comments

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 projects. Please mail any written comments about the projects before Tuesday, February 13 or leave

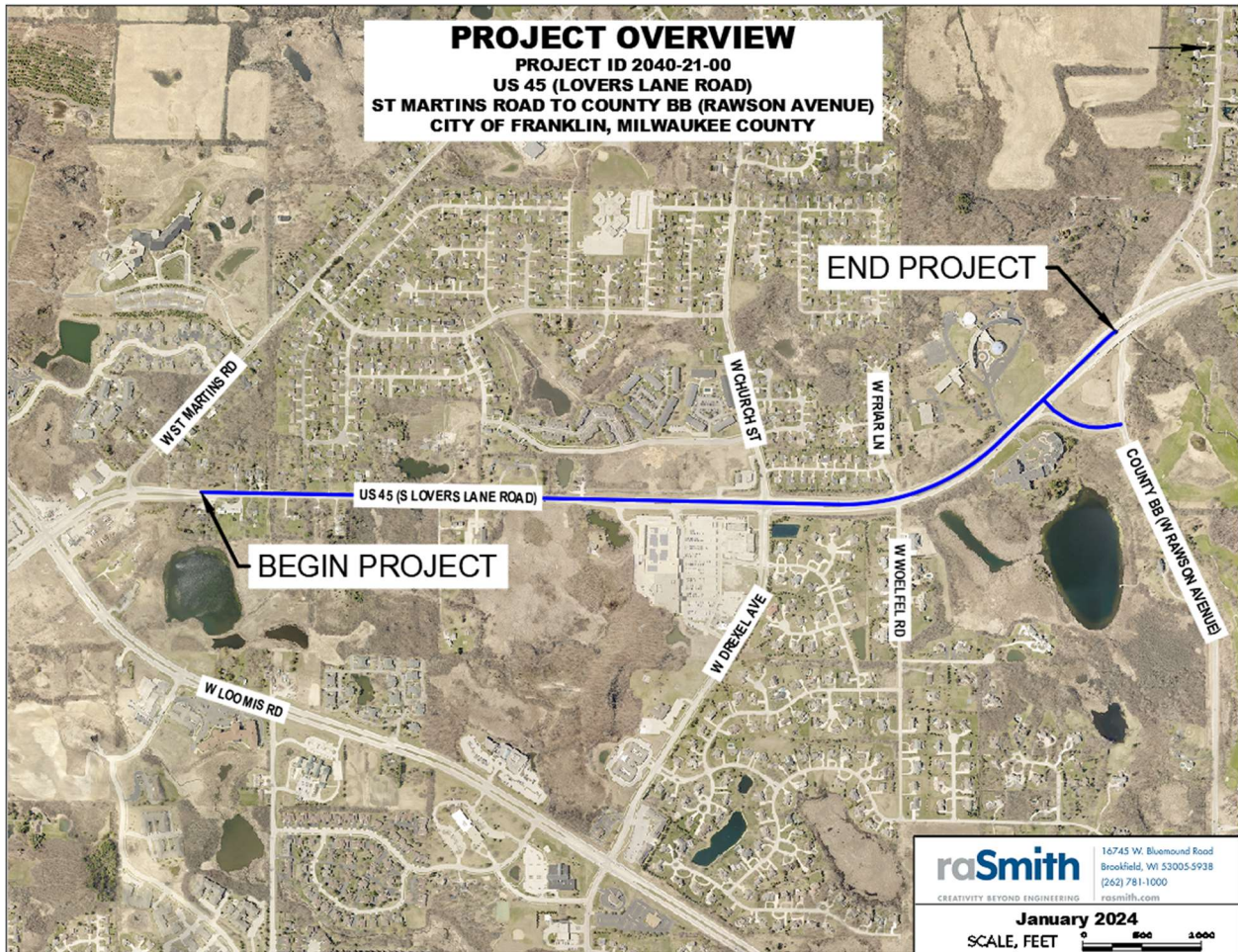
them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed on page 4.

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.

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