

WIS 60 Corridor Study

Village of Jackson to Village of Grafton



Public Information Meeting #1
June 20, 2012 and June 27, 2012



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Welcome to the first public information meeting for the WIS 60 Corridor study. The purpose of today's meeting is to inform you about the project and obtain your comments regarding study goals, transportation deficiencies along the corridor, project purpose and need, and preliminary alternatives.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has initiated a study to evaluate existing and potential future transportation deficiencies in the WIS 60 corridor between the US 45 interchange in Jackson and 11th Avenue in Grafton.



The WIS 60 study will analyze safety, capacity, and operational needs on WIS 60, and develop and evaluate a range of alternatives that address these issues. The study will identify a preferred alternative that meets project stakeholders' needs while minimizing overall social and environmental impacts.

The three year study will be completed with a future corridor construction recommendation in late 2014.

WisDOT representatives are here to discuss the study and listen to your thoughts. Please review the displays, ask questions, and share your ideas, suggestions, or concerns. An important aspect of this meeting is to obtain your input on the preliminary range of alternatives. If you would like to provide written comments, please fill out the comment sheet at the back of this handout and leave it with us today or mail it in by July 13, 2012. Additionally, the exhibits presented at this meeting are located on the project's website at www.dot.wi.gov/projects/seregion/60.

Thank you for participating in this important study.

What are the project goals?

It is important for WisDOT to understand your study goals to ensure the project meets local needs. The study goals will be used to develop screening criteria to assist in reducing the range of preliminary alternatives. A project advisory committee (PAC), which consists of residents and officials from local municipalities, identified the study goals below. If you have additional goals, please identify them on the comment form at the back of the handout.

- Minimize residential and business displacements
- Allow traffic to safely enter and cross WIS 60
- Improve operation at Five Corners
- Extend off-road bicycle/pedestrian paths
- Improve traffic flow
- Moderate travel speed between Jackson and Grafton
- Promote safe pedestrian and bicycle access across WIS 60
- Enhance the safety of snowmobile crossings

Need for WIS 60 improvements between Jackson and Grafton

Information gathered by the project team and input received from the PAC have identified the following transportation issues along WIS 60:

- **Safety** – Injury and property damage crashes in Jackson are above statewide rates. Fatal, injury and property damage crashes between Jackson and Grafton are also above statewide rates.
- **Traffic Demand** – Traffic volumes corridor-wide are expected to increase by up to 80 percent by the year 2040. With the increased traffic volumes along WIS 60 in both the urban and rural areas, traffic operations corridor-wide would be expected to worsen if improvements are not made.
- **Traffic Operations** – Current traffic operations are generally acceptable in Jackson and Grafton although Jackson residents living along WIS 60 (Main Street) have difficulty entering and exiting their driveways during peak traffic periods because of the level of traffic. Additionally, traffic operation in the 10 miles between Jackson and Grafton are adversely affected by limited passing opportunities. The limited passing opportunities often result in risky passing maneuvers that may contribute to the crash rate in the rural area being above the statewide average. As traffic volumes increase, it will take vehicles more time to cross WIS 60 at intersections such as County G, County M, and County Y. Increasing the length of time vehicles have to wait to cross WIS 60 may increase the risks drivers take crossing the highway.



Preliminary alternatives

To address the identified transportation issues, the project team has developed preliminary alternatives in Jackson, Grafton, and the rural area between the two communities. These alternatives are on display at tonight's meeting and located on the projects website at www.dot.wi.gov/projects/seregion/60. Because of the number of alternatives evaluated, the project team used uniform band widths to determine approximate impacts. In Jackson and Grafton, the project team developed alternatives on the north side and south side of WIS 60, as well as centered on WIS 60. In the rural area, alternatives were developed north and south of WIS 60. Off alignment alternatives (alternatives not along WIS 60) have been developed in Jackson and at the Five Corners intersection to limit the number of potential residential and commercial displacements. No detailed intersection configurations were evaluated. An alternatives comparison table, which identifies the impacts of the preliminary alternatives, is on display at tonight's meeting. Following tonight's meeting, the project team will evaluate your input on the alternatives and begin refining the alternatives to reduce impacts while addressing transportation deficiencies in the study area.

Your comments are important to us

Please use the comment form at the back of this handout to let us know your views on the preliminary alternatives and other information presented at today's meeting. Return all comments to us by July 13, 2012. The project team will consider your input before deciding which alternatives should be carried forward for additional analysis and which should be eliminated from further consideration.

What's next

- Develop alternatives' comparison criteria
- Begin alternatives screening process
 - refine number of alternatives
 - analyze intersection configurations, turn lanes, operations and impacts
 - additional detail compared to preliminary range of alternatives
- Map wetland boundaries in July and August
- Hold PAC Meeting No.3 – fall 2012
- Hold Public Information Meeting No.2 – fall/winter 2012

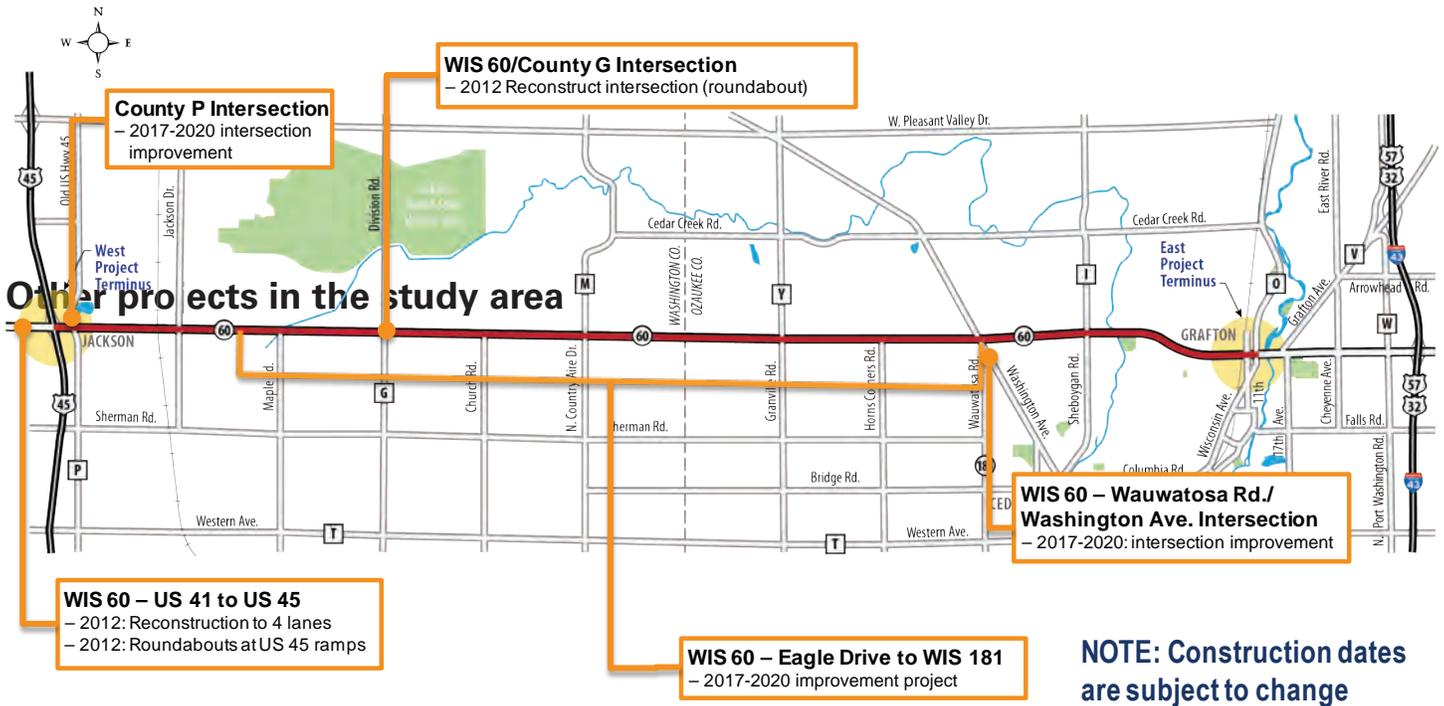


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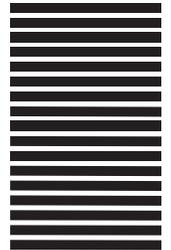


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