



US 18/151 Dodgeville to Barneveld Iowa County

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Project Overview

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proposing to improve the safety of US 18/151 between Dodgeville and Barneveld by applying a High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST) to seven pairs of curves and a bridge deck (see next page for project location). Construction is currently scheduled for 2025. This newsletter has been prepared to provide you with an update on the proposed project and instructions for providing comments on the proposed design. All persons with an interest in the project are encouraged to provide comments by September 14th, 2023, either by phone, email, or mail using the attached comment form. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to address the safety concerns of the horizontal curves on US 18/151 between Dodgeville and Barneveld. The project is needed to reduce the high rate of run-off-the-road crashes on the curves. This project will also address the deterioration of the bridge deck on US 18/151 EB over S Jones St to extend the service life of the bridge.

Summary of Proposed Improvements

The following alternatives were considered for this project:

- No Change – This alternative would fail to address the high rate of run-off-the-road crashes and the deterioration of the bridge deck over EB S Jones St.
- High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST) – This is the only alternative that will adequately address the purpose and need of the project.

The proposed improvements listed below and shown on the next page are for the HFST alternative. All construction will be limited to the travel lanes and bridge decks. Improvements include the following:

- Apply a High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST) overlay to the seven pairs of curves, including the four bridges located within these curves, and the US 18/151 bridge deck over S Jones St in Barneveld.

The project is still early in the design phase and WisDOT is looking for feedback for the proposed alternative being considered.

Traffic Impacts

US 18/151 would be reduced to one-lane of traffic in each direction during each stage of construction. Temporary ramp closures at the US 18/151 interchange, the Ridgevue Road interchange and the County ID interchange will be necessary at times, as will temporary closures at the intersections of County Y/YZ, Hi-Point Road, and W Brigham Road/Pikes Peak Road. Access would be maintained to property owners with driveways within the project limits. Construction is expected to last up to three months.

Project Schedule (subject to change)

2023	Preliminary Design, Environmental Document
February 2025	Final Plan
Summer 2025	Construction

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