

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 19 Project
River Road to IH 39/90/94
Dane County**

Project ID: 5290-00-02



**November 29, 2016
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Elementary School
4532 Windsor Road**

Purpose of the meeting

Welcome to the public involvement meeting to discuss the reconstruction of WIS 19 between River Road and Interstate 39/90/94. The intent of this meeting is to present information about the proposed project and gather input from you. The meeting will be held in an open house format with a presentation at 5:30 p.m. Project representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and Ayres Associates are available to discuss project details and answer questions.

Project information

We are proposing to improve approximately 1.2 miles of WIS 19 from just west of River Road to the WIS 19/Interstate 39/90/94 interchange.

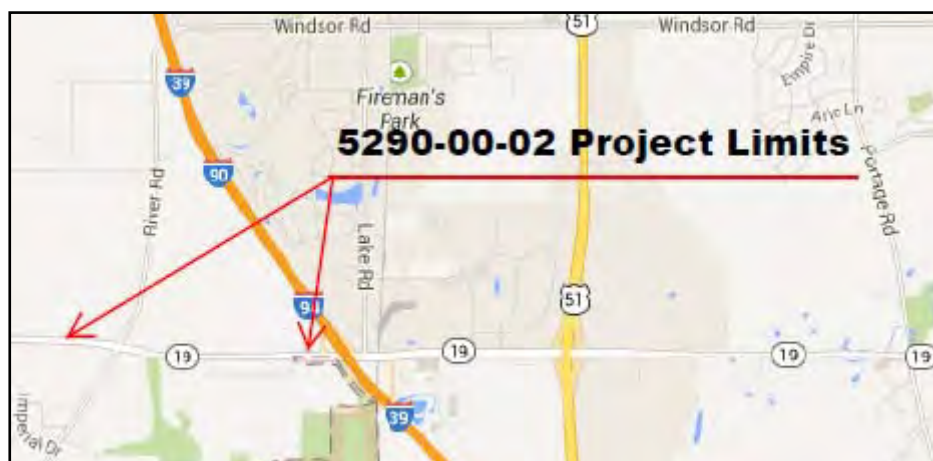
The purpose of the project is to replace the structurally deficient bridge over the Yahara River and expand WIS 19 from 2 to 4 lanes to increase capacity and improve traffic operations. The recommended alternative for the proposed improvements will be presented here tonight. We are in the preliminary design phase of the project and would like to present the current design concepts and obtain feedback before proceeding with the next phases of the project development process.

Proposed improvements include:

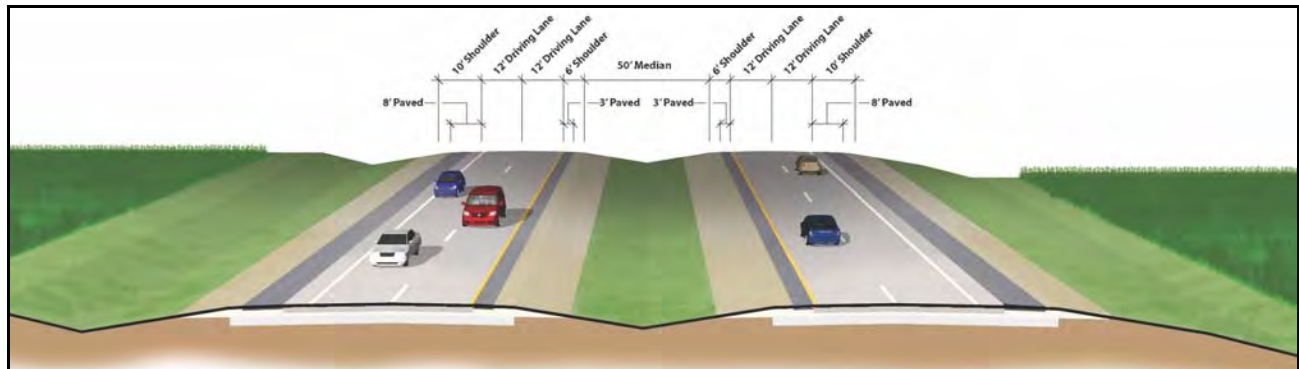
- Construct 2 new bridges over the Yahara River
- Expand WIS 19 by adding 2 additional lanes south of the existing roadway
 - New lanes will function as eastbound WIS 19
 - Existing lanes will function as westbound WIS 19
- Reconstruct River Road intersection
- Provide wider shoulders to meet current standards

The project is adjacent to public properties owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Dane County adjacent to the Yahara River. After the preliminary design is refined, impacts to environmental resources will be analyzed and documented in an environmental report.

WIS 19 Location Map



Proposed Typical Section – WIS 19



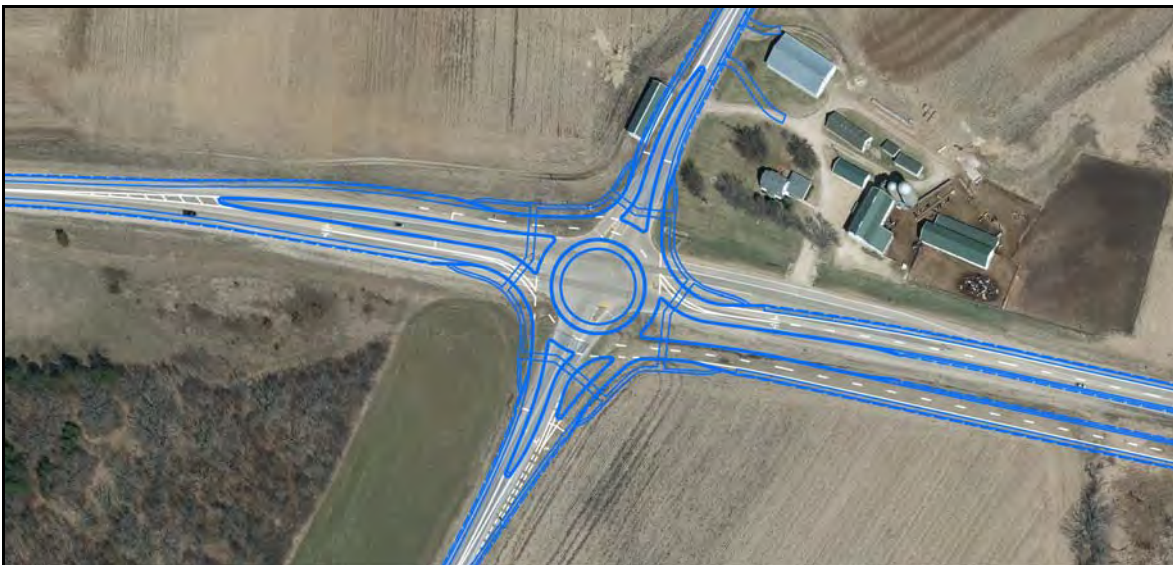
4-lane roadway with 50-foot wide median

River Road intersection alternatives

Alternatives being analyzed for the River Road intersection include:

- 2-Way Stop Control
- 4-Way Stop Control
- Traffic Signals
- Roundabout

Warrants for the 4-Way Stop Control and Traffic Signal alternatives are not met. The 2-Way Stop Control alternative does not address safety issues and would result in poor traffic operations. A roundabout is the preferred alternative.



Roundabout alternative

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for 2020. Details have not yet been developed for the construction staging, however the work will likely be completed in one season. During construction, WIS 19 is anticipated to remain open. The new lanes will be constructed in the initial stage and traffic will be shifted onto those while the existing roadway is reconstructed in the next stage. River Road may be closed during a portion of the construction.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. These consist of strips of land mainly along the south side of WIS 19 and at the River Road intersection. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in late 2017 or early 2018.

Project update/next steps

This is the first public involvement meeting for the project and two additional meetings are anticipated prior to the start of any construction work. Following is the current project schedule.

Local Officials Meeting #1	November 15, 2016
Public Meeting #1	November 29, 2016
Environmental Document	May 2017
Design Study Report	August 2017
Local Officials/Public Meeting #2	Fall 2017
Right-of-Way Plat	Fall 2017
Right-of-Way Acquisition	November 2017 – July 2019
Local Officials/Public Meeting #3	Spring 2019
Final Plan Completion	August 2019
Construction	2020

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 project. Please mail any written comments about the project before December 13, 2016 or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below.

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.

For more information, please contact:

David Pilon
Project Manager
Wis. Dept. of Transportation
Southwest Region – Madison
2101 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704-2583
(608) 245-2622
david.pilon@dot.wi.gov

Matthew Barr
Project Manager
Ayres Associates
5201 E. Terrace Drive, Suite 200
Madison, WI 53718
(608) 443-1261
barrm@ayresassociates.com