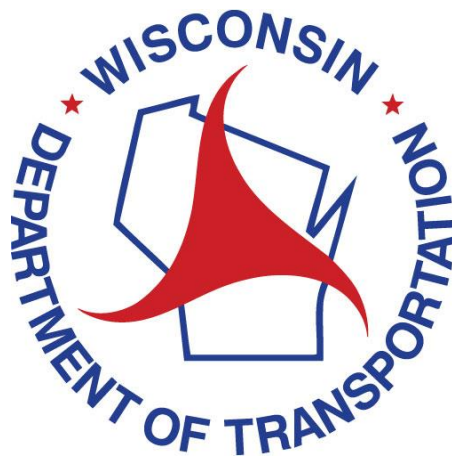


Public Involvement Handout

**US 51
Minocqua – Manitowish
Front Street to 3rd Avenue
Oneida County**

Project ID: 1174-10-04(74)



Handout date: May 2022

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/us51minocqua/default.aspx>

Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback

Purpose of handout

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on two miles of US 51 in Oneida County.

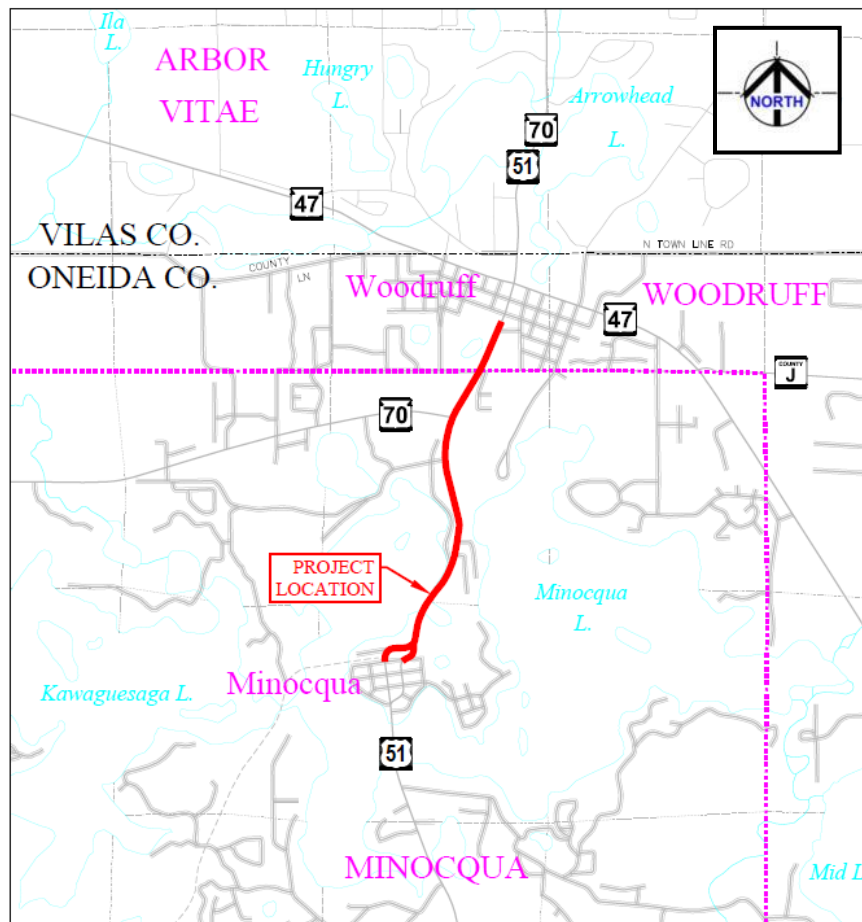
The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

Public input/comments

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 and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout, as well as on the project website, is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the proposed improvements. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the pre-paid mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to any of the contacts listed below.

Project location

The US 51 project extends from Front Street to 3rd Avenue in the towns of Minocqua and Woodruff.



Project purpose and need

The existing pavement was reconstructed or last maintained in 2014 and 2015. The existing pavement is deteriorating with cracking and rutting throughout.

Additional needs include:

- Curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards
- Between Front Street and Torpy Park along southbound US 51, pedestrians and multi-modal uses are not adequately accommodated on the existing narrow asphaltic sidewalks
- At the existing overhead crossing beacon near Lakeview Drive, there are frequent conflicts between the existing push button poles and the snowplows; the existing crossing does not accommodate sight impaired users.

Anticipated benefits

The project is anticipated to provide motorists with a smoother riding surface resulting in less wear on vehicles, extend the service life of the pavement, minimize maintenance costs, provide standard accommodations for handicapped individuals, and improve opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Proposed improvements

This is a pavement resurfacing project. Proposed improvements include:

- Asphaltic pavement milling and overlay
- Upgrade curb ramps to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards, where feasible
 - An estimated 40 curb ramps would be upgraded
- Construct new sidewalk and a multi-use path along southbound US 51 from just north of Front Street to Torpy Park
- Improve the existing overhead crossing beacon near Lakeview Drive including relocation of push buttons and addition of audible push buttons for sight impaired users
- Install new pavement marking

Traffic impacts

- Construction is currently scheduled for 2025.
- US 51 will remain open to traffic during construction
 - Motorists can expect to encounter lane shifts and flagging operations with reduced lane width.
 - Pedestrian traffic will be maintained with staging.
- WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses when working directly in front of your driveway to coordinate daily access.
- Work is anticipated to take place prior to Memorial Day and after Labor Day to avoid peak tourism periods

Schedule

- Initial local scoping meeting – January 27, 2021
- Local officials meeting – September 29, 2021
- Design development – Fall 2021 to Spring 2022
- Local officials meeting – April 12, 2022
- Public involvement meeting – May 2, 2022
- Environmental document – Summer 2022
- Refined plans – Summer 2022
- Right of way plat – Fall 2022
- Real estate negotiations – Fall 2022 to Spring 2024
- Local officials meeting/public meeting/business meeting – TBD
- Final plans – May 2024
- Construction currently scheduled – 2025

Real estate

Minor temporary easements are required to accommodate curb ramp and sidewalk replacements and to manage pedestrian traffic around the work areas during construction. Preliminary temporary easements are shown on the exhibits.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website and WisDOT will contact any impacted property owners directly. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in Fall 2022.

Parklands

Recreational lands are present in the project area and require consideration during the design process. No work will occur within the parklands at Torpy Park or Veteran's Park. Access will remain to the parklands during and after construction.

Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones or impacted by detour routes have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to business, organizations and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. It includes promotional examples, case studies and a specially designed Business Coordination Guide with information on:

- Planning ahead
- Staying informed
- Keeping customers informed
- Tips for businesses

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at www.wisconsin.gov/Together

Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them by June 2, 2022 to be considered during design.

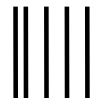
1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to WisDOT.
2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.
3. Call the contact below.

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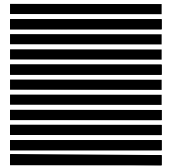
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