

Public Involvement

US 2
Brule River – Iron Mountain
Florence County
Project ID: 9120-09-01/71



Aug. 15, 2022

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Purpose

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements to US 2 between Pewabic Street and County NN in Florence County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed project, describe the potential impacts it will have on the community and offer an opportunity for public comment. We appreciate your input and encourage you to review the project information and provide comments.

Project Information

We are proposing to improve 0.8 mile of US 2.

The purpose of this project is to extend the life of the existing US 2 pavement and address deteriorating curb and gutter and upgrade curb ramps to meet Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The project begins at the intersection of Pewabic Street and ends 2,600 feet northwest of County NN in Florence County.

Proposed improvements include:

- Resurfacing existing asphaltic pavement
- Replacing curb and gutter
- Extending sidewalk
- Upgrading curb ramps.

An environmental document is currently being prepared for this project. DNR initial concurrence and final concurrence has already been received due to no foreseen wildlife/wetland impact given the urban nature of this project.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in spring 2025.

During construction, US 2 will be open to local and through traffic. Motorists can expect to encounter single-lane closures controlled by flagging operations. Driveways and businesses will be accessible during construction with short duration (less than 15 minutes) disruptions to access anticipated during milling and paving operations. Temporary sidewalk closures may be encountered during curb ramp construction. Signed pedestrian detours will be provided. Advanced notification of these temporary disruptions would be provided by construction staff.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion by fall 2025.

Real estate

Minor real estate acquisition is anticipated for curb ramp construction. Approximately 0.0114 acre of permanent easement is anticipated.

WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in summer 2023.

Project update/next steps

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| Local officials meeting | April 12, 2022 |
| Public involvement | August-September 2022 |
| Preliminary plans | December 2022 |
| Environmental document | December 2022 |
| Final right of way plat | May 2023 |
| Real estate negotiations | Summer 2023 |
| Final plans | November 2024 |
| Construction currently scheduled | Spring 2025 (Work is estimated to take approximately two months to complete.) |

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. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

There are several ways to submit your input by **Sept. 15, 2022**:

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

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