

Public Involvement

**US 2
County NN to Michigan State Line
Florence County
Project ID: 9120-09-02**



December 24, 2025 to January 23, 2026

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Purpose

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements to US 2 between County NN and the Michigan State Line 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 9.6 miles of US 2 in Florence County.

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to preserve the roadway asset and minimize life cycle costs by addressing deficiencies in the roadway, drainage system, and structures, as well as inconsistencies in bicycle and pedestrian facilities and safety standards. The project is necessary due to deteriorated pavement conditions, drainage issues caused by deteriorated curb and gutter and culverts, structural deterioration of bridge B-19-006, inconsistent bicycle and pedestrian accommodations near Twin Falls Road, and substandard existing guardrail.

Proposed improvements include:

- Resurfacing the existing asphalt pavement – travel lane, shoulders, turn lanes, and sideroads
- Replacement of deteriorated cross culverts
- Adjustments, repairs, and replacements of curb and gutter, surface drains, inlets, and guardrail as necessary
- Mitigate the erosion and drainage issue at Crosscut Road
- Deck, parapet, and abutment surface repair on the bridge structure over the Menominee River (B-19-006) at the Michigan border
- Widen paved shoulders near Twin Falls Road and possibly update the roadway shoulder section near County NN to be consistent with other sections of the roadway

The proposed improvements meet the project purpose and needs. Other alternatives that were reviewed included:

- Alternative 1: No Build
- Alternative 2: Resurfacing (Preferred)
- Alternative 3: Pavement Replacement

Doing nothing (No Build) does not meet the project purpose and needs. A Pavement Replacement alternative would meet the project purpose and need and would result in a longer usable life of the project corridor but would impose a much higher cost than the Resurfacing alternative which also meets the project purpose and need.

An environmental document is currently being prepared for this project. A DNR Initial Review has been requested, and the identified environmental conditions will be incorporated into the contract documents. The project is also undergoing screening for historical and archaeological impacts, and any resulting determinations will be incorporated accordingly.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for 2029.

During construction, US 2, between In Com Drive and Edgewater Drive, will remain open to traffic but motorists can expect to encounter temporary lane closures in both directions through the use of flagging operations. Temporary widening with a lane shift and flagging measures or temporary widening with a lane shift and temporary traffic signals will be encountered at culvert replacement locations, between County NN and Honeybee Road, for limited durations.

Access to adjacent properties and businesses will be maintained throughout construction. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT or the construction contractor will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Acquisitions will be required at locations near cross culvert replacements along US 2, between County NN and Honeybee Road, so that the pipe and required energy dissipation devices can be installed and maintained, as necessary.

Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in July 2026.

Project update/next steps

Public involvement	Dec. 24, 2025 – Jan. 23, 2026
Preliminary plans	February 2026
Environmental document	April 2026
Final right of way plat	July 2026
Real estate negotiations	July 2026 – September 2027
Final plans	May 2028
Construction currently scheduled	Summer 2029

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 **Jan. 23, 2026**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
2. Complete the fillable online survey on the project website
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/default.aspx>
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/us2florencemich/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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Open for
Business

In This Together Program

A quick guide to help your business
prepare for road construction

1 ORGANIZE EARLY



- Learn more about the project and its timeline
- Develop questions for WisDOT staff
- Check in with neighboring businesses and/or local business organization



- *Can you partner on promotions, events or materials?*
- *Establish a point of contact for the business community?*



2 STAY ENGAGED WITH THE PROJECT



- Attend public involvement meeting(s)
- Make note of contact information for the project team, and voice the unique needs of your business
- Learn more about project resources



- *Is there a construction website?*
- *Is there a mailing list?*
- *Is there an email distribution?*



3 HELP CUSTOMERS FIND YOU



- Consult with project staff to determine when and where there may be closures or detours
- Ask about temporary signage options
- Consider how best to inform customers



- *Maybe a joint communication with neighboring businesses for employees and customers about traffic and parking?*
- *Maybe a feature article in a customer-facing newsletter?*
- *Maybe a social media post shared by businesses and local community pages?*

4 DEVELOP AND ACTIVATE YOUR GAME PLAN



- Check out case studies at wisconsindot.gov/together
- Connect with project contacts to discuss any potential obstacles specific to your business such as deliveries, operational hours, employee parking, etc.
- Check in with employees



- *Is there a consistent message for customers?*
- *Are there temporary changes to shift times, parking, or deliveries?*



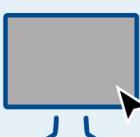
5 END OF CONSTRUCTION



- Stay positive, be flexible and know that WisDOT staff are available to help
- Collect any temporary signage
- Let customers know!



- *Consider working with other businesses on a special event?*
- *Share social media about the project's benefits?*
- *Ask customers to help spread the word?*



Remember, we are In This Together! For
more planning ideas, tips and resources:
wisconsindot.gov/together

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