

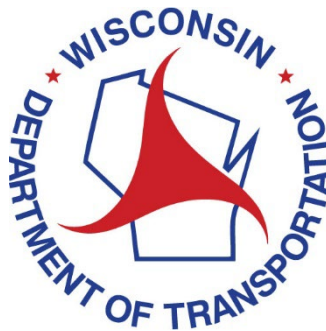
Public Involvement Handout

**US 8
WIS 55 South to WIS 32 South
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Project ID: 1590-18-01

**US 8 Shared-use Pathway: Phase 1
Fire Keeper Road to Love Knot Lane**

Project ID: 9813-02-00



**6 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022
Forest County Potawatomi Museum and Cultural Center
8130 Mish Ko Swen Drive
Crandon, WI 54520**

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Purpose

The intent of this meeting is to provide information regarding proposed Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) improvement projects along US 8 in Forest County. The meeting is an open house format, and all attendees are encouraged to ask questions and provide comments on the improvement project. Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements and real estate needs along US 8.

Project Information

We are proposing to improve 11.3 miles of US 8 from the WIS 55 South intersection to WIS 32 South Intersection.

The primary purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the roadway as well as improve substandard cable guard and guardrail installations and stormwater drainage, address safety concerns and substandard sidewalk curb ramps in the city of Crandon and provide non-motorized travel accommodations within the corridor.

The need for the project is to improve roadway deficiencies. The existing US 8 roadway surface is showing signs of distress including alligator cracking, rutting, longitudinal and transverse cracking with the pavement condition expected to be at a poor level by 2025 with its condition continuing to decline beyond that. The existing cable guard and guardrail installations throughout the project corridor are outdated and do not meet current design standards. The existing climbing lane located on US 8 between Grandview Avenue and High View Drive is no longer warranted and creating drainage issues approximately 600 feet west of High View Drive due to lack of ditching side slope depths in the area. Several culverts along the corridor are deteriorating. The segment of US 8 between Wildwood and Grandview avenues has experienced a significant number of crashes. The existing intersections of Youngs Lane and Kwe Da Kik Lane with US 8 have intersection sight distance concerns. Curb ramps in Crandon do not meet Americans With Disabilities Act standards. And off-road biking and walking facilities are lacking.

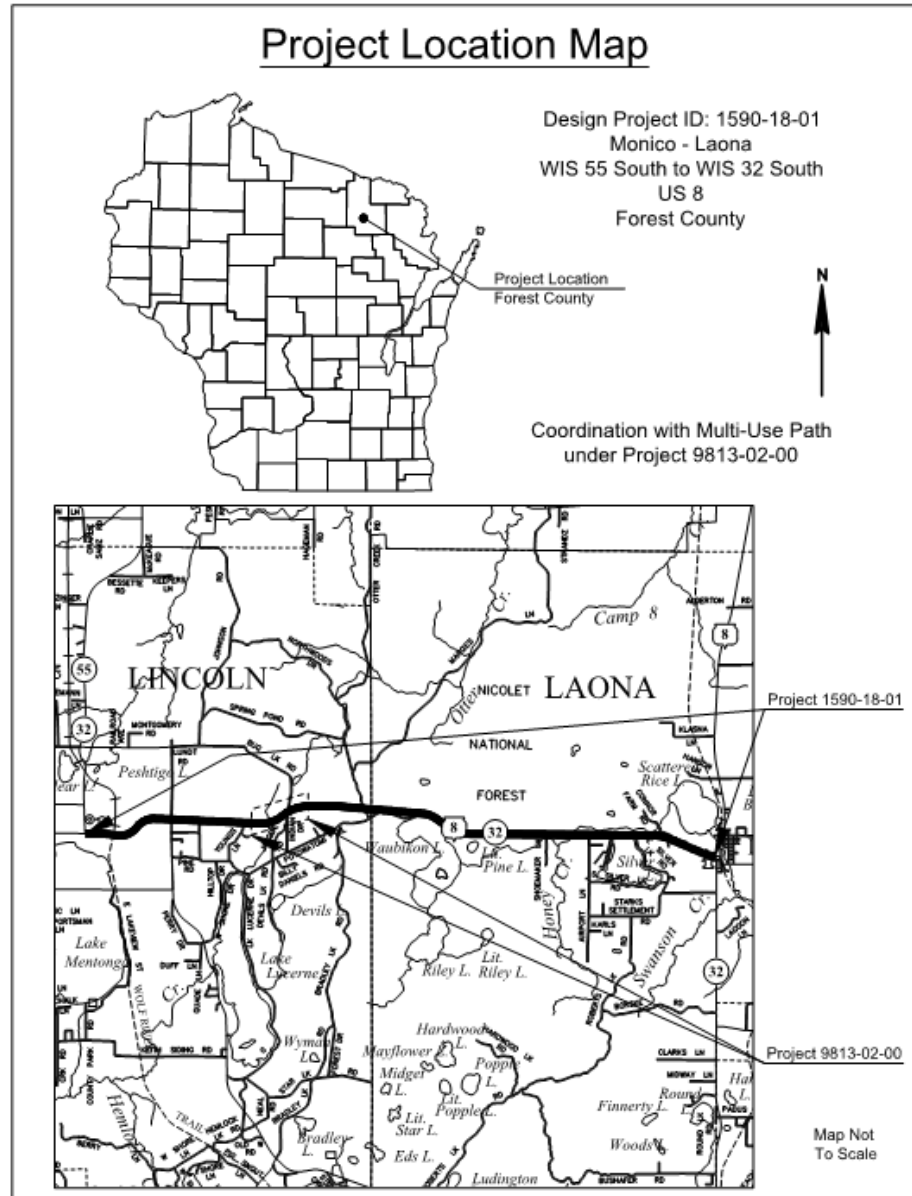
Proposed improvements consist of:

- Resurfacing US 8 in all areas outside spot improvement areas near Kwe Da Kik Lane and Youngs Lane.
- Removing the US 8 climbing lane from Grandview Avenue to High View Drive, which will improve stormwater drainage in this area.
- Reconfiguring US 8 lanes between Wildwood and Grandview avenues.
- Lowering the profiles of US 8 and Youngs Lane where they intersect to meet current design standards.
- Shifting the horizontal alignment of US 8 at its intersection with Kwe Da Kik Lane to the north to provide sight intersection distances that meet current design standards and extending the existing box culvert in this area.
- Removing and replacing several existing culverts throughout the corridor.
- Removing cable guard throughout the corridor and grading standard slopes in these areas. The existing cable guard near Silver Lake will remain in place.
- Constructing a new multi-modal underpass that will accommodate bicycles, pedestrians and ATVs/UTVs.

The project will also include a multi-use path that is being designed by Forest County

Potawatomi Community from Fire Keeper Road to Love Knot Lane.

Project staff are in the process of evaluating the impacts to any historical and archeological property sites. The environmental document will be drafted later this year.



Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2025, with completion that fall.

During construction, US 8 is anticipated to be detoured for the spot improvements in the vicinity of Youngs Lane and Kwe Da Kik Lane. The proposed detour route will be WIS 32 to WIS 64 to WIS 55. Access to local residents and emergency responders will be maintained at all times. Single-lane closures with flagging operations will facilitate the rest of the construction operations. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. The areas where additional right of way will be needed are:

- Sidewalk curb ramps in Crandon to design curb ramps to current standards
- On US 8 between Fire Keeper and Bug Lake roads to improve US 8 geometrics in the area
- In areas of cable guard removal to extend the slopes in the area to current standards

Preliminary right-of-way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in March of 2023.

Project update/next steps

Local officials' meeting	July 13, 2022
Public involvement meeting	Aug. 4, 2022
Preliminary plans	January 2023
Environmental document	December 2022
Final right-of-way plat	April 2023
Real estate negotiations	March 2023 to September 2024
Final plans	Nov. 1, 2024
Construction currently scheduled	2025

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. 4, 2022:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT.
2. Send comments or questions to WisDOT Project Manager Stacy Hagenbucher by:
 - Email: Stacy.Hagenbucher@dot.wi.gov
 - Mail: Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Attn.: Stacy Hagenbucher
510 N. Hanson Lake Road
Rhineland, WI 54501

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