

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 101  
Armstrong Creek - Florence  
Florence County**

Project ID: 9304-11-00



**January 15, 2020  
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

**Fence Town Hall  
588 Memory Lane  
Fence, WI 54120**

## Welcome

Welcome to the WIS 101 public involvement meeting.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning improvements to WIS 101 between West Oneonta Lane and Woods Creek Road in Florence County.

Our objectives for today's meeting are to discuss identified needs of the roadway, proposed improvements, and obtain your input on potential solutions to existing and future transportation needs for the traveling public. We will provide a brief overview of the project specifics, then open for any questions and comments.

## Project information

We are proposing to improve 7.6 miles of WIS 101. WIS 101 is a major collector that connects the local municipalities of Armstrong Creek, Fence and Fern. The highway has a posted speed limit at 55 mph, advisory speed of 50 mph at some turns and has an average daily traffic (ADT) of 601. The truck percentage of the daily traffic is 14.6%.

The existing pavement surface on WIS 101 is deteriorating. Further deterioration will result in more frequent and costly maintenance in order to provide a safe driving surface for motorists. Additionally, the cable guard do not meet current design and safety standards.

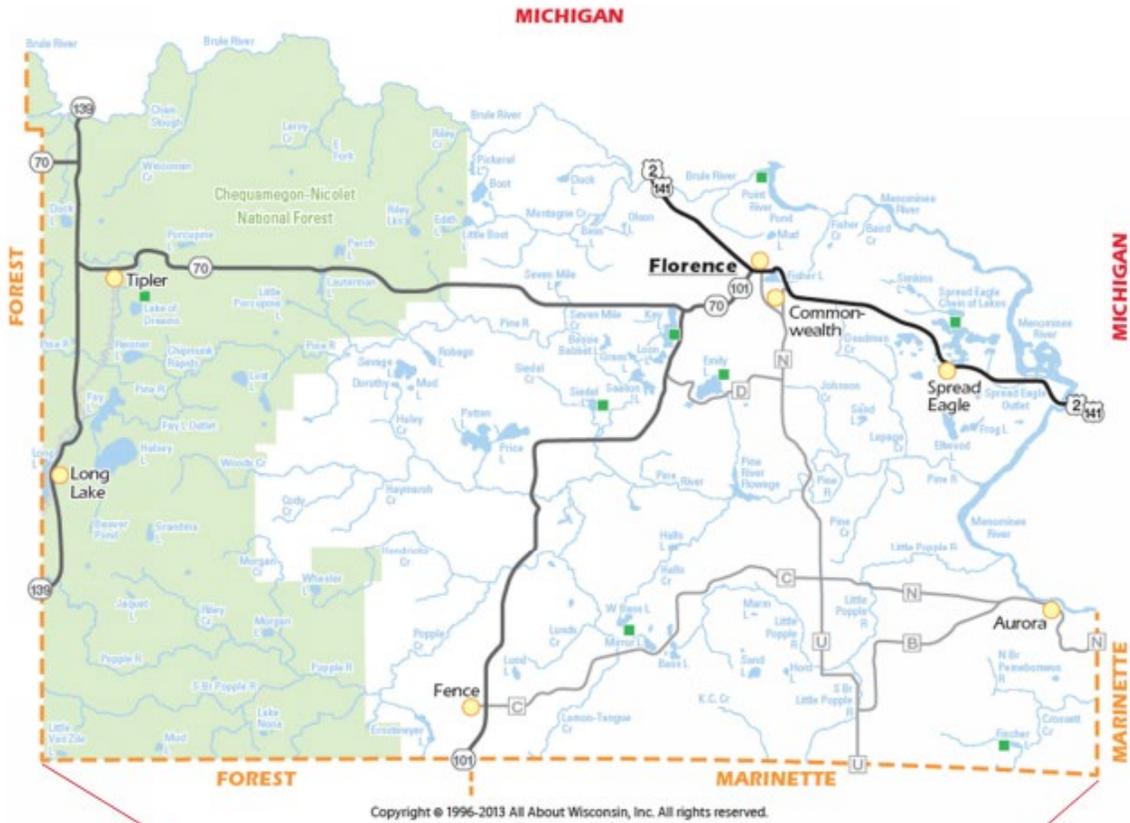
The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the existing pavement structure, while reducing future maintenance efforts and costs. Proposed improvement solutions on WIS 101 include:

- Resurface the roadway
- Remove cable guard and replace with beam guard
- Remove cattle pass
- Replace culverts
- Install centerline rumble strips
- Restore pavement markings
- Install thermoplastic snowmobile crossings

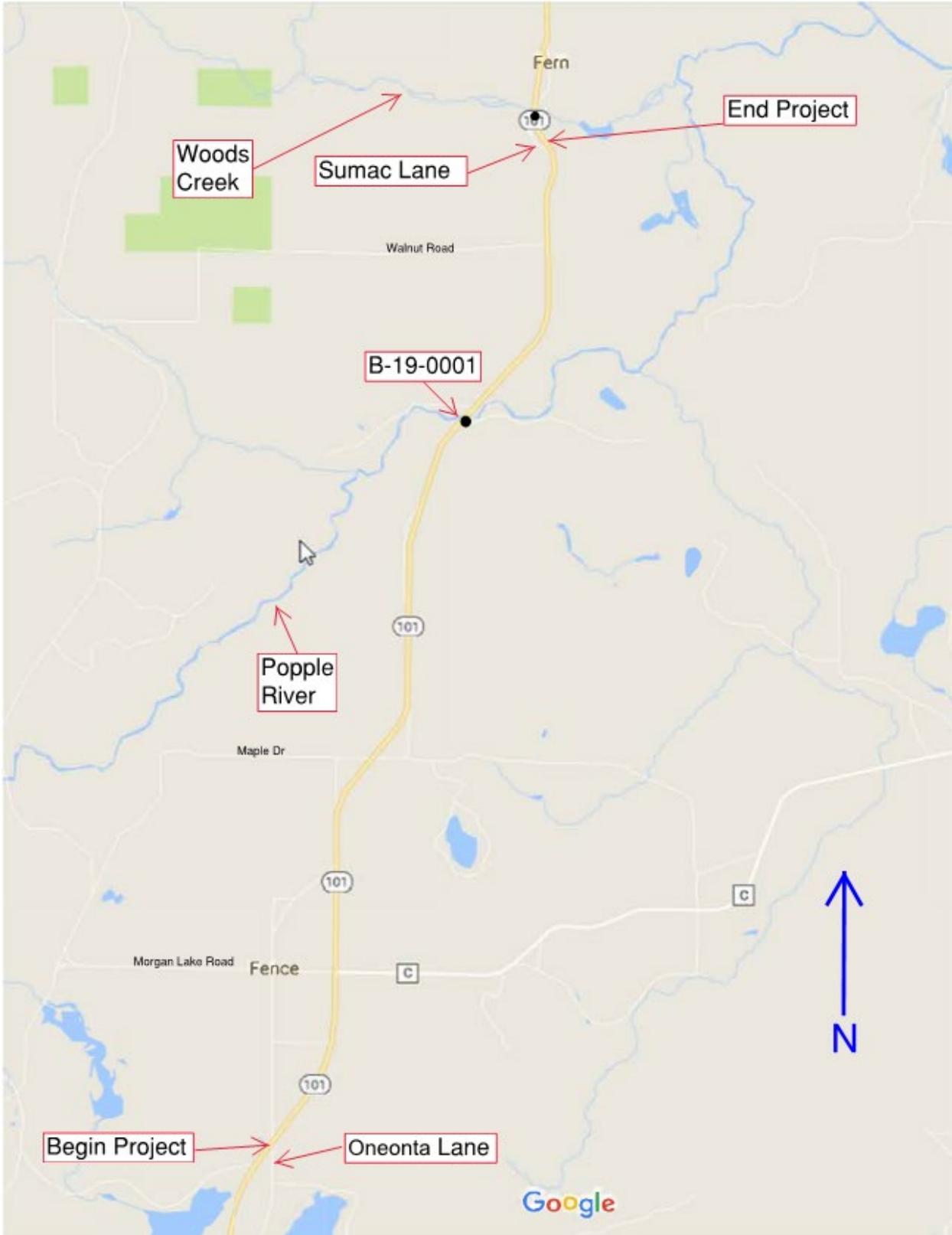
These proposed improvements were determined to be the most cost-effective solutions and are expected to address both poor ride quality and extend the life of the pavement structure.

Small environmental impacts are expected during the culvert replacements and no special studies will be performed. Standard environmental documentation procedures will be followed.

# Project Location Map



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## Proposed traffic impacts

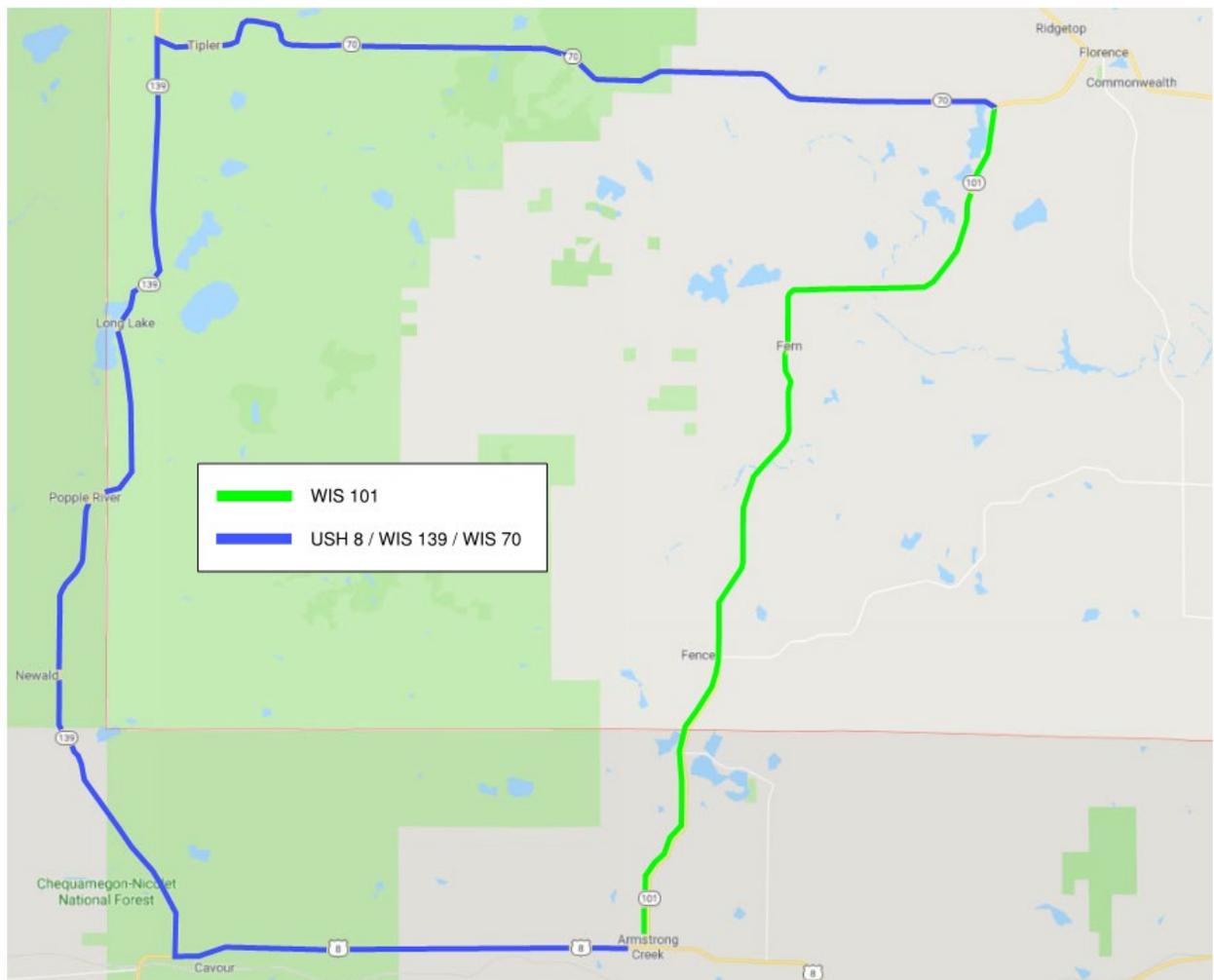
Construction is currently scheduled to begin on spring of 2021.

During most of construction, WIS 101, between West Oneonta Lane and Woods Creek Road, will be reduced to one lane traffic. Motorists can expect to encounter single lane closures with flagging operations. Additional flaggers will be used at intersections during milling and paving procedures. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during short periods of the construction process.

A detour is proposed during the replacement of two culverts. This detour is the closing of WIS 101 from Armstrong Creek to Florence. The detour proposed uses US 8, WIS 139 and WIS 70 for short duration of 2-3 days. This detour route can be found below.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion on fall of 2021.

### Proposed Detour Map



## Real estate

Additional right-of-way will not be required for this project. Right-of-way impacts are not expected as well with this project.

## Project update/next steps

Below is a current schedule for the project's completion:

- A local officials meeting was held December 4, 2019
- The environmental documentation process is scheduled for completion on February 1, 2020
- The design study report is scheduled for completion on March 1, 2020
- The project documents final review submittal is scheduled for November 1, 2020
- The project is scheduled to be open for bidding on March 9, 2021
- The project is scheduled to begin construction May 2021

## 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 **January 29** or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also email 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.

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