

Public Involvement

**WIS 13
26th Road to WIS 98 (Clark Street)
Marathon County**

Project ID: 1620-03-02



**Public Comment Period:
July 19, 2021 to August 2, 2021**

Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay system (dial 711).

Purpose

Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, and real estate needs along WIS 13 between 26th Road in the town of Spencer and WIS 98 (County C / Clark Street) in the village of Spencer.

Project information

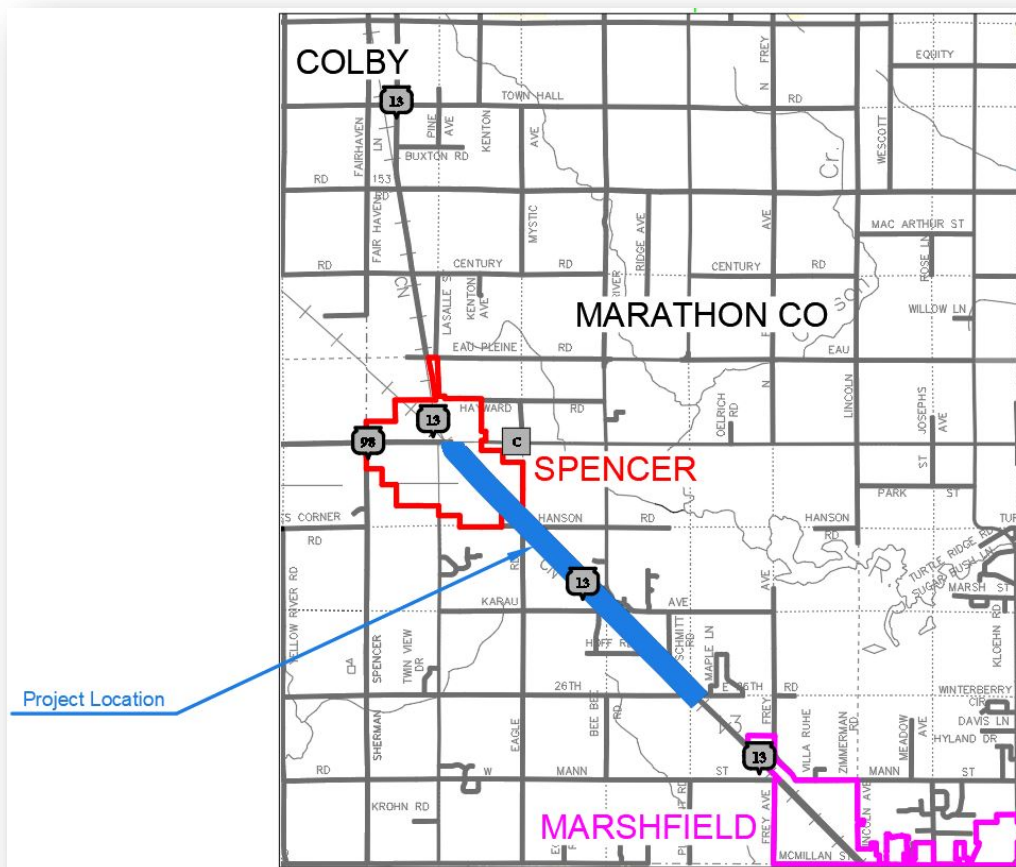
We are proposing to improve approximately 4.5 miles of WIS 13.

The existing WIS 13 pavement is showing signs of distress including both longitudinal and transverse cracking. These cracks allow water and deicing agents to enter the pavement and accelerate the deterioration of the roadway corridor.

Proposed improvements

- Removing the top layer of the existing pavement surface and replacing with a new surface layer of hot mix asphalt (HMA) pavement.
- Replacing non-ADA compliant curb ramps.
- Commercial driveway upgrades at locations which do not meet sidewalk ADA standards.
- Installing new centerline and shoulder rumble strips through the rural segments.

WIS 13 Location Map



Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. This will include small areas of temporary limited easement (TLE) at some of the curb ramp locations. Estimated right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits posted on the project website. The impacts are not anticipated to impede or affect the existing use of the adjacent properties.

Real estate acquisition is expected to begin in Winter 2022. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners. Landowner rights information is available on the project website.

Proposed traffic impacts

An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2024 but could occur as early as 2023.

WIS 13 will remain open to through traffic for the duration of the project.

- Through the two-lane rural segments, WIS 13 will remain open to traffic under flagging operations.
- Through the three-lane and four-lane rural and urban segments, single lanes will be closed for construction while at least one lane in each direction remains open to traffic.
- Traffic may be reduced to one lane on side roads when construction operations are occurring within the intersection.

Staged construction of the new curb ramps and the use of temporary sidewalks, curb ramps and crosswalks will be provided while curb ramps are under construction.

Access to business and residential driveways will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. Where multiple driveways serve a single property, construction will be staged so at least one of the driveways remain open. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

Project update/next steps

Project notification letters were sent to property owners along the project in April 2021. The letters notified the property owners about the project and requested input on the proposed improvements.

Project notification letters were sent to local officials in April of 2021 to solicit input on proposed improvements, traffic control and schedule. A follow up virtual meeting was held on June 28, 2021 to discuss the proposed project improvements, traffic control, and schedule.

Upcoming project milestones include the following:

- Preliminary design and plans Fall 2021
- TLE exhibits Fall 2021
- Real estate negotiations begin Winter 2022
- Final plans Fall 2022
- Construction currently scheduled Summer 2024

Public input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the travelling public as well as the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

There are several ways to submit your feedback by **August 2, 2021**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail it to WisDOT.
2. Complete the fillable online survey on the project website:
 - a. <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis13sm/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below.

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For more information, please contact:

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Public Involvement Comment Form

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Please return by **August 2, 2021** to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be emailed to Preston.Bohn@dot.wi.gov. 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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