

Public Involvement

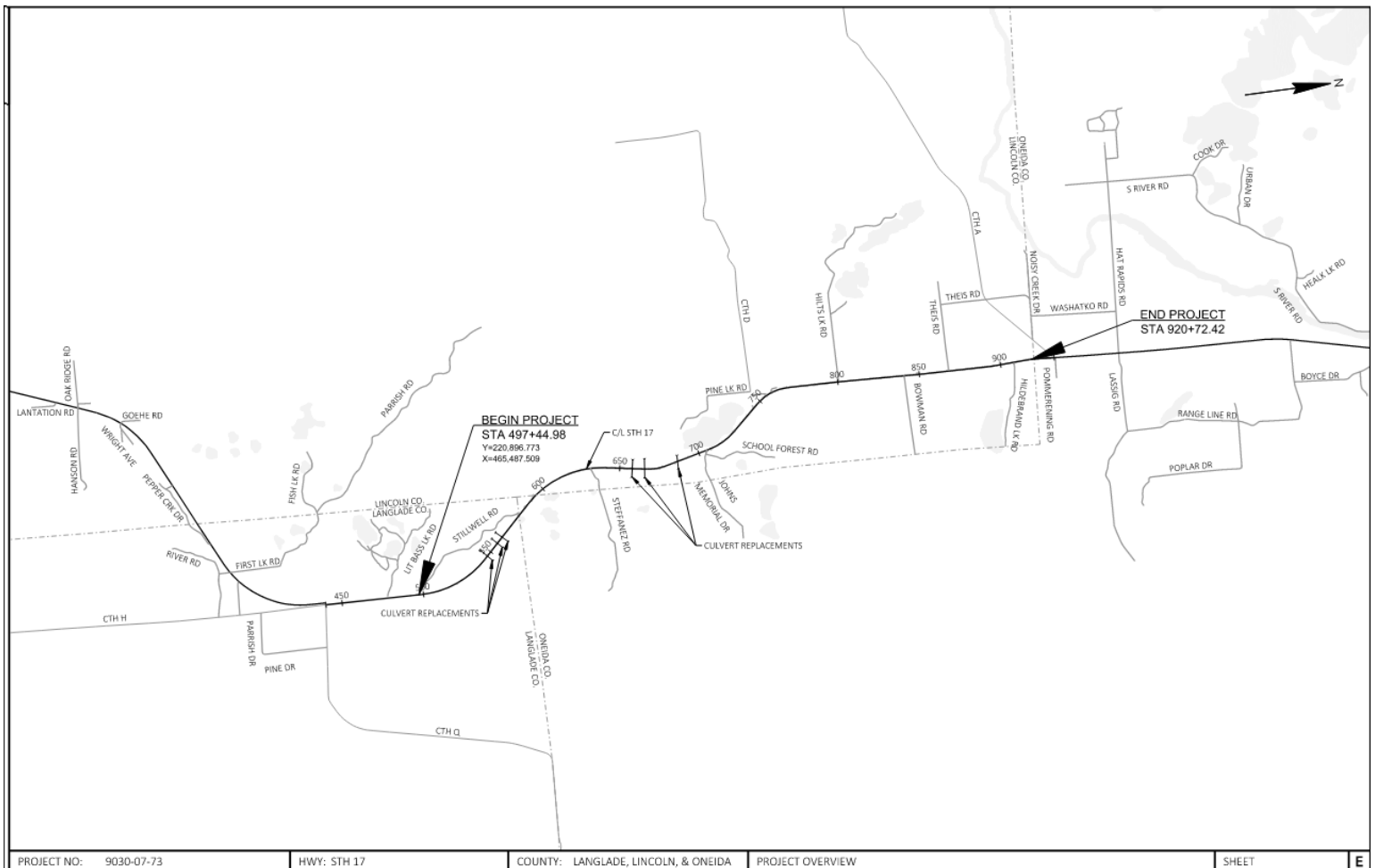
WIS 17

Stillwell Road to Oneida County Line
Merril - Rhinelander
Langlade, Lincoln, and Oneida County
Project ID: 9030-07-73



Purpose

The purpose of public involvement is to present design concepts for the proposed improvements along WIS 17, and to obtain your input.



Project Information

The purpose of this project is to address the deteriorating pavement on WIS 17 as well as the culvert pipes that are in need of repair.

Proposed improvements include:

- Mill existing HMA pavement 2-inches and overlay with 2-inches of HMA pavement.
- Culvert replacements and pavement markings.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in Spring of 2028.

During construction, WIS 17 will remain open to traffic using flagging operations. Motorists can expect some delays to occur, but delays will be managed through limiting the contractor operations at critical times. Access to residents and business will be maintained except for short time periods while construction operations are directly adjacent to the entrances.

Real estate

No real estate is anticipated.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	Spring 2024
Public involvement	Summer 2024
Final plans	Spring 2027
Construction currently scheduled	Spring/Summer 2028

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 **June 3, 2024**:

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
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

Deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, and speech-disabled persons should contact the Wisconsin Relay Service by dialing 711.

For more information, please contact:

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1681 Second Avenue South
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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

Public Involvement Comment Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Would you like someone to contact you about this project: Yes No

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, email 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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