

Public Involvement

**WIS 32
Wabeno - Crandon
County C to Forest Avenue
Forest County**

Project ID: 9130-03-02



September 13, 2021 to October 4, 2021

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Purpose

Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, and real estate needs along WIS 32 between the County C and Forest Avenue in the town of Wabeno.

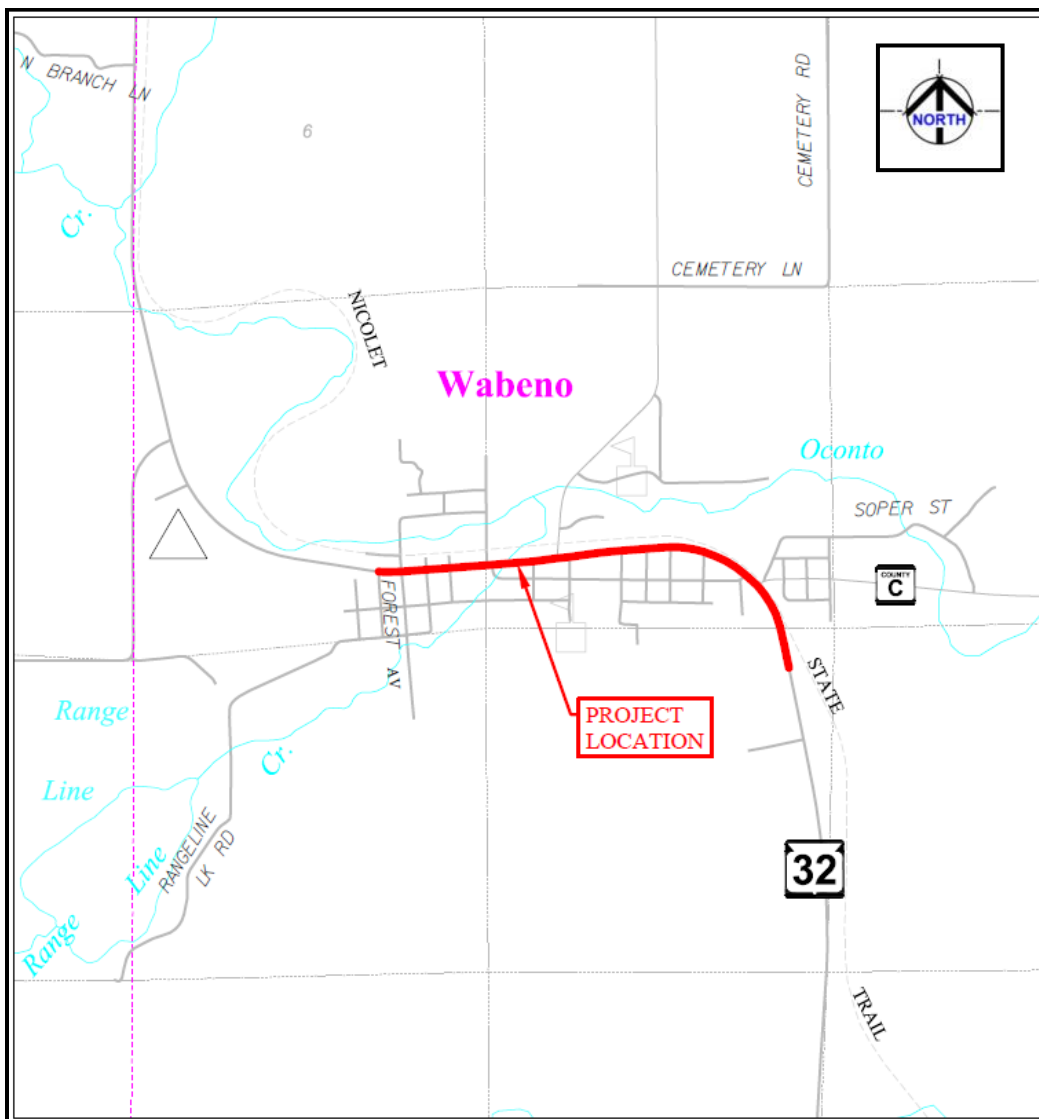
Project Information

We are proposing to improve 1.5 miles of WIS 32.

The pavement on WIS 32 is showing signs of deterioration. The pavement was originally constructed in 1970 and resurfaced previously with the last asphaltic resurfacing occurring in 2003. A cycle of well-timed pavement maintenance is required to ensure that the taxpayers' investment continues to be maximized.

Additional needs along this section of WIS 32 include:

- Deteriorating curb and gutter, storm sewer, and culverts
- Curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- Deteriorated concrete retaining wall near Jones Avenue



Proposed improvements include:

- Full depth replacement of the asphaltic pavement
- Replacement of all curb and gutter
- Sidewalk improvements
 - Upgrade all curb ramps to meet ADA standards, where feasible
 - Add sidewalk between Fairview Avenue and Jones Avenue (north side)
 - Replace sidewalk from River Street to County C (south side) including a short extension to County C
- Drainage repairs
 - Storm sewer repairs and partial replacements throughout the project
 - One culvert replacement near Forest Avenue
 - Ditch cleaning near County C to improve drainage
- Replace the retaining wall near Jones Avenue
- The town of Wabeno has indicated that the parking is no longer used in certain locations. The roadway will be narrowed to a standard 36-foot width between the curbs at select locations to aid in reducing project costs and maintenance. Parking is proposed to remain at the following locations:
 - Jones Avenue to Elm Avenue (south side)
 - West of Forest Avenue to Fairview Avenue (both sides)

This alternative ensures that the life of the pavement structure and the roadway features are maximized in the most cost-effective manner. The proposed sidewalk improvements will improve opportunities for pedestrians and students in accordance with the adopted Wabeno Safe Routes to School plan.

The proposed improvements are subject to approval of the project's environmental document. The environmental document is scheduled for approval in early 2022.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in May 2024.

During construction, motorists can expect to encounter lane shifts and flagging operations with reduced lane widths.

Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process when work is occurring directly in front of the driveway. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway and coordinate daily access.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in October 2024.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Minor fee and temporary (temporary limited easement) land acquisitions are required to accommodate curb ramp and sidewalk replacements, storm sewer repairs, and matching slopes. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in Spring 2022.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website.

Recreational land coordination

Recreational facilities are present in the project area and require consideration during the design process.

- The School District of Wabeno owns a ball diamond near River Avenue.

- The town of Wabeno owns the logging museum and bandshell (outdoor theater) near Cecil Avenue.
- The Wisconsin DNR owns the Nicolet State Trail.

All recreational facilities will be open during construction, but some temporary easements may be required in order to construct the sidewalk, curb ramp, and drainage improvements.

Coordination is ongoing with the owners of these recreational lands. Temporary use of lands is subject to agency review and approval of the environmental document.

Please offer any specific comments you may have related to the potential temporary use of these recreational lands along with your other project comments.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	July 2021
Public involvement	September/October 2021
Preliminary plans	Fall 2021
Environmental document	Winter 2021
Final right of way plat	Winter 2021
Real estate negotiations	Spring 2022 to Spring 2023
Final plans	May 2023
Construction currently scheduled	2024

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 **October 4, 2021**:

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://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis32wabeno/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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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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