

Public Involvement

**WIS 49
WIS 66 to WIS 29
Portage & Marathon Counties
Project IDs: 6270-00-06 & 6270-00-05**



Fall 2024

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

Purpose

The purpose of this outreach is to gather public input regarding the proposed improvements and traffic management strategies during construction of the WIS 49 project. The proposed improvements extend along the WIS 49 corridor from WIS 66 to WIS 29 and will be constructed over two separate years.

Project Information

We are proposing to improve 14.3 miles of WIS 49.



The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve the function, operation, and safety of WIS 49 between WIS 66 and WIS 29 in Portage and Marathon counties.

The project is needed to address the deteriorating pavement conditions and drainage structures along WIS 49. The existing asphalt surface in this section of WIS 49 is exhibiting signs of deterioration in the form of alligator cracking, longitudinal cracking, transverse cracking, patching, and rutting. Several culverts along the corridor are showing signs of corrosion and damage and require replacement.

Proposed improvements include:

- From WIS 66 to WIS 153, place new gravel, pulverize the existing asphalt pavement, place 5 ¼ inches of asphalt pavement over the pulverized material.
- Through the WIS 153 intersection, mill and overlay 2 inches of asphalt pavement.
- Reconstruct the roadway north of the WIS 153 intersection to WIS 29 with 12 inches of new base aggregate and 5 ¼ inches of new asphalt pavement.
- Major grading to improve side slopes and drainage.
- Replace guardrail at structures.
- Replace deteriorated culverts.
- Rehabilitation of the three bridges between Wigwam Road and Bobsiding Road. This will include concrete overlays, deck edge repair, and repainting of steel girders.

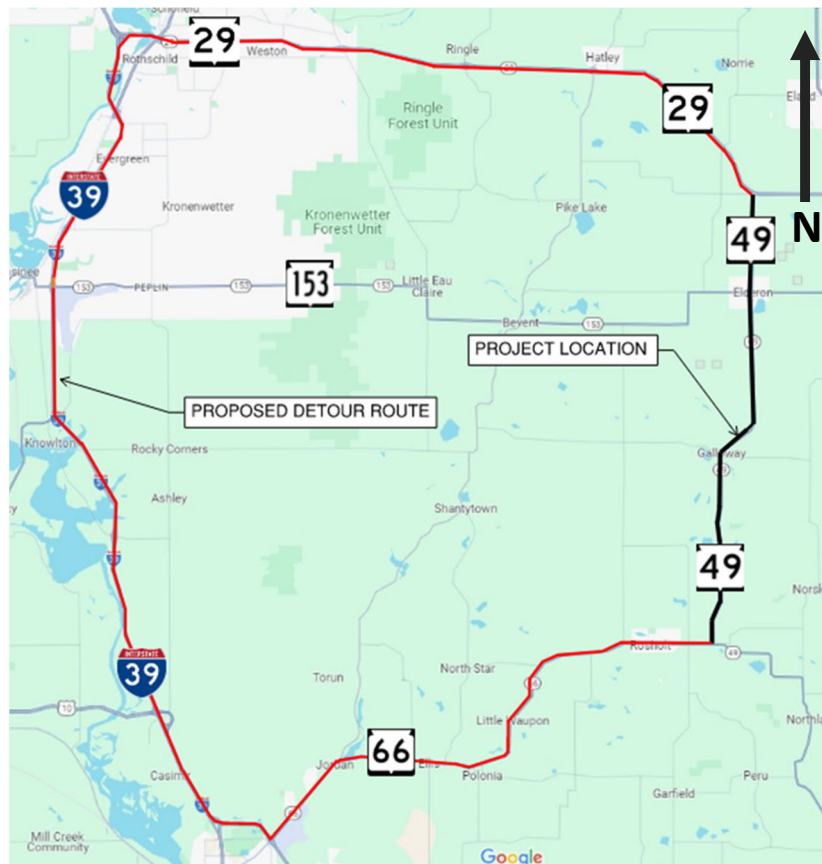
Environmental studies and historical/archaeological surveys are underway.

Proposed traffic impacts

The project will be constructed over two separate years.

- Construction from WIS 66 to County C is currently scheduled to be constructed in 2027.
- Construction from County Highway C to WIS 29 and is currently scheduled to be constructed in 2030.

Due to the amount of material that will be pulverized, the roadway will need to be closed to through traffic during construction. A separate detour will be signed for each of the construction projects during different construction seasons to minimize the detour duration. See below for proposed detour route for thru traffic which will utilize WIS 66, I-39 and WIS 29.



Real estate

Right of way acquisition is planned as part of the project. This is anticipated to occur in areas where additional room is needed to construct the proposed improvements (cross culverts, intersections, areas where additional grading is required). Both FEE and Temporary Limited Easements will be acquired along the corridor.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	Held in summer 2024
Environmental document	October 2024
Final plans	November 2026
Construction currently scheduled	WIS 66 to County C – currently scheduled for 2027 County C to WIS 29 – currently scheduled for 2030

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 8, 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. <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis49portage/default.aspx>
4. 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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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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