

Public Involvement

**WIS 49
WIS 66 to WIS 29
Portage and Marathon Counties
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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.

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 (*updates*):

- **Mill and repave top 2.5" of HMA on travel lanes and shoulders.**
- Replace guardrail throughout the corridor.
- Replace deteriorated culverts.
- Rehabilitation of the three bridges between Wigwam Road and Bobsiding Road.
 - This includes concrete overlays, deck edge repair, and repainting of steel girders.
- **Replace culvert at Bradley Creek with an appropriately sized structure to fit the creek channel.**

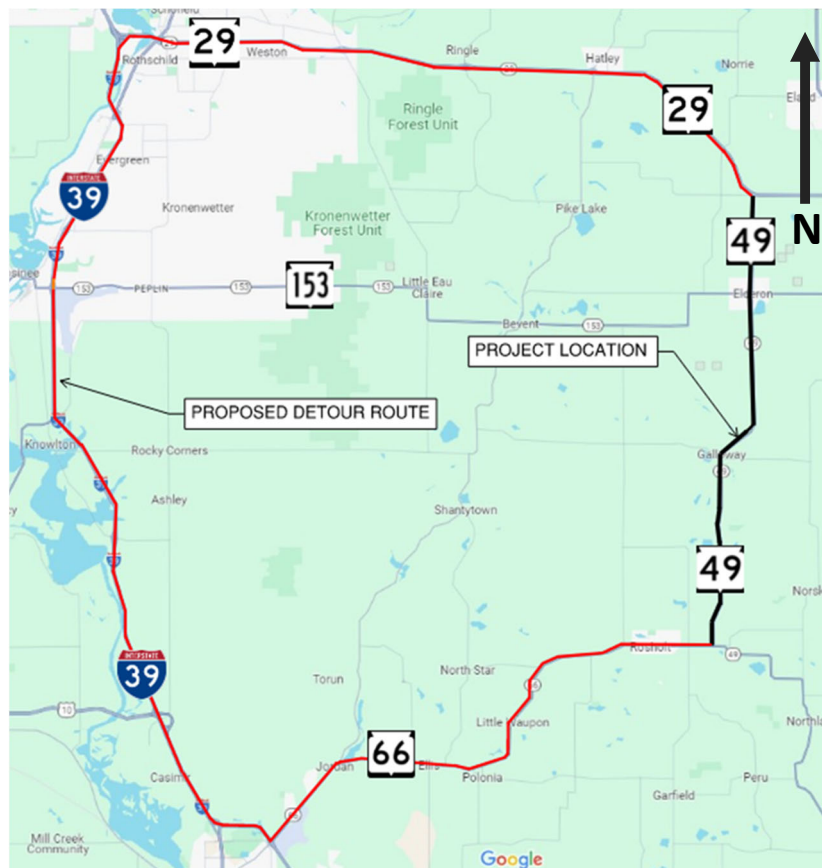
Environmental studies and historical/archaeological surveys are underway.

Proposed traffic impacts

The project may be constructed over one or two construction seasons.

- WIS 66 to County C is currently scheduled to be constructed in **2030** but may be constructed as early as 2027.
- County C to WIS 29 is currently scheduled to be constructed in **2027**.

Due to culvert and milling operations, the roadway will need to be closed to through traffic during construction. The proposed detour route for through traffic is WIS 66, I-39 and WIS 29.



Real estate

Right of way acquisition is planned as part of the project. It may be needed for cross culverts, intersections, and 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	Initially held in summer 2024 <i>Additional meeting planned for fall 2025</i>
Environmental document	<i>Fall 2025</i>
Final plans	November 2026
Construction currently scheduled	WIS 66 to County C – <i>2030 (as early as 2027)</i> County C to WIS 29 – <i>2027</i>

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 **Sept. 5, 2025**.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
2. Complete the fillable survey on the project website: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis49portage/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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Name: _____

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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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