



Public Involvement WIS 49

From WIS 66 to WIS 29 Portage and Marathon Counties

Summer 2025

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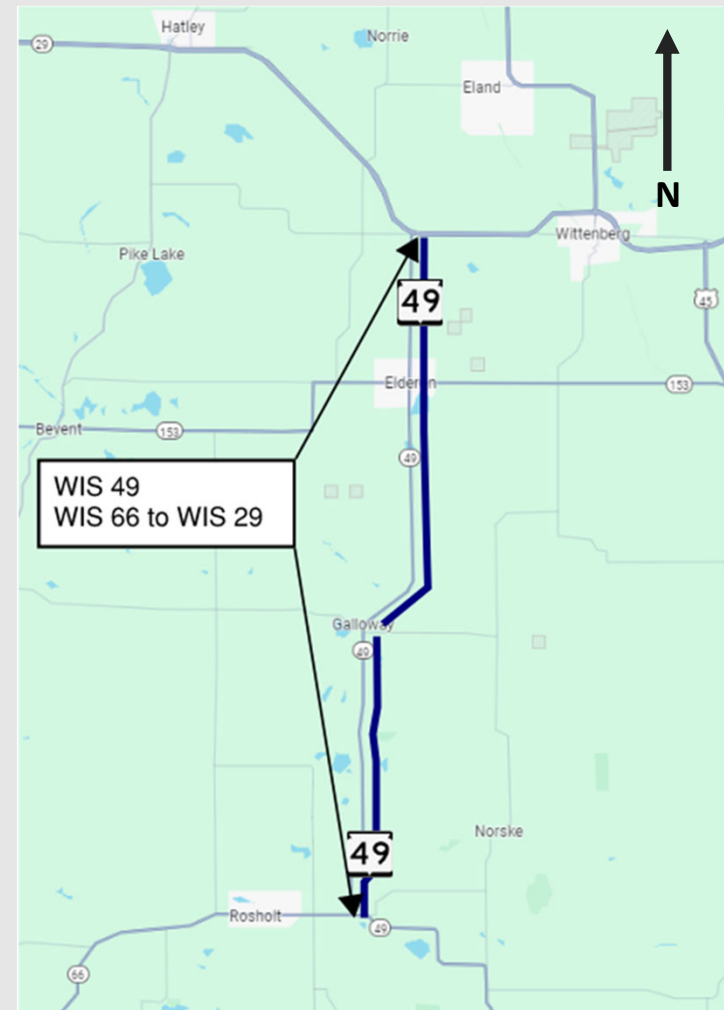
Project Agenda

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Project Location

- Proposed improvements extend from WIS 66 to WIS 29



Project Need (Roadway)

- Pavement deficiencies
 - Longitudinal cracking
 - Transverse cracking
 - Rutting
 - Edge and alligator cracking
- Safety
 - Outdated guardrail
- Drainage
 - Corroded cross culverts



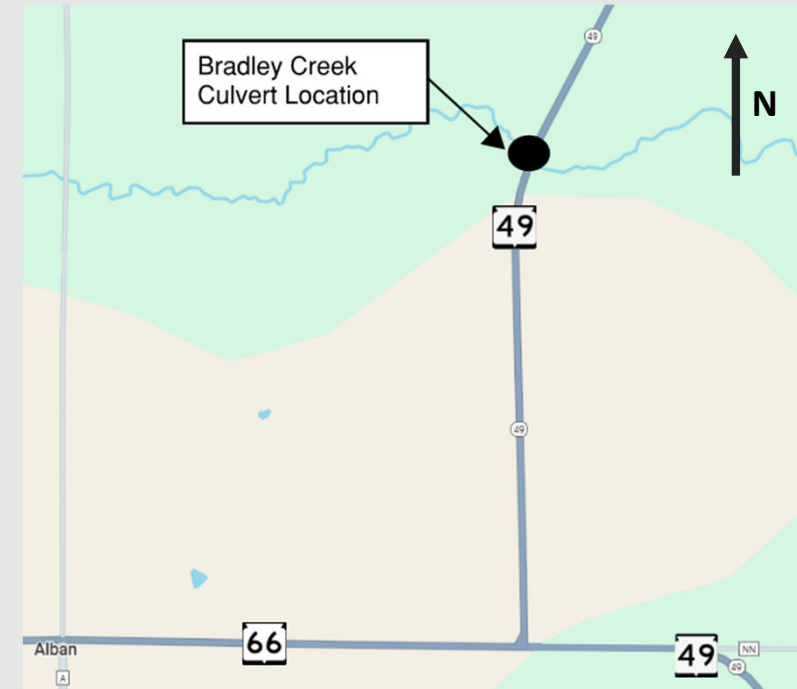
Project Need (Structures)

- Three existing bridges show signs of deterioration including:
 - Deteriorated concrete deck
 - Outdated bridge railings
 - Deteriorated edge of deck
 - Corrosion on steel girders



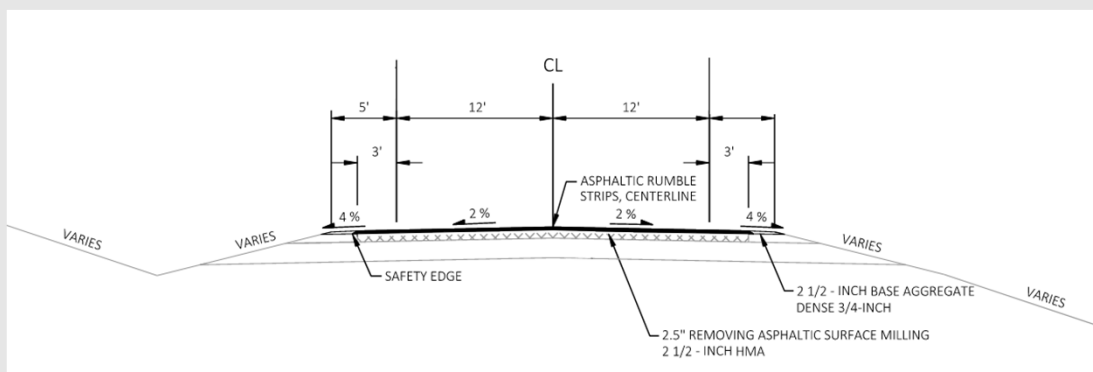
Project Need (Structures)

- Bradley Creek
 - Existing culvert is undersized
 - New box culvert will be added to better match existing stream channel



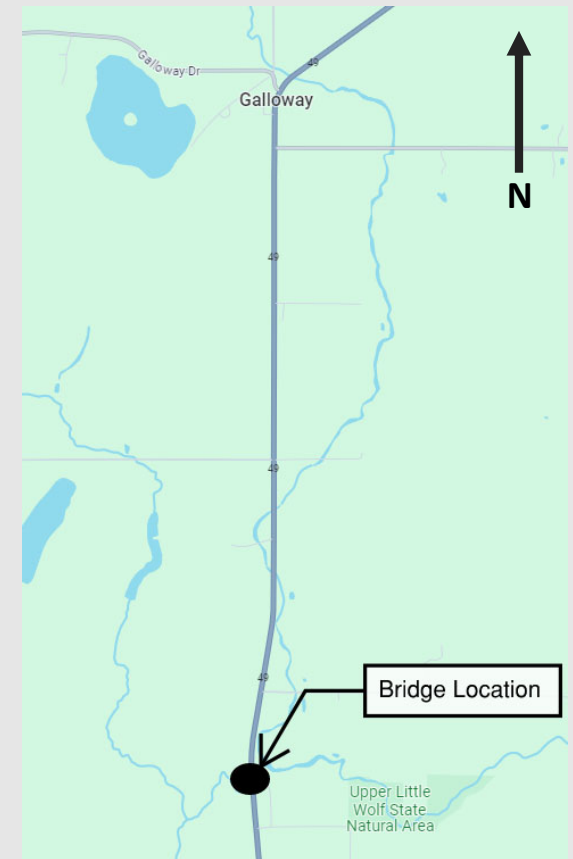
Project Summary

- WIS 66 to WIS 29
 - Remove top 2.5" of asphalt pavement
 - Repave with 2.5" of new asphalt pavement
 - Replace deteriorated cross culverts



Project Summary

- WIS 49 over Holt Creek (B-49-527)
 - Concrete overlay
 - Repair deck edge
 - Repaint steel girders



Project Summary

- WIS 49 over Little Wolf River (B-37-428)
 - Concrete overlay
 - Wingwall repair



Project Summary

- WIS 49 over Little Wolf River (B-37-429)
 - Concrete overlay
 - Repair deck edge
 - Spot painting of girders



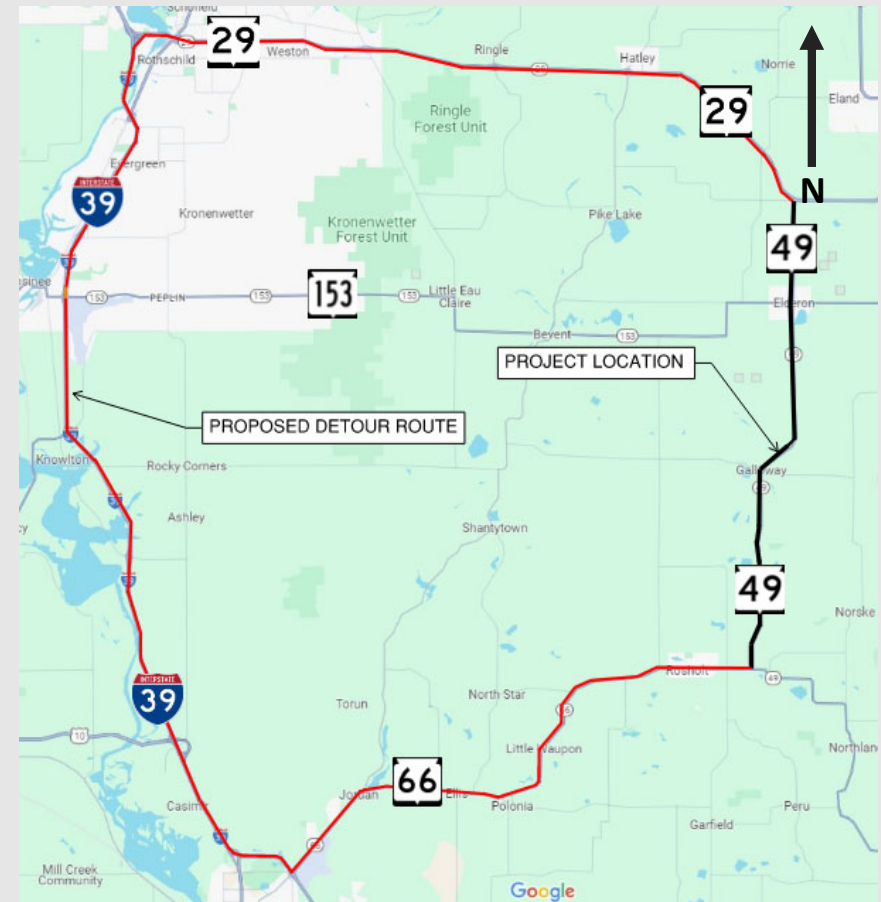
Construction Timeline

- WIS 66 to County C
 - Roadway and structure work
 - Currently scheduled for 2030
 - Could be constructed as early as 2027
 - Anticipate 3-month construction project
- County C to WIS 29
 - Roadway work
 - Currently scheduled for 2027
 - Anticipate 3-month construction project



Proposed Detour

- Due to scope of work, WIS 49 will need to be closed to through traffic during construction
- Access to local residences and businesses will be maintained
- Detour route proposed:
WIS 66, I-39, WIS 29

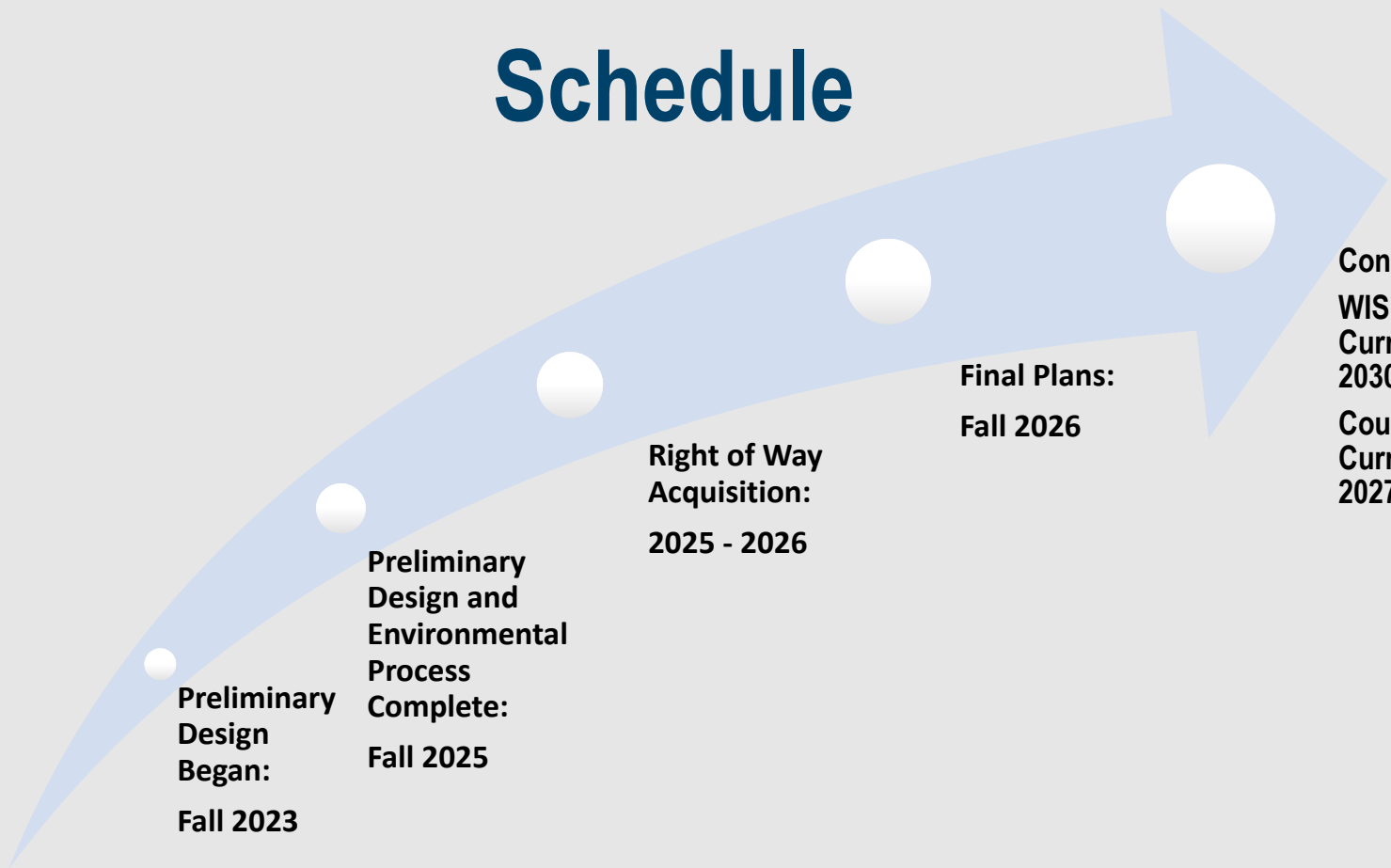


Real Estate

- Right of way acquisition is anticipated
 - FEE (permanent right of way)
 - TLE (temporary limited easements)
- Right of way acquisition may be needed for cross culverts, intersections, and areas where additional grading is required
- Acquisition to begin in the winter of 2025-2026



Schedule



Preliminary Design Began:
Fall 2023

Preliminary Design and Environmental Process Complete:
Fall 2025

Right of Way Acquisition:
2025 - 2026

Final Plans:
Fall 2026

Construction:
WIS 66 to County C:
Currently scheduled for 2030 (as early as 2027)
County C to WIS 29:
Currently scheduled for 2027



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Public Input

- Provide input by Sept. 5, 2025
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 - Via email or phone

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