

Public Involvement

**WIS 49
North Street to Depot Street
Waupaca County**

Project ID: 6420-00-02



Public Involvement:

October 19, 2020 to November 20, 2020

The in-person Public Involvement Meeting has moved online as a precaution against COVID-19 based on the most current health information from state, federal and local health departments.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation continues to review prioritization and potential alternatives for public meetings and events.

This handout and other items are available on the design website at:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis49waupacounty/default.aspx>

Thank you for your interest in this project, we look forward to your feedback.

Purpose

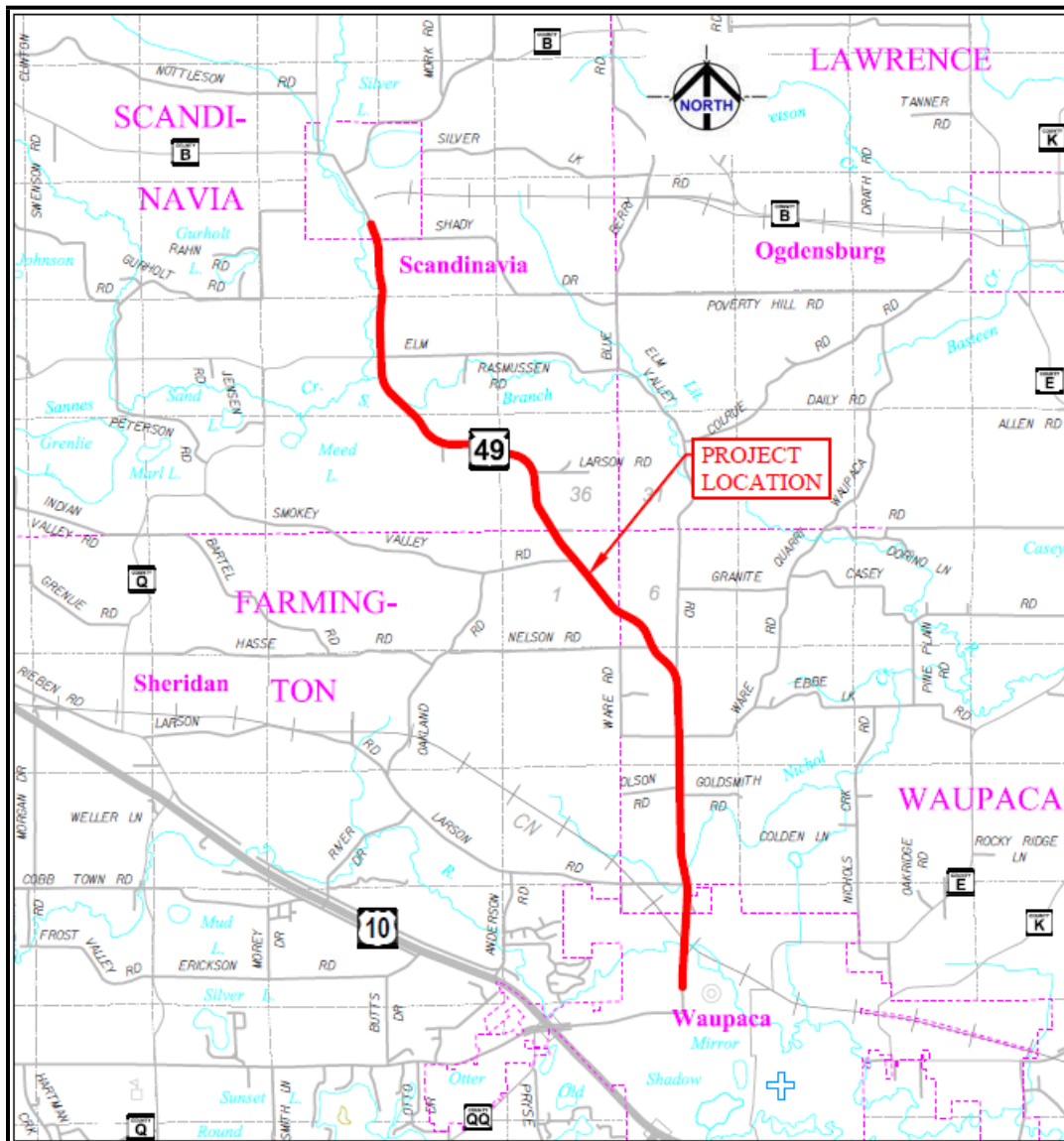
Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, and real estate needs along WIS 49 between Waupaca and Scandinavia.

Purpose and need for roadway improvements

The WIS 49 pavement is showing signs of deterioration. The pavement was partially reconstructed or rehabilitated in 1999. A cycle of well-timed pavement maintenance is required to ensure that the taxpayers' investment continues to be maximized.

Needs identified along this section of WIS 49, include:

- Deteriorating guardrails, culverts, and spot curb and gutter
- Curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards in Waupaca
- Bicycles and pedestrians are using the existing 3-foot paved shoulder between the residential areas in Waupaca (North Street) and Timber Drive to access an existing multi-use trail north of Timber Drive
- Ongoing erosion on the west side of WIS 49 approximately a half-mile north of County Q



Proposed improvements

- Pavement resurfacing along with installation of new pavement marking and placement of centerline rumble strips in the rural areas to maintain safety
- Guardrail replacements and spot curb and gutter repairs
- Four culvert replacements, including the culvert at Nichol Creek
- Replacement of curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, where feasible. We are also evaluating a sidewalk extension with the city of Waupaca between River Street and Leighton Road.
- Shoulder paving between North Street and Timber Drive to better accommodate multi-modal users
- Construction of two retaining walls with new guardrails to stabilize the ongoing slope erosion approximately a half-mile north of County Q

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. This will include small areas of permanent (fee) and temporary (temporary limited easement) land acquisitions to accommodate the improvements. Estimated right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits posted on the project website.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website. Real estate acquisition is expected to begin in spring 2021. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners.

Proposed traffic impacts

An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2024 but could be advanced to 2023. Motorists can expect to encounter daily flagging operations and single lane closures during construction. During replacement of the culvert at Nichol Creek, access to WIS 49 from Larson Road will be temporarily closed.

Access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

Project update/next steps

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| • Concept plans | May 2020 |
| • Local official meeting | October 2020 |
| • Public involvement | October/November 2020 |
| • Environmental document | Winter 2020 |
| • Preliminary plans | Winter 2020 |
| • Right of way plat | Spring 2021 |
| • Real estate negotiations | Spring 2021 to fall 2022 |
| • Final plans | August 2022 |
| • Construction currently scheduled | 2024* |

* Construction could be advanced to 2023.

Project design website

Access the following materials on the project design website:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis49waupacacounty/default.aspx>

- Project background
- This handout and comment form to mail
- Project presentation and exhibits
- Landowner Rights brochure

How to provide your input

There are several ways to submit your feedback by **November 20, 2020**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail it to WisDOT
2. Or complete the fillable online survey on the project website
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis49waupacacounty/public.aspx>
3. Or email comments or questions to the contact listed below

Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay system (dial 711). For more information, please contact:

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Public Involvement Comment Form

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North Street to Depot Street
WIS 49, Waupaca County

Please place in mail by **November 20, 2020** to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be emailed to Wendy.Arneseon@dot.wi.gov. 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

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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