

Public Involvement

WIS 49
WIS 21 to Beechnut Lane
Waushara County
Project ID: 6210-01-05/75

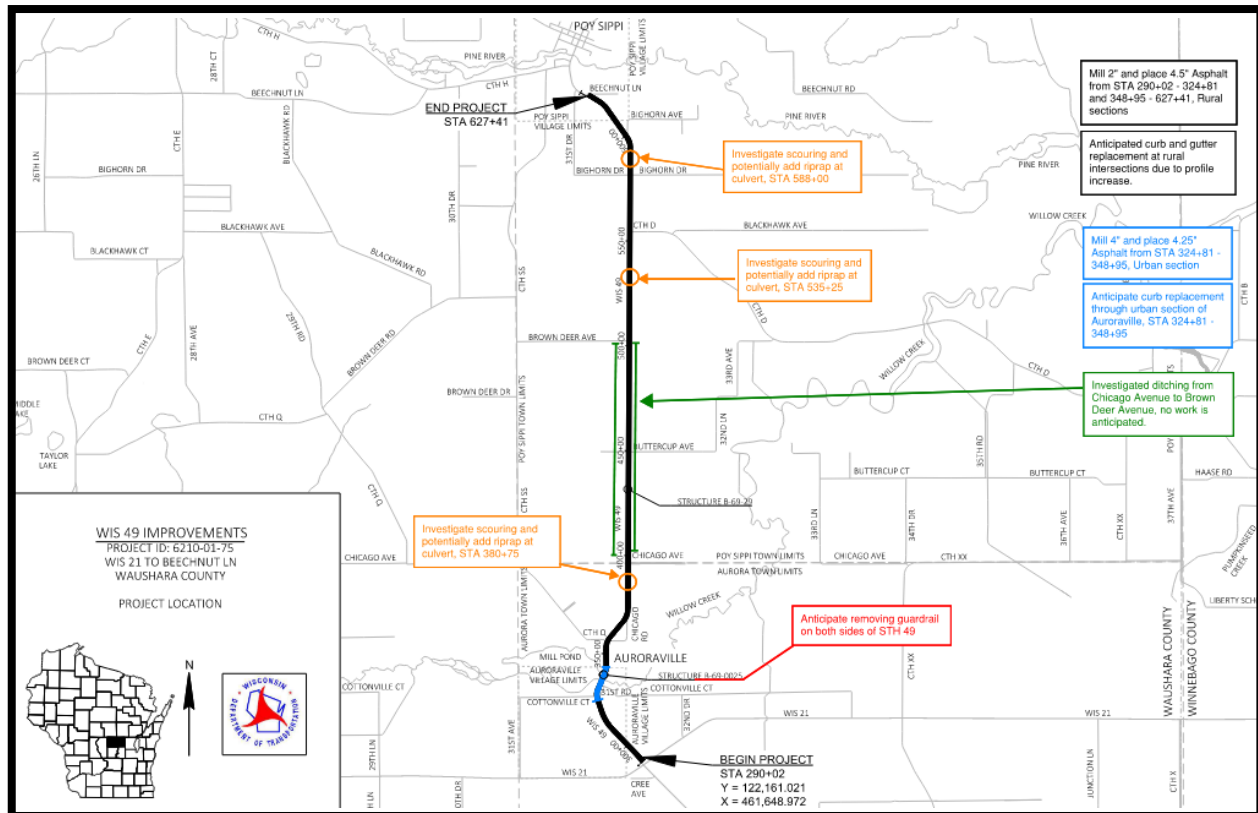


October 9, 2025 to November 8, 2025

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Purpose

The purpose of the public involvement is to present design concepts for the proposed improvements along WIS 49, address impacts to traffic during construction, and to obtain your input.



Project Information

We are proposing to improve 6.4 miles of WIS 49.

The WIS 49 pavement from WIS 21 to Beechnut Lane is showing signs of deterioration. The existing asphalt pavement has low-level rutting, longitudinal cracking, transverse cracking, edge cracking, and alligator cracking. It is proposed to complete a thick mill and overlay of the existing pavement.

Proposed improvements include

- Milling 2-inches of existing asphalt and placing 4.5-inches of asphalt pavement in rural sections
- Milling 4-inches of existing asphalt and placing 4.25-inches of asphalt pavement in urban section
- Replacing all curb and gutter in Auroraville
- Replacing all curb and gutter at side roads at rural intersections along WIS 49
- Repairing inlets in Auroraville
- Removing guardrail in the urban section of Auroraville
- Install new pavement markings
- Install centerline rumble strips – rural cross section areas only
- Pipe cleanout and riprap addition at select culvert locations

An environmental document is being prepared to address potential impacts to environmental resources along the project corridor.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for 2029.

During construction, WIS 49 will remain open to traffic by utilizing single lane closures with flagging operations and shoulder closures. Motorists can expect minor delays during construction.

Access to residences and businesses will be maintained throughout the project duration. Short closures (driveways) in the urban section for the placement and curing of the curb and gutter.

Construction is currently anticipated to take one construction season to complete.

Real estate

There is potential real estate acquisition for the select culvert locations.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	September 2025
Public involvement	October 2025
Environmental document	February 2026
60% plans	March 2026
Final plans	May 2028
Construction	2029

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 **November 8, 2025**:

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. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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For more information, please contact:

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Business

In This Together Program

*A quick guide to help your business
prepare for road construction*

1 ORGANIZE EARLY



- Learn more about the project and its timeline
- Develop questions for WisDOT staff
- Check in with neighboring businesses and/or local business organization



- *Can you partner on promotions, events or materials?*
- *Establish a point of contact for the business community?*

2 STAY ENGAGED WITH THE PROJECT



- Attend public involvement meeting(s)
- Make note of contact information for the project team, and voice the unique needs of your business
- Learn more about project resources



- *Is there a construction website?*
- *Is there a mailing list?*
- *Is there an email distribution?*

3 HELP CUSTOMERS FIND YOU



- Consult with project staff to determine when and where there may be closures or detours
- Ask about temporary signage options
- Consider how best to inform customers



- *Maybe a joint communication with neighboring businesses for employees and customers about traffic and parking?*
- *Maybe a feature article in a customer-facing newsletter?*
- *Maybe a social media post shared by businesses and local community pages?*

4 DEVELOP AND ACTIVATE YOUR GAME PLAN



- Check out case studies at wisconsindot.gov/together
- Connect with project contacts to discuss any potential obstacles specific to your business such as deliveries, operational hours, employee parking, etc.
- Check in with employees



- *Is there a consistent message for customers?*
- *Are there temporary changes to shift times, parking, or deliveries?*

5 END OF CONSTRUCTION



- Stay positive, be flexible and know that WisDOT staff are available to help
- Collect any temporary signage
- Let customers know!



- *Consider working with other businesses on a special event?*
- *Share social media about the project's benefits?*
- *Ask customers to help spread the word?*



Remember, we are In This Together! For more planning ideas, tips and resources:
wisconsindot.gov/together

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Name: _____

Address:

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Would you like someone to contact you about this project: Yes ____ No ____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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