

Public Involvement

**WIS 54
Plover - Waupaca
Harding Avenue to Waupaca County Line
Portage County**

Project ID: 6990-02-00



Sept. 24, 2025 to Oct. 24, 2025

Purpose

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is conducting public involvement to present information and gather feedback on the proposed improvements to WIS 54 between Harding Avenue in Plover and the Waupaca County line.

Project information

We are proposing to improve nearly 16 miles of WIS 54.

The need for the project is defined by the poor condition of the existing asphalt pavement that has a large amount of cracking. Many of the existing metal culvert pipes are rusting due to the corrosive soils and not conveying water effectively. Existing guardrail systems are damaged or leaning and are near the end of their useful lives. Several areas of curb and gutter and flumes at intersections are broken or do not provide positive drainage.

Proposed improvements include:

- Removing 3.5 inches of existing asphalt and paving 3.75 inches of new hot-mixed asphalt (HMA) surface
- Replacing existing metal culvert pipes with concrete pipes
- Evaluating existing guardrail systems for removal or replacement
- Repair and/or replace intersection curb and gutter and flumes as needed

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

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in spring 2029 and be complete in late summer 2029.

During construction, WIS 54 will be closed to through traffic. The project is anticipating to be constructed under a detour for through traffic. Access to residences and businesses will be maintained for local traffic and emergency service vehicles. During culvert work, there may be short periods of time where the road is open with a gravel surface immediately at the culvert location.

Real estate

Strip real estate acquisition in the form of Temporary Limited Easements (TLE) would be purchased from adjacent property owners to accommodate the proposed improvements. A real estate acquisition professional will contact affected landowners in spring 2026.

Project update/next steps

Public involvement	Sept. 24 to Oct. 24, 2025
Environmental document	November 2025
Preliminary plans	December 2025
Final plans	May 2027
Construction currently scheduled	Summer 2029 (could be as early as Summer 2028)

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 **Oct. 24, 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
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis54portagewaupaca/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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

For more information, please contact:

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Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form

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