

# Public Involvement

**WIS 70  
County H to US 45 North  
Vilas County**

**Project ID: 9080-14-02**



**Public Comment Period: June 18, 2020 to July 14, 2020**

**Public involvement will be held online based on 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 meeting items are available on the design website at:  
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis70vilas/default.aspx>**

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

## Purpose

The objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, and real estate needs along WIS 70 between County H and US 45 north.

## Purpose and need for roadway improvements

The WIS 70 pavement is showing signs of deterioration. The existing pavement was last resurfaced in the late 1990's. 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 70 include:

- Deteriorating pavement and curb and gutter.
- Roadway drainage infrastructure is deteriorating.
- Existing curb ramps do not meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.
- Pavement markings do not contain high intensity reflectivity and have faded over time decreasing safe visibility for motorists.
- Poor drainage and erosion issues in the wayside/boat landing located southeast of the WIS 17/ 70 intersection.
- The WIS 17/ 70 intersection layout will be evaluated to reduce crashes.
- Evaluation of the existing driving lanes between WIS 17 and US 45 north for a reduction of four lanes to three lanes to reduce crashes.



## Proposed improvements

- Mill and overlay of the asphaltic pavement.
- Replacement of deteriorated curb and gutter.
- Spot inlet and drainage repairs to address deterioration.
- Upgrade curb ramps to ADA standards.
- New pavement markings.
- Improve drainage in the wayside/boat landing located southeast of the WIS 17/70 intersection.
- Perform island and pavement marking improvements at the WIS 17/70 intersection.
- Evaluating the lane configuration between WIS 17 and US 45 north for a reduction of four lanes to three lanes.

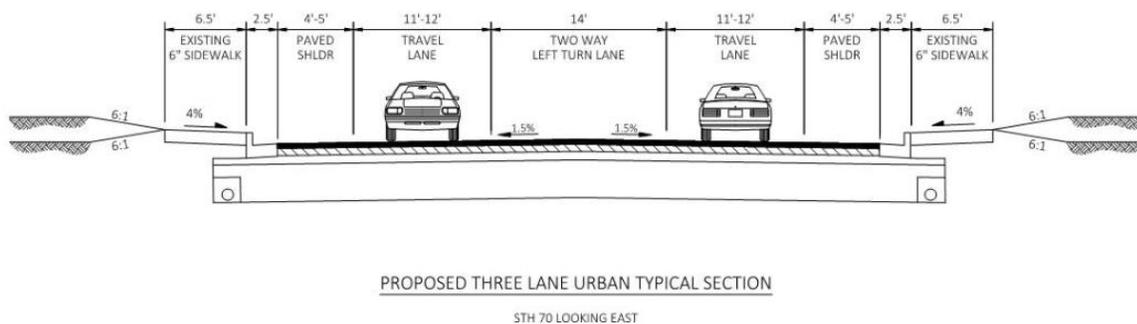
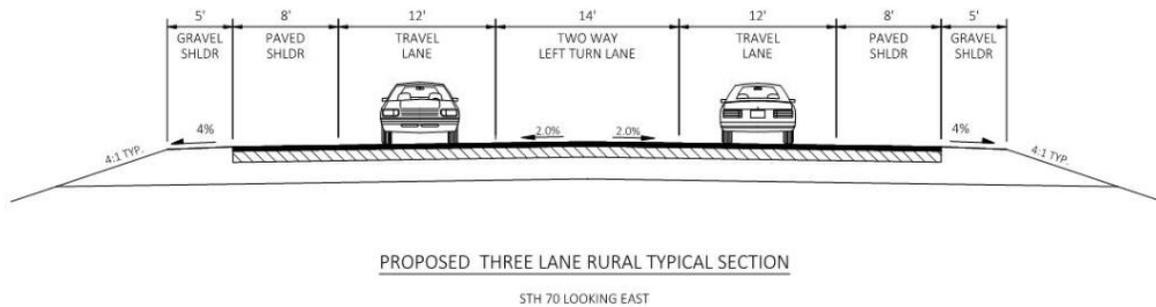


**Deteriorated pavement and curb and gutter along WIS 70**

## Lane configuration alternatives

Lane configuration alternatives are being considered along this segment of WIS 70 as follows:

- A four-lane alternative would look just like the existing roadway today. There would be no changes to the existing lanes or shoulders.
- A three-lane configuration would consist of a center two way turn lane, one travel lane in each direction and a paved shoulder. The three-lane configuration would be similar to the configuration constructed last year on the WIS 70 segment just east of US 45 north. These types of lane reductions have safety and operational benefits for vehicles as well as bicycles, pedestrians and snowmobiles. Three lanes tend to reduce crash rates, especially for left turns and rear ends.



## 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 at some of the curb ramp locations.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website. Real estate acquisition is expected to begin in fall 2020. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners.

## Access modifications

Curb typically does not exist at active driveway entrances. There are six existing locations where curb does not exist but does not lead to an apparent driveway entrance. In order to improve roadway drainage, the curb will be replaced in these areas with full height curb.

## Proposed traffic impacts

An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2022. It is anticipated work will be staged around local events and holidays. Motorists can expect to encounter daily flagging operations, single lane and shoulder closures during construction.

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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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Preliminary plans            | December 2020            |
| • Local official meetings      | May 2020                 |
| • Public involvement event     | June 2020                |
| • Final environmental document | July 2020                |
| • Final right of way plat      | September 2020           |
| • Right of way acquisition     | Fall 2020 to Spring 2021 |
| • Final plans                  | August 2021              |
| • Construction                 | Summer/Fall 2022         |

## Project design website

Access the following materials on the project design website:

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis70vilas/default.aspx>

## Public input/comments

Please forward your comments/input by **July 14, 2020**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail it to WisDOT
2. Complete the fillable online survey on the project [website](https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis70vilas/default.aspx):  
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis70vilas/default.aspx>
3. Or email comments or questions to the contact listed below

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. 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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