

# Public Involvement

**WIS 97  
Marshfield – Stratford  
Northridge Street to Reflection Street  
Marathon County**

**Project ID: 6380-00-32**



**Public Comment Period:  
October 1, 2020 to October 30, 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/wis97marsh/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 97 between Marshfield and Stratford.

## Purpose and need for roadway improvements

The WIS 97 pavement is showing signs of deterioration. The pavement was originally constructed in 1968 and resurfaced previously with the last asphaltic resurfacing occurring in 2010. 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 97, include:

- Deteriorating pavement with cracking and rutting present
- Deteriorating guardrails, cattle passes, and culverts
- Deterioration on the bridge over the Little Eau Pleine River located near County T
- Ongoing run-off-the-road crashes throughout the project
- Ongoing crashes at the County AAA/Galvin Avenue, Stadt Avenue, and the County C (east) intersections



## Proposed improvements

- Pavement resurfacing by removing the top layer of asphalt and replacing it with a new top layer of asphalt with centerline rumble strips
- Guardrail replacements
- Replacement of deteriorated drainage culverts and cattle passes with new drainage culverts
- Repairs on the bridge over the Little Eau Pleine River
- Shoulder paving with widening from three feet to five feet and adding rumble strips to improve safety
- Intersection modifications to aid in reducing crashes at the County AAA/Galvin Avenue, Staadt Avenue, and County C (east) intersections

## 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 intersection 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 winter 2021. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners.

## Proposed traffic impacts

An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2022. It is anticipated work would begin after the Independence Day holiday. Motorists can expect to encounter daily flagging operations and single lane closures during construction. Temporary signals are proposed during work on the Little Eau Pleine River bridge near County T.

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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| • Local official meeting           | January 2018               |
| • Concept plans                    | February 2020              |
| • Safety funding approval          | June 2020                  |
| • Local official meeting           | September 2020             |
| • Public involvement               | October 2020               |
| • Preliminary plans                | October 2020               |
| • Environmental document           | October 2020               |
| • Right of way plat                | Winter 2021                |
| • Real estate negotiations         | Winter 2021 to spring 2022 |
| • Final plans                      | February 2022              |
| • Construction currently scheduled | Summer/fall 2022           |

## Project design website

Access the following materials on the project design website:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis97marsh/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 **October 30, 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/wis97marsh/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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