# **Public Involvement Handout**

# US 10 Reedsville – Manitowoc East Village Limits – Branch River Manitowoc County

Project ID: 1500-33-71



**Handout Date: February 2023** 

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at <a href="https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/us10pass/default.aspx">https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/us10pass/default.aspx</a>

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

#### Purpose of handout

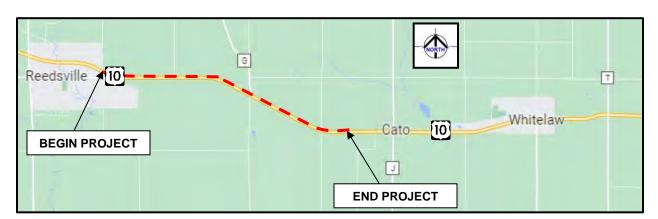
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on four miles of US 10 in Manitowoc County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

#### **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 and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout, as well as on the project website, is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the proposed improvements. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the pre-paid mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to the contact listed below.

#### **Project location**

The project is located on US 10 between the villages of Reedsville and Whitelaw. The project is located in the municipalities of Maple Grove, Rockland, Franklin, and Cato in Manitowoc County.

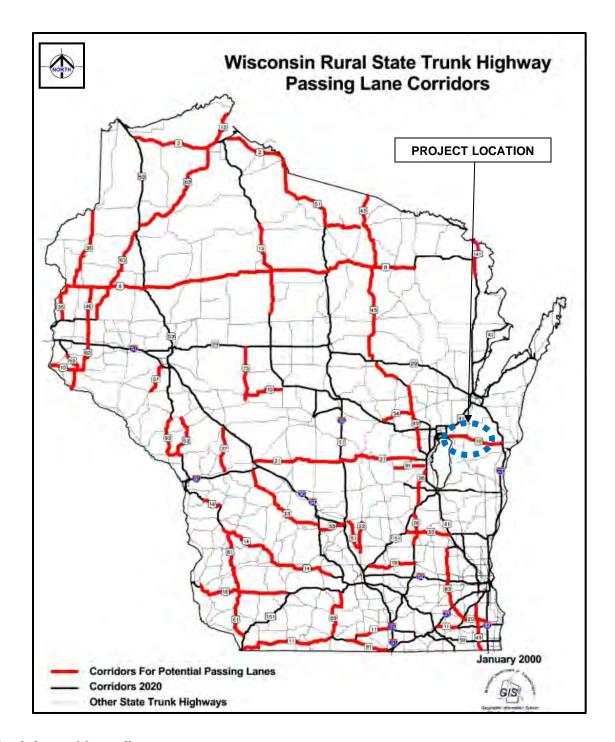


(US 10 Project Limits)

#### Project purpose and need

US 10 is an important east-west route serving local commuters as well as regional and interstate traffic. US 10 is also a high-volume truck route with approximately 22% of the daily traffic on US 10 consisting of trucks. US 10 is a two-lane roadway and because of the high truck volumes, there are limited opportunities for passing along this section of US 10.

US 10 is a state designated route for consideration of passing lanes through WisDOT's statewide corridor planning initiatives because of the truck volumes and roadway alignment (see map on following page).



### **Anticipated benefits**

The proposed project will improve safety and traffic operational conditions during passing movements.

#### **Proposed improvements**

This is a construction project to improve passing opportunities between Reedsville and Whitelaw. Proposed improvements include:

- Construction of 2-miles of an eastbound passing lane between Manitowoc Street/Pleasant View Road and County G.
- Construction of 2-miles of a westbound passing lane between County G and Fritsch Lane
- Reconstruction of short sections of Rocky Ledge Lane, Menchalville Road, and Fritsch Lane to match the new passing lanes.
- Installation of new signing and pavement marking in the passing lanes.

#### **Traffic impacts**

- Construction is currently scheduled for 2024.
  - o Work is anticipated to occur between May and October.
- US 10 will remain open to traffic during construction.
  - Motorists can expect to encounter lane shifts and flagging operations.
- WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses when working directly in front of your driveway to coordinate daily access.

#### Schedule

Initial design and planning for pavement and passing lane improvements was completed between 2013 and 2018. The pavement improvements were constructed in 2018 and the passing lane plans were shelved until funding was available to complete construction. The initial design phase and current design phase schedules are shown below.

#### Initial Design Phase Tasks (2013 - 2018)

•	Local official meeting	June 2014
•	Public involvement meeting	July 2014
•	Local official meeting	March 2016
•	Public involvement meeting	April 2016
•	Real estate acquisition for passing lanes	Completed in 2017
•	Completion of shelf plans for passing lanes	August 2018
•	Construction of pavement resurfacing project	2018

#### Current Design Phase Tasks (2022 – 2024)

•	Design updates	Fall 2022 to Summer 2023
•	Additional real estate acquisition for passing lanes	Fall 2022 to Summer 2023
•	Local official meeting	January 2023
•	Public involvement meeting	February 2023
•	Environmental document update	March 2023
•	Final plans for passing lanes	August 2023
•	Construction of passing lanes currently scheduled	2024

#### Real estate

All permanent right of way previously acquired to accommodate the passing lanes in 2017. Temporary easements will be required at spot locations for blending of slopes and matching driveways. WisDOT Real Estate Section representatives contacted affected property owners in fall 2022 and acquisition of the necessary easements will be completed in 2023.

#### **Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program**

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones or impacted by detour routes have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to business, organizations and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. It includes promotional examples, case studies and a specially-designed Business Coordination Guide with information on:

- Planning ahead
- Staying informed
- Keeping customers informed
- Tips for businesses

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at <a href="https://www.wisconsindot.gov/Together">www.wisconsindot.gov/Together</a>

#### Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them by the comment date to be consider during design.

- 1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to WisDOT.
- 2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.
- 3. Call the contact below.

#### **Project contact**

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## **WisDOT Highway Project Public Comment Form**

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Please place this form in the comment box or mail by March 9, 2023 to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to <a href="maileo-bright: Brian.Haen@dot.wi.gov">Brian.Haen@dot.wi.gov</a>. 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:	
Daytime Phone Number (optional):	
Email Address (optional):	
Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)	

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail 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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