

# Public Involvement Handout

**WIS 32/57**  
**WIS 96 to Cook Street**  
**Brown County**

Project ID: 4085-65-00

**WIS 32/57**  
**Cook Street to Merrill Street**  
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Project ID: 4085-65-01



**Handout date: June 2024**

This handout and other items are available on the project design website at:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/3257brdepere/default.aspx>

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

## Purpose of the handout

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on 8.1 miles of WIS 32/57 in Brown 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.

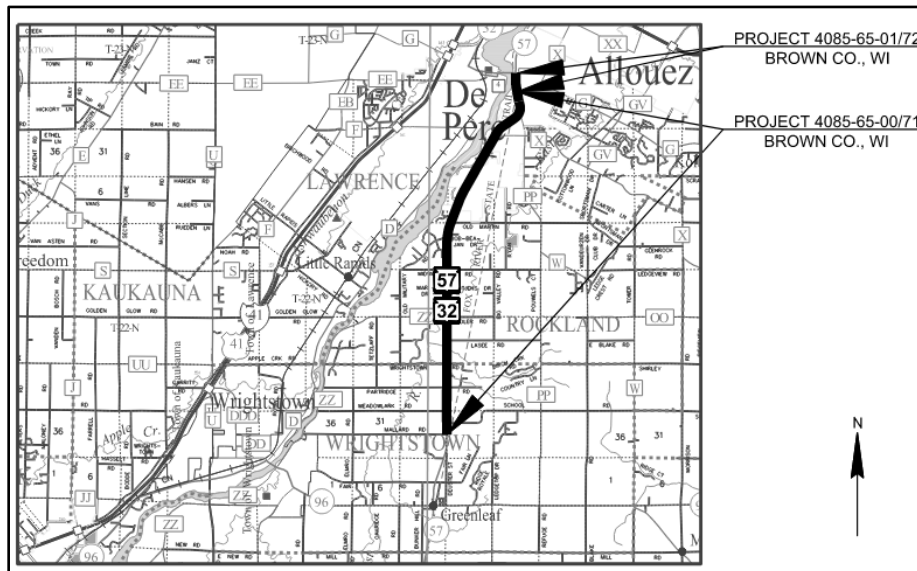
## Public input/comments

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 any of the contacts listed below.

## Project location

WIS 32/57 from Mallard Road in the town of Wrightstown to Merrill Street in the city of De Pere, Brown County. Improvements are split into two sections, each identified by a unique Project ID.

- 7.7 miles of WIS 32/57 between Mallard Road and Cook Street in the towns of Wrightstown, Rockland, and Ledgeview and the city of De Pere (Project ID 4085-65-00)
- 0.4 miles of WIS 32/57 between Cook Street and Merrill Street in the city of De Pere (Project ID 4085-65-01)



## Project purpose and need

The purpose of the project is to extend the roadway's service life by addressing the aging pavement and drainage structures on WIS 32/57 and upgrading other roadway deficiencies. The existing pavement was last resurfaced in 2007 and is showing signs of cracking.

Additionally, several culvert pipes are in need of repair or replacement. The existing beam guard and pedestrian curb ramps also need to be upgraded to meet current design standards and improve safety.

### Anticipated benefits

The proposed improvements would provide motorists with a smoother riding surface resulting in less wear on vehicles, extend the life of pavement, and decrease maintenance costs. In addition, safety for motorists would be improved through the replacement of substandard beam guard, the addition of centerline and shoulder rumble strips, widened paved shoulders, and new pavement markings. Safety for pedestrians would be improved with the addition of sidewalk and upgraded curb ramps.

### Proposed improvements

The following improvements are proposed to address the project needs:

- Resurfacing the asphalt pavement
- Widening the paved shoulder to 5 feet and installing signed centerline and shoulder rumble strips between Mallard Road and County X.
- Replacing substandard beam guard to current design standards to maintain safe roadside conditions.
- Upgrading curb ramps that do not meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards to ensure better accessibility for all residents.
- Replace or repair culvert pipes and storm sewer structures to re-establish proper drainage
- Constructing new sidewalk from Cook Street to Bomier Street on the east side of WIS 32/57

### Traffic impacts

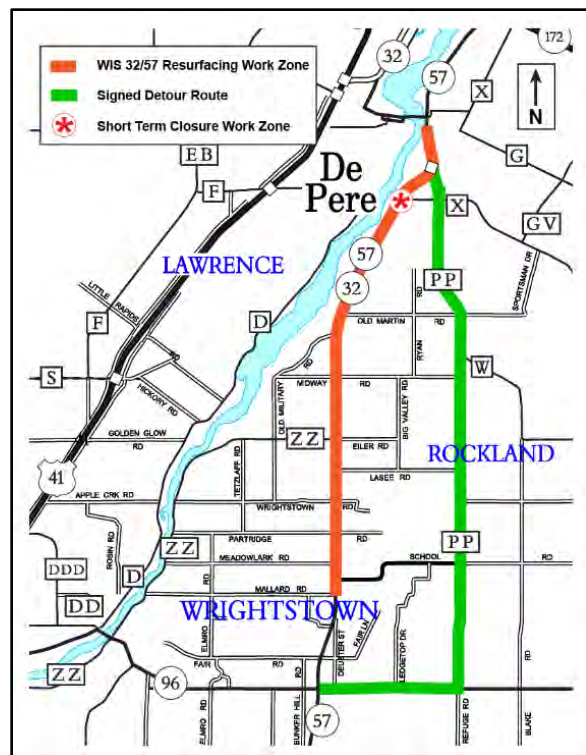
Construction is scheduled to begin in 2027.

A short-term detour is anticipated for milling and paving operations through the County X roundabout. The proposed detour route will follow County PP to WIS 96. The remainder of the work on WIS 32/57 will be completed under traffic using temporary lane closures managed by flagging operations.

Local access to businesses and residences will be maintained during construction. Temporary pedestrian facilities will be in place during curb ramp construction to maintain pedestrian access.

### Schedule

- Local officials meeting: May 2024
- Public involvement meeting: June 2024
- Environmental document: August 2024
- Complete project design: August 2026
- Construction currently scheduled in 2027



## **Real estate**

Additional right of way will not be required for this project. Areas of temporary easements may be required to accommodate the proposed improvements.

## **Section 4(f) Property**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has regulations governing the use of land from publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and public or private historic sites. These sites are called Section 4(f) properties. The city of De Pere Wells Park, which is adjacent to the project, is a Section 4(f) property. As a result of easements necessary for the construction of a pedestrian curb ramp, WisDOT intends to make an exception to Section 4(f) determination.

## **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 [www.wisconsin.gov/Together](http://www.wisconsin.gov/Together).

Note: Businesses impacted by highway closures and detours will have an opportunity for temporary business signage during construction.

## **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 considered 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.

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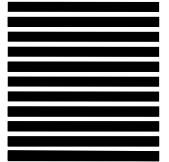
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