

WIS 23 corridor preservation Sheboygan County

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Mission statement:

To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.

Included in this issue:

- Plan overview
- Goal and objectives
- Sheboygan County plan
- Study location map
- Public involvement



Plan has long-range focus

WisDOT to study need for freeway designation

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has begun a study to identify the existing and anticipated future roadway conditions along the WIS 23 corridor.

WIS 23 serves as a main thoroughfare between Fond du Lac and Sheboygan. As the communities along this segment of roadway continue to grow and develop, WisDOT anticipates that traffic and demand for access to businesses and residences along will also increase. Although **no construction is scheduled at this time**, it is important to preserve the right of way to avoid costly future acquisitions as the development continues in the corridor.

The right of way preservation plan will focus on 10 miles of WIS 23 from County P west of Plymouth to WIS 32 in Sheboygan Falls.

Public input and involvement will be vital to the success of this right of way preservation effort (**Page 3**).



During the next two years, WisDOT will develop a plan to preserve the right of way along WIS 23 in Sheboygan County.

Goal and objectives

Goal:

Preserve the public investment in WIS 23 by planning for long-term mobility and safety.

Objectives:

- 1. Map right of way for future construction improvements:**
 - Future interchange locations
 - Future grade separation locations
 - Local road system modifications
 - Existing multi-modal facility changes
 - Prepare conceptual plans for future improvements
- 2. Avoid/minimize local impacts:**
 - Existing homes and businesses
 - Farm operations
 - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- 3. Avoid/minimize impacts to:**
 - Wetlands
 - Endangered/threatened species
 - Archaeological and historic sites
- 4. Work in collaboration with local officials, business owners and residents.**



Project team will analyze existing and future needs of Sheboygan County highway



WisDOT is dedicated to keeping the public involved throughout each step of the study process.

As part of the freeway designation and right of way preservation efforts in Sheboygan County, the project team will identify future needs along the WIS 23 corridor. WisDOT will work with communities to identify the locations of future interchanges, local road modifications and any changes needed to existing multi-modal facilities.

The preservation project team will prepare a report that outlines recommendations, followed by preliminary plans and an environmental impact assessment.

Major steps in preparing the preservation plan in Sheboygan County include:

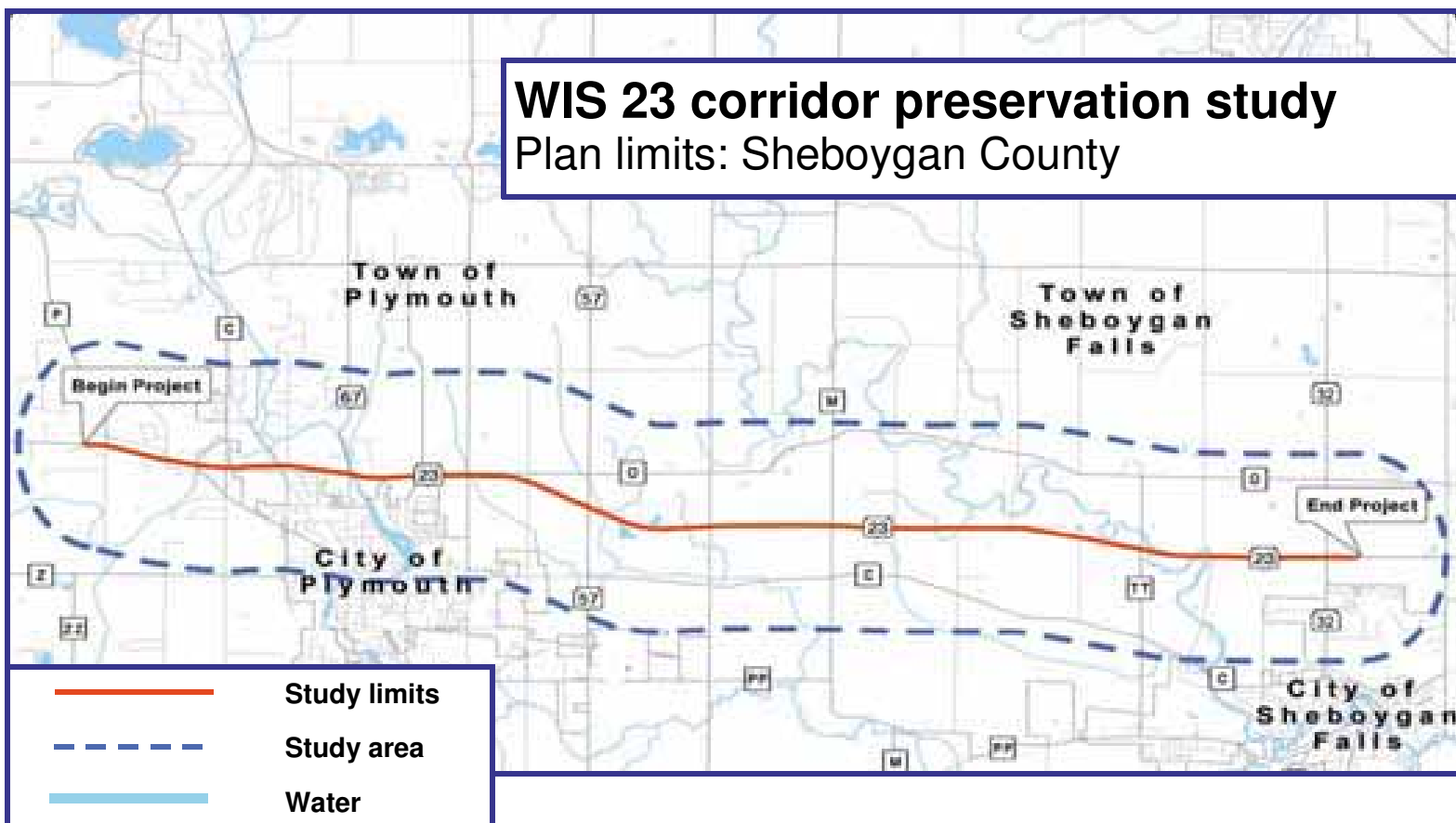
- Gathering existing data on conditions within the corridor such as demographics, economics and information about existing land use and transportation facilities.
- Determining future land use, travel demand and corridor improvement needs.
- Analyzing future improvements in relation to cost, community impacts and environmental impacts.
- Preparing an economic impact analysis of the alternatives based on public outreach.



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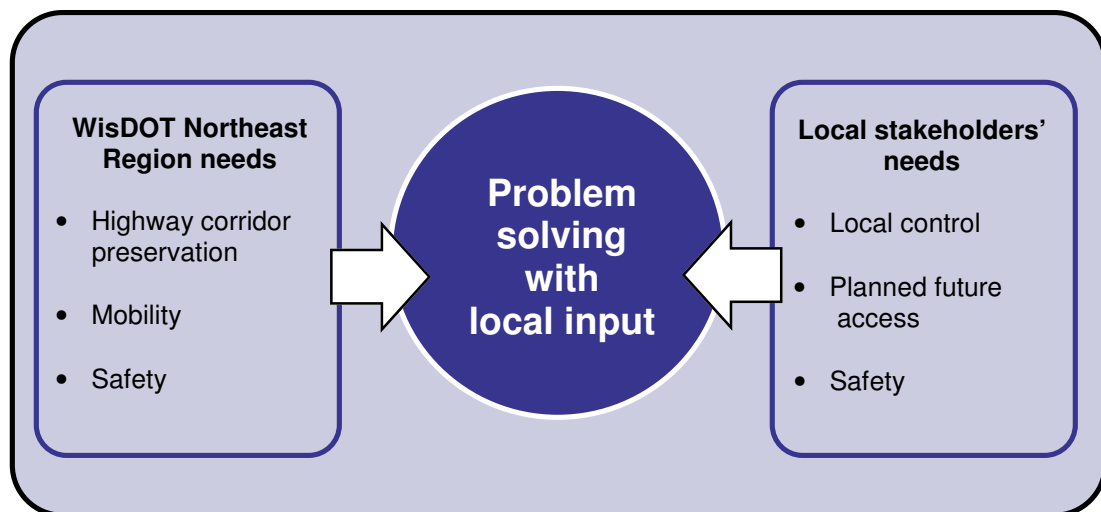
Your input and involvement is important to ensure that the WIS 23 corridor will meet the current and future needs of your community.

A public information meeting will be held in late summer or early fall to discuss the corridor preservation plan. The date and location will be announced in area newspapers. Contact any of the WisDOT representatives listed on page 1 with questions or comments.



Public involvement has crucial role in success of plan

WisDOT will maintain an open dialogue with local stakeholders during development of the WIS 23 preservation study. Public information meetings, locally held small-group meetings, newsletters and other communications tools will help keep residents informed about the plans progress. WisDOT will also meet with local elected officials and community planners to learn more about the long-range planning goals of each individual community.



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Preservation plan timeline

Development of the WIS 23 corridor preservation plan is expected to last approximately two years. Milestones in the plans development are shown below.

	Activity	Spring 2008	Summer 2008	Fall	Winter 2008	Spring 2009	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Winter 2009
Phase one Corridor study	Public information meeting								
	Develop design alternatives								
	Evaluate alternatives								
Phase two Preliminary engineering and environmental assessment	Right of way determined								
	Right of way mapping								
	Environmental assessment								
	Public hearing								