

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS AND
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF
WISCONSIN STATE HIGHWAY 29
BETWEEN SHAWANO AND GREEN BAY
BROWN and OUTAGAMIE COUNTIES**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will hold a public hearing as provided by law to consider the environmental aspects of the proposed improvement of Wisconsin State Highway 29, between Shawano and Green Bay, including those aspects that may require application to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for the placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

The purpose of the project is to address the safety and mobility for traffic along Wisconsin State Highway 29 between Shawano and Green Bay. The preferred alternative includes the following improvements:

- Removal of the existing Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) intersection at County VV
- Construction of a diamond interchange at County VV
- Realignment of Milltown Road
- Connection from County VV to North Overland Road
- Removal of access to WIS 29 from County U

Further information concerning the proposed improvement is available for inspection and copying at the Department's Northeast Region Office in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the address given below. Information can also be viewed online at:

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

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Green Bay Campus, 2740 West Mason Street (Entrance 9), Green Bay. The public hearing will be conducted from 6 to 8 P.M. Interested persons may attend anytime between 6 to 8 P.M. to review displays and other hearing materials, ask questions, and provide testimony.

The traditional-style portion of the public hearing will begin at 6:30 P.M. and will end when all interested persons have provided testimony or 8 P.M., whichever occurs first. The traditional-style portion of the public hearing will begin with an informational project presentation prior to accepting traditional-style testimony from the public.

There will be opportunities to provide private verbal testimony before a court reporter and/or written comments throughout the hearing.

To allow for arranging assistance for special accommodations needed to participate, please contact the project manager no later than three working days prior to the public hearing. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711).

WisDOT project staff will be available for informal discussion to explain the proposed improvements and answer questions. Exhibits of the proposal will be on display and a statement about the proposed improvement will be available for review.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and to present relevant verbal and/or written testimony concerning the environmental and design aspects of the proposed improvement; the establishment of approximate locations and widths of rights-of-way necessary for the proposed

improvement; the social, economic, and environmental impacts and effects of the proposed improvement, including those impacts and effects for which permit application to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers may be required pursuant to Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act; and whether the improvement is or is not in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of area planning.

Land acquisition and schedules for construction will be discussed at the public hearing. There will be no future relocation of persons or businesses as a result of the proposed improvement.

Provisions have been made for the submission of written statements or other exhibits in place of or in addition to the testimony presented at the public hearing. This additional testimony will be included in the hearing record if postmarked no later than June 17, 2019. Mail this additional testimony to the project manager contact listed below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of a Draft Environmental Report that evaluates the proposal's impacts and effects which has been prepared and filed according to the State and National Environmental Policy Acts. This document indicates that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of this improvement. The Draft Environmental Report is available for inspection and copying at the following locations:

Northeast Region Office*
Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
944 Vanderperren Way
Green Bay, WI 54304

Bureau of Technical Services*
Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
4822 Madison Yards Way, 5th Floor
Madison, WI 53705

*Printed copies of the draft document may be obtained at these locations. There may be a charge for this service. An online copy can be viewed at the project website:

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

Persons with an interest in or knowledge about historical and archaeological resources in the project area are invited to present such information at the public hearing.

Comments regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the proposed improvements will be addressed in the final environmental document if postmarked/received no later than June 17, 2019. Written comments on the Draft Environmental Report should be sent via U.S. mail or e-mail to the WisDOT contact person listed below.

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The Department of Transportation will review all comments and testimony presented as part of this public hearing process and reserves the right to make a final determination on the proposed improvements as described in this notice.

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