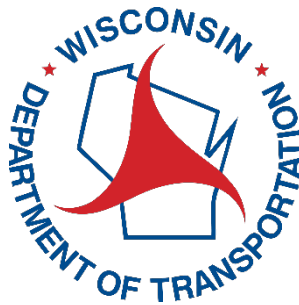


# **Public Involvement Meeting Handout**

**US 10 and WIS 25 North Intersection  
Ellsworth to Durand  
Pepin County**

**Project ID: 1530-05-05**



**5 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6, 2023  
Durand City Hall, Community Room**

**Purpose of the meeting**

Welcome to the public involvement meeting to discuss improvements at the intersection of US 10 and north leg of WIS 25 in the Pepin County town of Waubeek west of Durand.

The objectives for tonight's meeting are to:

- Review the purpose and need for the project.
- Obtain your input on the proposed improvements.
- Share the current project schedule.

Please take this opportunity to exchange information helpful to our mutual understanding of the proposed project and its potential impacts. You are encouraged to talk with project staff, view the exhibits and comment on the proposed improvements. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) appreciates your participation and comments regarding this project.

The meeting will follow an open-house format with a brief presentation at 5 p.m.

## **Project information**

US 10 at its intersection with the north leg of WIS 25 is experiencing high crash rates with the existing intersection control.

WisDOT is proposing to convert the intersection to a roundabout to reduce the overall number and severity of crashes at the intersection. Between 2016 and 2020, the intersection had 11 crashes. Of those crashes, eight involved injuries, and the remaining three were property damage only.

WisDOT completed a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding application and received funds to address the current crashes at the intersection. HSIP funds highway safety projects at sites that have experienced a high crash history. The overall objective of HSIP is to develop and implement stand-alone safety projects designed to reduce the number and severity of crashes on all streets and highways (state and local).

The existing intersection is stop controlled. Due to the type of crashes at the intersection and the semi-rural area of the intersection, three alternatives were considered in addition to a no build alternative:

1. Roundabout
2. Traffic signal
3. All-way stop control (AWSC)

### **Traffic signal alternative**

This alternative was not considered viable as the intersection does not meet WisDOT signal warrants/ requirements for installing traffic signals, and there is not an existing side-street delay issue. Additionally, the eastbound left-turn lane would likely have to be a "protected only" phase to reduce the left-turn crash issues, which would ultimately increase delay for the eastbound left-turn movements.

"Protected-only" phasing consists of providing a separate phase for left-turning traffic and allowing left turns to be made only on a green left arrow signal indication, with no pedestrian movement or vehicular traffic conflicting with the left turn.

### **All-way stop control (AWSC) alternative**

This alternative was eliminated from consideration as the intersection does not meet WisDOT's AWSC criteria for traffic volumes during an eight-hour period.

### **Roundabout alternative (preferred)**

WisDOT is proposing to install a single-lane roundabout at the intersection. The roundabout alternative would maintain efficient traffic flow through the intersection and reduce the severity of crashes at the intersection, particularly the eastbound left-turn crashes. For these reasons, the roundabout is the preferred alternative at this intersection.

As part of the roundabout design, a six- to 10-foot concrete sidewalk around the roundabout would be included for pedestrian and bike safety through the intersection. Sidewalks do not exist along US 10 and WIS 25 North through the project currently. The sidewalk is proposed as part of the project for future development around the area.

### **US 10 (WIS 25 North intersection) project location map**



### **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2026.

During construction, US 10 and WIS 25 North will remain open to two-way traffic with staged construction and temporary widening to accommodate traffic. However, lane closures controlled by flagging operations might be necessary at times.

Local and emergency access will be maintained to homes and businesses. If any temporary driveway closures are necessary during construction, WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance. Specific access needs can be communicated with the design team now or with the Department's field representatives during construction.

### **Real estate**

Temporary and permanent right-of-way acquisition might be required to reconstruct the intersection. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in 2024.

## Project update/next steps

- Environmental document signed Spring 2024
- Begin real estate acquisitions August 2024
- Complete final plans August 2025
- Anticipated construction Summer 2026

## Project website Information

The presentation, displays and other documents from tonight's meeting will be placed on the WisDOT website at the following location:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/us10wis25/default.aspx>

## Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before **Jan. 2, 2024**, or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also email your comments to the contact listed below.

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.

For more information, please contact:

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