

# Virtual Public Involvement Presentation Handout

US 12  
Hudson – Baldwin  
County U to West Junction WIS 65  
St. Croix County

Project IDs: 8949-02-61/62



**Virtual Presentation**

**August 2020**

**Rather than holding an in-person meeting, public involvement efforts have moved online as a precaution against COVID-19 based on the most current health information from state, federal and local health departments.**

**The Wisconsin Department of Transportation continues to review prioritization and potential alternatives for public meetings and events.**

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

**<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/us12scc/default.aspx>**

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

## Purpose of the presentation

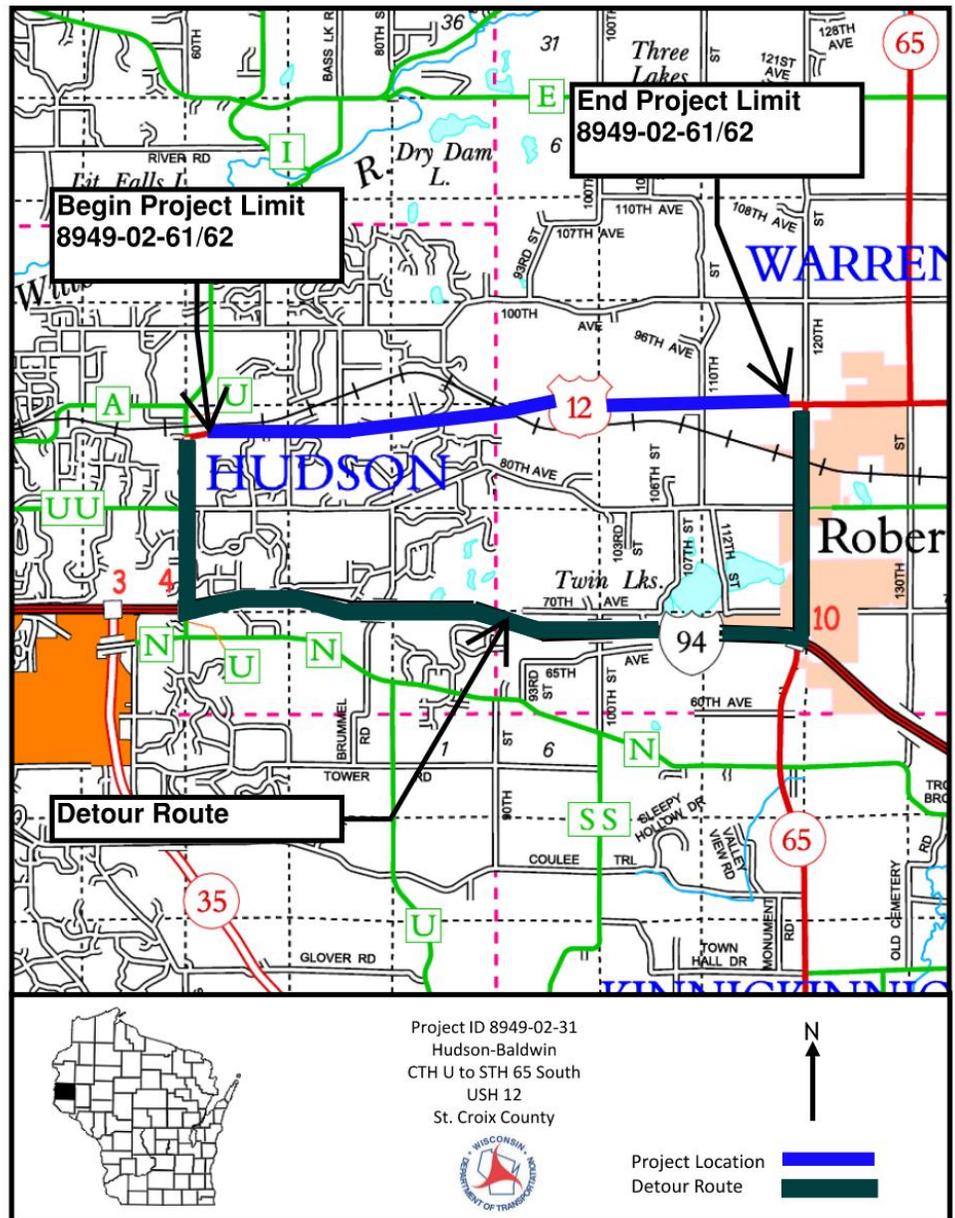
WisDOT is proposing to improve 5.2 miles of US 12 from County U to WIS 65 in the St. Croix County towns of Hudson and Warren. The purpose of this presentation is to present the proposed project to you.

## Purpose and need for the roadway improvements

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the deteriorating condition of the pavement and drainage structures along US 12 to provide motorists with a highway that both meets safety standards and provides a high level of service.

The project aims to extend the roadway's service life. In its current state, existing pavement on US 12 exhibits signs of deterioration in the form of alligator, longitudinal and transverse cracking, along with rutting in the wheel paths. In addition, the existing drainage structures are in decay, the existing beam guard is in poor condition, and the existing paved shoulders are narrow with adjacent drop-offs creating undesirable conditions.

If no action is taken, the pavement, drainage structures and beam guard will continue deteriorate, the road's ride quality will continue to worsen, and the narrow shoulders will remain. This stretch of US 12 was last addressed with a project in 1997.



## Recommended improvements include

- Resurfacing US 12 by milling the existing asphalt and overlaying it with asphalt pavement
- Replacing and cleaning out culverts
- Addressing all beam guard locations by either removing or replacing
- Widening the paved shoulder
- Installing centerline and shoulder rumble strips
- Replacing concrete approaches and adding flumes to bridge structure B-55-0076 west of Alexander Road over the railroad tracks
- Replacing pavement marking

Maintaining the existing roadway surface and features is no longer cost effective, and these improvements are warranted to maintain a safe travel way for the traveling public along US 12.

## Proposed traffic impacts

Construction of US 12 is proposed to take one construction season, anticipated to be from June - October 2021.

During construction, US 12 will be detoured to through traffic. The detour will follow US 12, I-94, and WIS 65, see map above for illustrated detour. US 12 will be open to access businesses and residences within the project limits.

Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

## Real estate

Right of way and temporary easements are required at various locations throughout the project for roadway fill and ditch grading, as well as culvert replacements. Right-of-way impacts are shown on the right-of-way plat located on the project site. WisDOT began real estate acquisition in June 2020.

## Project update/next steps

The project is in the final stages of design and the project schedule is as follows:

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| • Environmental Document                  | July 2019      |
| • Preliminary Plans                       | September 2019 |
| • Real estate plat                        | June 2020      |
| • Public Involvement Virtual Presentation | August 2020    |
| • Final Plans                             | November 2020  |
| • Construction                            | June 2021      |

## Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk with 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 by Aug. 21, 2020. You also can email your comments to the contacts listed below.

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