

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

City of Menomonie, Stout Road and Crescent Street
6th Street to 21st Street
US 12/WIS 29
Dunn County

Project ID: 7600-01-75



August 2020

The primary purpose and need of this project are to address the safety concerns along this segment of US 12/WIS 29 (Stout Road and Crescent Street) in the city of Menomonie. Improving the safety along this segment of roadway has been a concern for both city and WisDOT officials for some time. The growing crash rates have been one of the primary concerns and are the driving force behind this project. Between 2013 and 2019, 163 crashes were reported on this segment of roadway. In 2019, WisDOT submitted this project and was awarded funding through the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to make improvements necessary to address safety deficiencies for motorists and pedestrians.

Due to COVID-19 and guidelines prohibiting large public gatherings, public involvement meetings are being conducted virtually using online tools and methods. A project website has been created that includes a narrated presentation, project exhibits and schedule information.

Project information

WisDOT is proposing to improve approximately 1 mile of US 12/WIS 29 (Stout Road and Crescent Street) in the city of Menomonie. Proposed improvements include:

Roadway Resurfacing: The existing concrete pavement is showing signs of distress, and maintenance is needed. It is proposed to remove the surface portion of the existing concrete pavement and overlay it with a new asphalt driving surface.

Lane Reassignment: It is proposed to re-stripe the roadway as a 3-lane roadway section. This involves adding a center two-way, left-turn lane (commonly referred to as a TWLTL) down the center of the roadway and reducing the through lanes to one eastbound and one westbound lane. Safety and operation benefits associated with this include:

- Left-turning vehicles removed from flow of through traffic;
- Refuge area for pedestrians crossing US 12/WIS 29;
- Elimination of multi-lane threat condition currently present.

Bike Lanes: Between 9th and 21st streets, US 12/WIS 29 is wide enough to allow for the inclusion of dedicated bike lanes on each side of the roadway. This:

- Eliminates need for bikes and vehicles to share a lane;
- Encourages additional bike users (less vehicle traffic).

Improved Crossings: Between 14th and 15th streets and between 18th and 19th streets, improved pedestrian crossings are being proposed. Improvements may include raised median islands, warning lights, additional signing and pavement markings.

Curb Ramps:

Throughout the project, the existing curb ramps at each intersection will be evaluated to determine if they meet current ADA guidelines. Improvements will be made if not within acceptable standards.

US Highway 12 (Stout Road) location/detour map



Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2022.

No roadway closures or detours are anticipated with this project. Most work can be completed under traffic using short-term lane closures with flagging operations. It is possible that some side roads may be closed for short periods during intersection paving operations. In addition, while completing improvements to curb ramps, some short-term sidewalk closures may occur. Heavy construction work will be scheduled outside of morning and afternoon peak traffic times when possible. Construction is expected to take approximately six to eight weeks to complete depending upon weather conditions.

Real estate

Real estate impacts associated with this project will generally be limited to the areas where curb ramp construction is required. Designers will work to make the improvements with the least amount of impacts; however, it is possible that a small amount of right of way or temporary easements may be required. The real estate acquisition portion of the project is anticipated to begin in early 2021.

Project update/next steps

The project is currently in the preliminary design phase. The environmental evaluation is scheduled to be completed this fall, and the right-of-way plat is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. In 2021, real estate acquisition will begin, and final plans will be completed in August. The project is currently scheduled to be constructed in 2022.

Public input/comments

We encourage you to communicate 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 either mail any written comments or e-mail to the contacts 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.

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