



# Public Involvement US 53

## County Y to County M (Southbound)

### Douglas County

**Aug. 11, 2023 – Sept. 1, 2023**

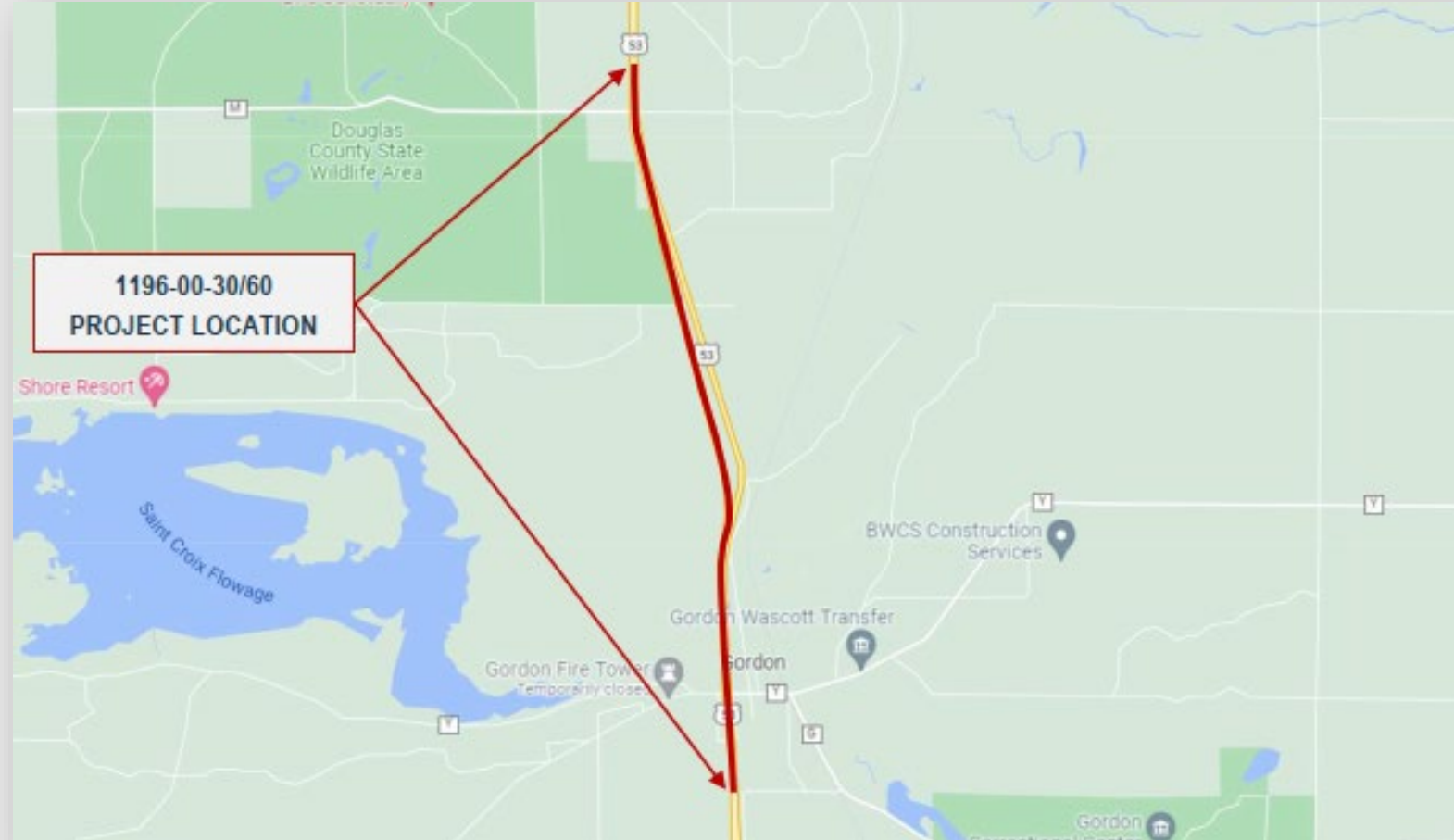
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# Purpose of Public Involvement

- Our objective is to obtain your input on the following:
  - Identified needs
  - Proposed improvements
  - Traffic control



# Project Location



# Project Needs

- The following project needs have been identified:
  - The US 53 concrete pavement is deteriorating.
  - Culvert ends are separated and leading to poor drainage.
  - Trees and brush are growing within the safety clear zone along the sides of the roadway.
  - Existing guardrail does not meet current crash standards.



# Project Information

- We are proposing to improve 3.0 miles of US 53 as follows:
  - Resurface the existing concrete pavement with new asphalt.
  - Repair concrete pavement including at the St. Croix River Bridge approach.
  - Replace and repair culverts.
  - Clear roadside brush and trees.
  - Replace guardrail.
  - Place new pavement markings.



# Project Information

- Existing concrete pavement is showing signs of deterioration.



# Project Information

- Existing culvert deficiencies will be addressed for improved drainage.



# Proposed Traffic Impacts

- Proposed traffic impacts:
  - Single-lane and shoulder closures.
  - Temporary side road closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process.
  - Local, business and emergency access will be maintained.
  - Construction currently is scheduled for the summer of 2025 and estimated to take three months to complete.





# Real Estate

- No real estate acquisition needs are expected.



# Access Modifications

- No driveway or side road access modifications along the project are planned at this time.



# Project Update/Next Steps

- Preliminary plans – February 2023
- Local official meetings – July 2023
- Public involvement – August 2023
- Environmental document – September 2023
- Final plans (early) – May 2025 (May 2024)
- Construction (early) – Summer 2026 (Summer 2025)



# Public Input & Comments

- Provide input by **Sept. 1, 2023**, by:
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