

Public Involvement Handout

US 8 MN/WI State Line to Glacier Drive (Polk County)

Project ID: (1570-00-09)



August-September 2023

Purpose of the handout

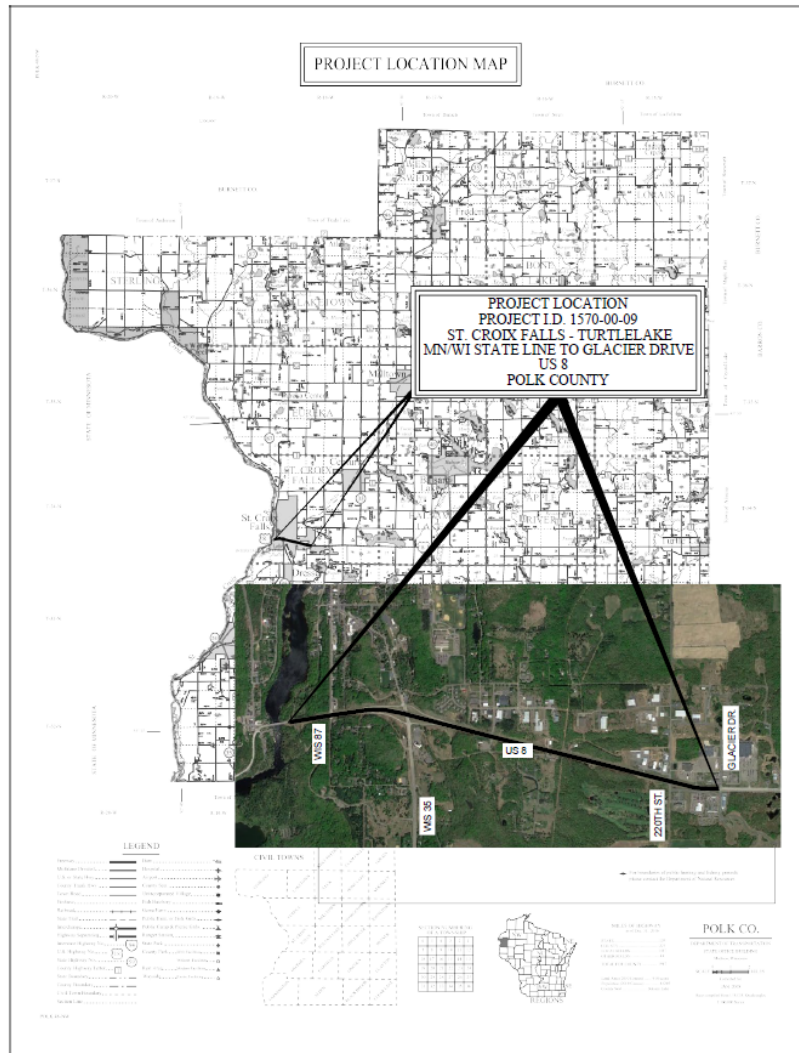
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on 2.1 miles of US 8 in Polk County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts they would have on the community and offer an opportunity for public comment.

Public Input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the travelling public as well as the needs of the local community and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout, as well as on the project website, is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the proposed improvements. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to any of the contacts listed at the end of this handout.

Project Location

US 8 from the just east of the WI/MN border to Glacier Drive in the town and city of St. Croix Falls.



Project purpose and need

The purpose of this project is to preserve the function, operation and safety of this route in the overall transportation system. The primary needs for the project are to address the deteriorating pavement structure and improve safety at the WIS 87 intersection. Secondary needs are completing minor culvert work, cleaning sediment basins, reconstructing inlets and adjusting guardrail.

Anticipated benefits

The proposed improvements will provide motorists with a smoother riding surface resulting in less wear on vehicles, extend the service life of the existing pavement and improve the safety of the WIS 87 intersection.

Proposed improvements

Proposed improvements include:

- Mill 1 inch to 1 ¾ inches of the existing asphalt and concrete pavement and overlay the roadway with new asphaltic pavement.
- Reconstruct the existing right-turn lane for westbound US 8 traffic at the WIS 87 intersection to an offset right-turn lane.
- Replace/ clean/ repair select culverts and storm sewer inlets
- Replace the existing guardrail at the Interstate Park Road overpass.
- Perform maintenance on two sedimentation ponds.
- Install new pavement marking and signing.

Traffic impacts

US 8 will remain open to traffic throughout construction using lane closures and staged construction. Access to all properties in the work zone will be maintained as feasibly possible. The ramps at the WIS 35 interchange will be closed for short periods of time during off-peak and overnight hours to mill and overlay them.

Schedule

- Environmental document – late summer/fall 2023
- Preliminary Design – late summer/fall 2023
- Final design and plans – summer 2024
- Construction: currently scheduled in 2029 (could be advanced to 2025 if funding becomes available)

Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones or impacted by detour routes have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to businesses, organizations and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. It includes promotional examples, case studies and a specially designed Business Coordination Guide with information on:

- Planning ahead
- Staying informed
- Keeping customers informed

- Tips for businesses

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at www.wisconsin.gov/Together

Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT by Sept. 14, 2023, using one of the following methods. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to WisDOT.

2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.
3. Call the contact below.

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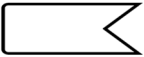
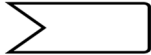
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