

WIS 13 Proposed Improvements Bayfield County

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Project Information

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- <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis13washburn/default.aspx>



Improvement Presentation Agenda

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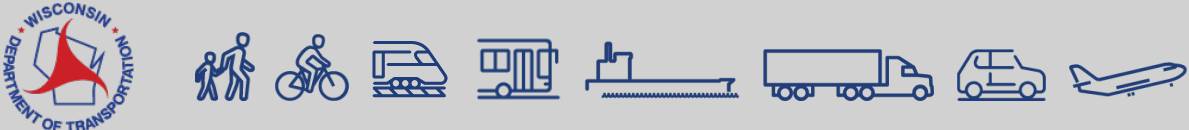


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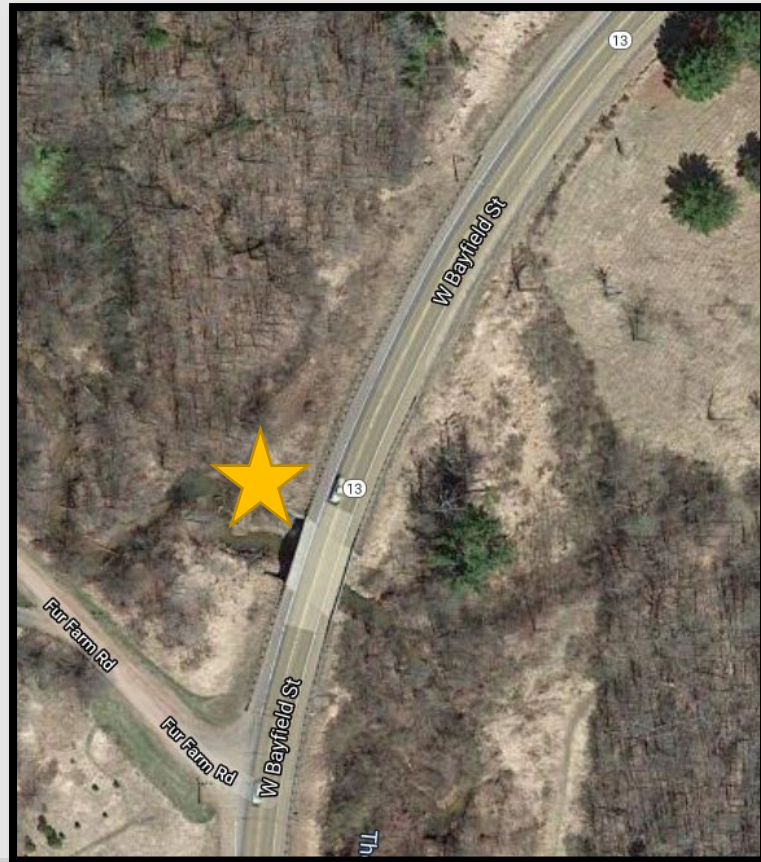
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning a reconstruction project for 1.1 mile of WIS 13 in the city of Washburn in Bayfield County.



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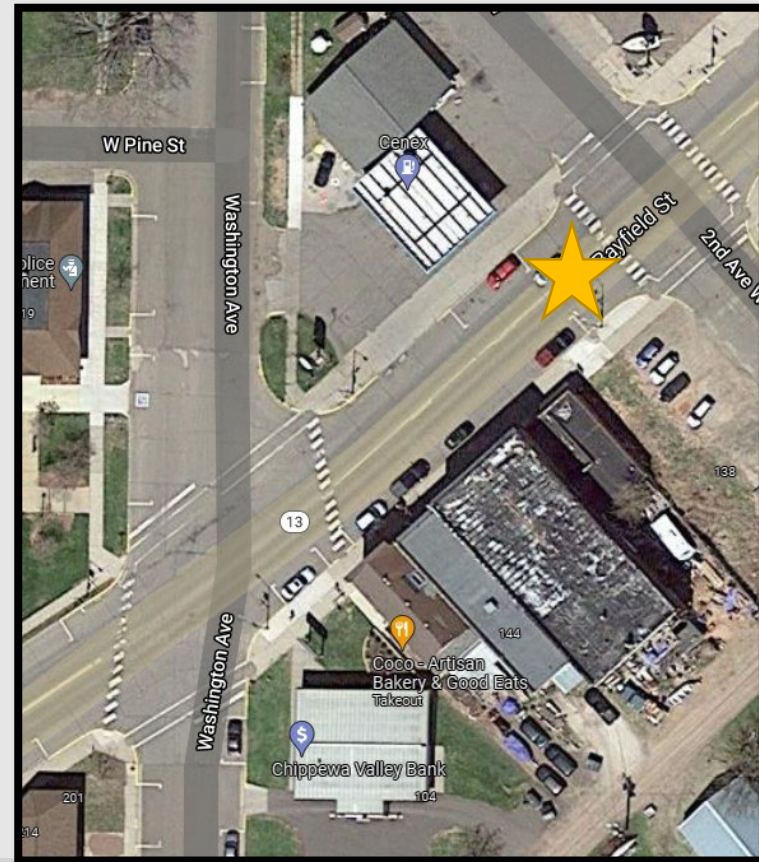
Project Start Location

Thompson Creek Bridge



Project End Location

Washington Avenue / 2nd Avenue West



Route Importance

WIS 13 is the main route from Ashland to Bayfield through the city of Washburn.

Traffic

- 7,200 vehicles per day (2018)
- 11% trucks



Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to address the deterioration of the existing roadway, aging underground utilities and substandard curb ramps to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system.

- The primary need for the project is to improve the deteriorating WIS 13 roadway surface, sidewalks and substandard curb ramps.
- A secondary need for the project is to address the aging storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water main.





Alternatives Considered

Alternative 1 - No Build

- Maintain the existing facility with no improvements other than routine maintenance.

Alternative 2 – Resurfacing

- Mill the existing asphalt pavement, place an overlay of new asphaltic pavement and perform spot concrete pavement repairs.

★ Alternative 3 – Pavement Replacement

- Replace the entire depth of pavement, base course and subbase; replace storm sewer, culvert pipes, sanitary sewer, water main; and upgrade all curb ramps.





WisDOT Recommended Alternative

Alternative 1 - No Build

- This alternative would result in continued deterioration of the roadway and hazardous travel, not address the deteriorating underground utilities and not meet the project purpose and need.

Alternative 2 – Resurfacing

- This alternative would meet the purpose and primary need but would not address secondary needs.

Alternative 3 – Pavement Replacement

- This alternative would meet the purpose and need and is preferred.



Proposed Improvements / Impacts

- Remove the existing pavement and base and replace with concrete pavement, base aggregate and subbase material.
- Replace concrete sidewalk, curb ramps, streetlights, signs and pavement markings.
- Remove and replace two culvert pipes crossing WIS 13 on the project's west end.
- Replace underground utilities, including the storm sewer, spot sanitary sewer and water main.



Proposed Improvements / Impacts

Right of way

- Permanent right of way is anticipated on the corners of intersections for pedestrian curb ramps installation, sidewalk improvements and utility service replacements.
- Temporary limited easements (TLE) also will be needed throughout the project limits for tying in roadway side slopes, installing sidewalks and restoring turf.
- The final amount of right of way to be purchased is not known at this time.
- Preliminary right-of-way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in August 2022.



Proposed Improvements / Impacts

Traffic

- During construction, the full closure of WIS 13 is proposed.
 - Small vehicle traffic would be detoured on local streets.
 - Large truck traffic would be detoured for the duration of the project on US 2 from County A to WIS 13.
- Work will be performed in two or three city block segments.
- Project staging is planned to occur in five stages.
- Each stage will take approximately 45 calendar days.
- Stages will occur in order, starting at Washington Avenue and proceeding west to Thompson Creek, and might overlap/run concurrently.





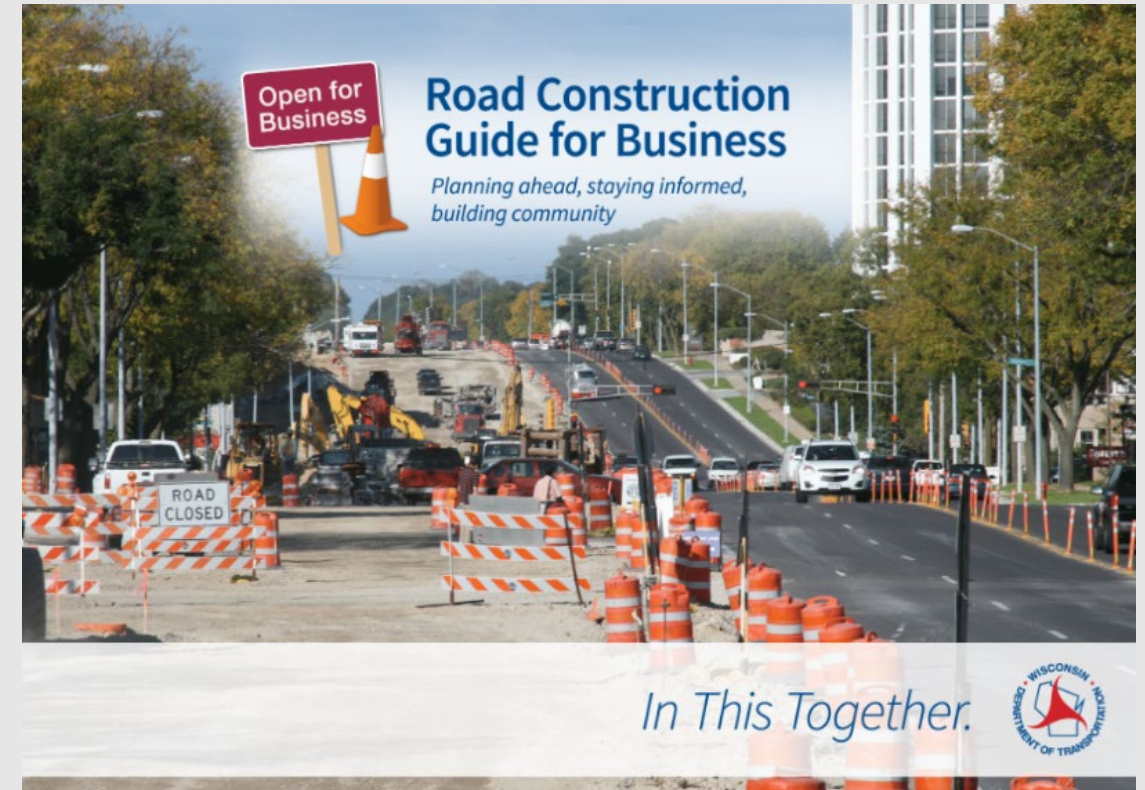
Project Timeline

- Oct. 6, 2021: Local officials and business officials meeting.
- Oct. 7, 2021: Public Information meeting.
- Oct. 28, 2021: Deadline for public comment submission.
- February 2022: Final environmental document
- Aug. 1, 2023: Submission of final plans, specifications and estimates.
- May 2024 – July 2025: Construction.



Business Coordination

- Visit wisconsin.gov/together
 - Tips, tools and resources
 - New (2021) business coordination guide
- Project team is here to help
 - What information would help you...
 - Inform customers about the project?
 - Coordinate with suppliers?
 - Communicate with employees?



Public Input

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