Public Involvement Handout

WIS 35 Luck - Siren **WIS 48 East to Polk Street Polk County**

Project ID: 8010-01-10 (80)



Handout date: October 2023

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at

https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis35polkco/default.aspx

Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback

Purpose of handout

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on seven miles of WIS 35 in Polk County.

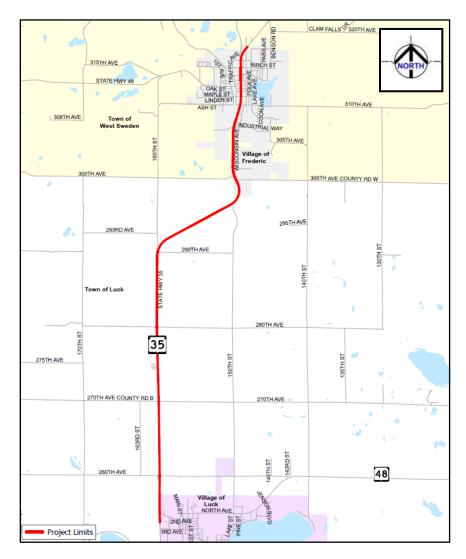
The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community and offer an opportunity for public comment.

Public input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling 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 common form attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to the contact listed below.

Project location

The WIS 35 project extends from WIS 48 East to Polk Street in the villages of Luck and Frederic and towns of Luck and West Sweden.



Project purpose and need

The existing pavement was last maintained in 2008. The existing pavement is deteriorating with cracking and rutting throughout.

Additional needs include:

- Curb ramps do not meet Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- Deteriorated and outdated guardrail that does not meet current safety standards
- Deteriorated drainage culverts
- Box culvert deterioration at North Star Creek

Anticipated benefits

The project is anticipated to provide a smoother riding surface, extend the service life of the pavement, minimize maintenance costs, provide standard accommodations for handicapped individuals and improve opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Proposed improvements

This is a pavement resurfacing project. Proposed improvements include:

- Milling and overlaying asphaltic pavement
- Upgrading curb ramps to meet Americans With Disability Act (ADA) standards along the west side of WIS 35 across Ash Street
 - The village of Frederic plans to improve other curb ramps prior to the WisDOT project under a separate project.
- Replacing select culverts (approximately 15)
- Completing repairs/cleaning at other culverts including box culvert repairs at North Star Creek
- Replacing existing guardrail
- Adding guardrail or flattening roadside slopes at the Gandy Dancer Trail crossing
- Replacing pavement marking and centerline rumble strips to maintain safety

Traffic impacts

- Construction is currently scheduled for 2028 but could be advanced to 2027.
- WIS 35 will remain open to traffic during construction.
 - Motorists can expect to encounter lane shifts and flagging operations with reduced lane widths.
 - Pedestrian traffic will be maintained with staging.
- WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses when working directly in front of your driveway to coordinate daily access.
- Work is anticipated to take three to four months to complete.

Schedule

- Initial data collection and design development fall 2022
- Local officials meeting March 23, 2023
- Local officials meeting Sept. 18, 2023
- Public involvement comment period October/November 2023
- Preliminary plans and reports fall 2023
- Environmental document winter 2023
- Right-of-way plat spring 2024
- Real estate acquisition summer 2024 to spring 2026
- Final plans spring/summer 2026
- Construction currently scheduled 2028, could be advanced to 2027 pending funding

Real estate

Minor permanent right of way (fee) or temporary easements are required to accommodate curb ramp upgrades and culvert improvements. Preliminary real estate needs are shown on the exhibits.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website, and WisDOT will contact any impacted property owners directly. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in summer 2024.

Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to business, 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.wisconsindot.gov/Together

Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them by Nov. 10, 2023 to be considered during design.

- 1. 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.

Project contact

Beth Cunningham, P.E. WisDOT Project Manager Wisconsin Department of Transportation W7102 Green Valley Road Spooner, WI 54801-9947 Phone: (715) 635-4973

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WisDOT Highway Project Public Comment Form

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Please place this form in the comment box or mail by Nov. 10, 2023, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to beth.cunningham@dot.wi.gov. 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.

Name:
Address:
Daytime Phone Number (optional):
Email Address (optional):
Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers email addresses and signatures is not confidential and may be subject to disclosure upon request pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin statutes.

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