

Public Involvement

**Trempealeau – Alma
Old WIS 35 to Indian Creek Road
WIS 35
Buffalo County**

Project ID: 7160-04-06

**Winona - Galesville
MN/WI State Line to WIS 35
WIS 54
Buffalo County**

Project ID: 7550-00-06



Public Comment Period: July 23, 2020 to Aug. 14, 2020

Public involvement will be held online based on current health information from state, federal and local health departments.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation continues to review prioritization and potential alternatives for public meetings and events.

**This handout and other meeting items are available on the design website at:
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis35wis54buffalo/default.aspx>**

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

Purpose of the meeting

The objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements and real estate needs along WIS 35 between Old WIS 35 and Indian Creek Road and the identified needs and proposed improvements on WIS 54 between the Minnesota/Wisconsin state line and WIS 35 in Buffalo County.



Purpose and need for roadway improvements

The WIS 35 pavement is showing signs of deterioration. The existing asphalt pavement was placed in 2001. The pavement has reached the end of its initial service life and is in poor condition by showing signs of deterioration in the form of rutting, alligator cracking, edge cracking, longitudinal cracking, transverse cracking and patching. Preventative maintenance on asphalt pavement commonly involves milling the top surface layers of the existing pavement and overlaying with new asphalt to extend the service life 15 to 20 years.

Other needs identified along this section of WIS 35 include:

- Culvert pipes along the corridor are showing signs of deterioration.
- Beam guard locations need maintenance and repair.
- Drainage on WIS 35 just west of Lovers Lane requires improvements.
- Existing pedestrian curb ramps in Fountain City do not meet current standards.

The WIS 54 segment serves as a vital connector between Minnesota and Wisconsin. The pavement has previously had a problem with rutting, and the existing asphalt surface was placed by the county in 2018. However, the pavement has continued to deteriorate.



Deteriotating pavement in Fountain City along WIS 35

Proposed improvements

WIS 35 between Old State 35 and Indian Creek Road

- Mill and overlay of the asphaltic pavement.
- Repair or replace culverts to address deterioration.
- Adjust, repair or replace beam guard.
- Improve drainage along WIS 35 just west of Lovers Lane.
- Upgrade curb ramps to meet ADA standards.
- Install centerline and shoulder rumble strips.
- Add new pavement markings.

WIS 54 between the Minnesota/Wisconsin state line and WIS 35

- Mill and overlay of the asphaltic pavement.
- Install centerline and shoulder rumble strips.
- Add new pavement markings.



Deteriotating pavement and beam guard in need of replacement along WIS 35

Proposed traffic impacts

An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2026 but could occur as early as 2023. It is anticipated work will be staged around local events and holidays. Motorists can expect to encounter daily flagging operations and shoulder closures for most of the project. Pedestrian access will be staged during the curb ramp work in Fountain City. Access to adjacent properties and for first responders will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

Real estate

Minor right of way acquisition may be required for this project. This will include small areas of permanent (fee) and temporary (temporary limited easement) land acquisitions in Fountain City at the pedestrian curb ramp improvement locations.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website. Real estate acquisition is expected to begin in the fall of 2021. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners.

Access modifications

One access modification is proposed at the property just west of Lovers Lane. It is proposed to remove one of the two property access driveways and add a ditch for drainage improvements. Slight access modifications to driveways in Fountain City may occur to better accommodate drainage facilities. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with property owners.

Project update/next steps

- Preliminary plans April 2020
- Local official meetings June 2020
- Public involvement event July/August 2020
- Final environmental document October 2020
- Final right of way plat (if needed) July 2021
- Right of way acquisition (if needed) Fall 2021 to winter 2022
- Final plans May 2022
- Construction As early as spring/summer 2023
(Scheduled for spring/summer 2026)

Project design website

Access the following materials on the project design website:

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis35wis54buffalo/default.aspx>

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. Please submit them by **Aug. 14, 2020, by:**

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