

Public Involvement Handout

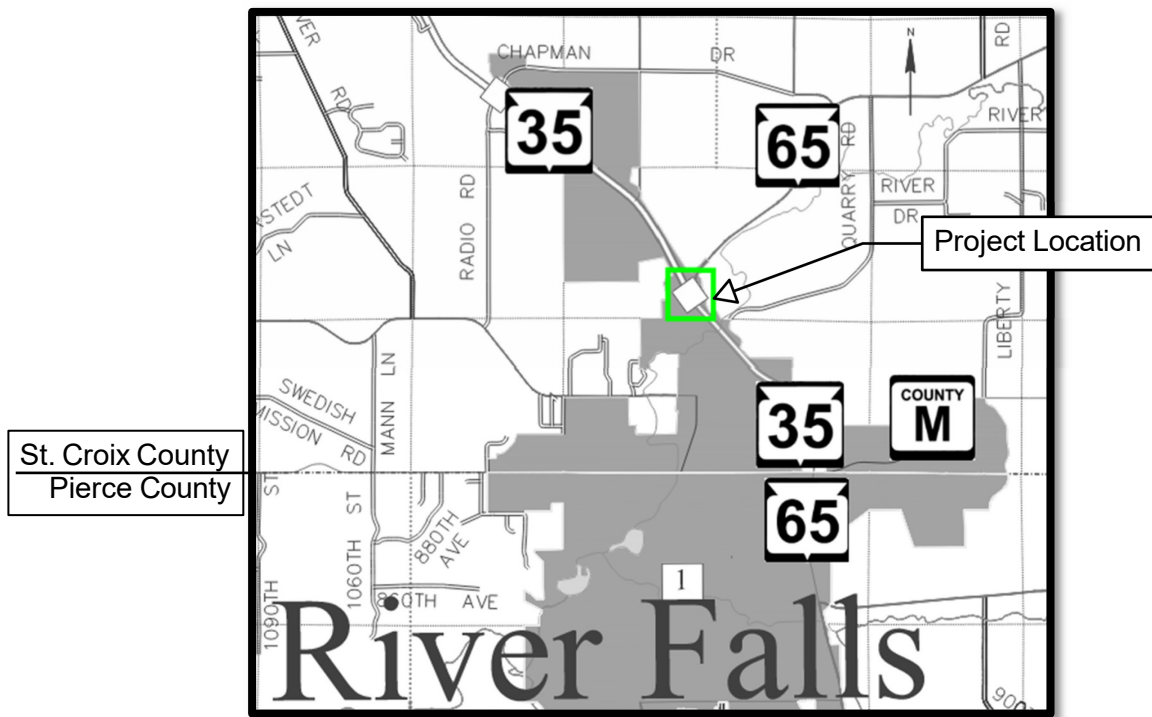
WIS 65
WIS 35 Bridge: B-55-0139
River Falls – New Richmond
St. Croix County

Project ID: 1540-00-75



October 2026

Project Location Map



Purpose and Need

Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs and proposed improvements along WIS 65 on structure B-55-0139 over WIS 35 in the city of River Falls in St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

The purpose of the project is to preserve the function, operation and safety of structure B-55-0139 in St. Croix County.

The project needs which support the project purpose include the following:

- The existing structure is exhibiting signs of deterioration including expansion joint deterioration, deck cracking, pier cap cracking and weathering of the paint on the steel girders.
- The concrete pavement approach slabs are spalling and cracking.
- The guardrail approaching the structure on WIS 65 and guardrail in the median of WIS 35 protecting the structure pier columns are substandard.

WisDOT is seeking public input on the proposed project addressing the needs.

Project information

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proposing the following work:

- Replacing the expansion joints on each end of the bridge deck
- Applying a Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) deck seal overlay to seal cracks
- Fiber wrapping the pier caps and spot painting girders beneath the structure
- Replacing the concrete pavement approach slabs and asphalt approaches on WIS 65
- Replacing substandard guardrail approaching structure B-55-0139 along WIS 65
- Replacing substandard guardrail under the structure in the median of WIS 35 and installing steel thrie beam bullnose terminals

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in spring 2029.

During construction:

- WIS 65 will be open to traffic in both directions using staged construction consisting of shoulder closures and lane shifts.
 - There will be a maximum available width of 14 feet along WIS 65 during construction staging.
- WIS 35 will be open to traffic in both directions using a single-lane closure in each direction.
- On- and off-ramps will remain open using shoulder closures and flagging operations.

Project update/next steps

Local Officials Meeting	Sept. 23, 2026
Public Comment Solicitation	Oct. 5-30, 2026
Environmental Process Completion	Nov. 30, 2026
Preliminary Design Report and Plans	Dec. 15, 2026
Final Plans	Aug. 1, 2028
Construction currently scheduled	Spring – fall 2029

Public input/comments

We encourage you to contact the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please submit any comments about the project by Oct. 30, 2026, by mail or email as listed below.

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.

Please visit the project's website to keep up to date:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis35wis65bridge/default.aspx>

Deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind and speech disabled persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin Relay Service by dialing 711.

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Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional):

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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