Public Involvement Meeting Handout

WIS 46 US 8 to WIS 35 Polk County

Project ID: 8030-00-00



Summer 2022

Purpose

Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs and proposed improvements along WIS 46 between US 8 and WIS 35 in the towns of Balsam Lake and Milltown and villages of Balsam Lake and Milltown.

The purpose of the project is to preserve the function, operation and safety of WIS 46.

The project is needed due to deterioration of the pavement surface in the form of transverse and longitudinal cracking. Properly timed pavement improvements will prevent further deterioration of the lower layers of the roadway and extend the service life of the highway while also lowering maintenance costs of the road.

The project will also address secondary needs including replacing substandard pedestrian curb ramps within the Village of Balsam Lake, removing and replacing substandard guardrail, and performing maintenance on culverts to allow them to function as intended.

A local officials' meeting has been held to coordinate with local community officials.

WisDOT is hosting virtual public involvement efforts, and residents and businesses within the project corridor will be notified that a presentation and exhibits are available on a project website. A comment form and project contacts will be provided, so questions or comments can be submitted to the project team.

Project information

WisDOT is proposing to improve 11.4 miles of WIS 46, stretching from US 8 to WIS 35. Proposed improvements include:

- Recycling 4 inches of the existing pavement and placing 2.75 inches of new asphalt pavement in rural areas.
- Removing 3.25 inches of the existing pavement and placing 3.25 inches of new asphalt pavement in urban areas through the village of Balsam Lake, including parking lanes.
- Performing culvert work, including cleaning, extending, lining or replacing culverts, to restore roadway drainage.
- Replacing or adjusting the existing guardrail after the asphalt overlay to meet current safety standards.
- Reconstructing pedestrian curb ramps within the village of Balsam Lake to meet Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2026, but the project could occur as early as 2025.

During construction, WIS 46 will remain open to traffic, but motorists can expect to encounter single-lane closures and flagging operations during normal construction hours. Access to

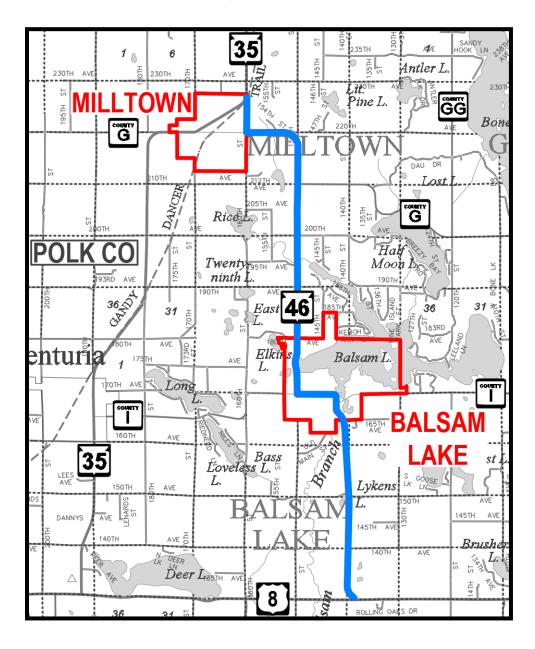
business and residential driveways will be maintained at all times, but traffic may be reduced to one lane on side roads when construction operations are occurring within the intersection.

Culvert replacements may require flagging operations and lane shifts during removal and replacement. Motorists may temporarily be directed to drive on gravel surfaces.

Within the village of Balsam Lake, accommodations will be made for pedestrian travel while curb ramp replacements are constructed.

Parking will be limited at times of active construction in the parking lanes in Balsam Lake.

Construction currently is scheduled for completion in September 2026.



WIS 46 Project Location Map

Real estate

No permanent right-of-way acquisition will be required for this project.

Temporary limited easements (TLEs) will be required within the village of Balsam Lake to ensure that pedestrian curb ramps are constructed correctly. These acquisitions will be used to replace existing sidewalk areas on private property with sidewalk that is properly sloped for the curb ramps. TLEs are anticipated at the following intersections:

- WIS 46 and 2nd Avenue
- WIS 46 and 1st Avenue
- WIS 46 and Courthouse Avenue
- WIS 46 and Mill Street

Preliminary right-of-way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in January 2023.

Project update/next steps

| Local Officials Meeting | Spring 2022 |
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| Environmental Process Completion | July 1, 2022 |
| Preliminary Design Reports & Plans | Oct. 1, 2022 |
| TLE Acquisition for Curb Ramps | Spring 2023 |
| Final Plans | May 1, 2024 |
| Construction currently scheduled | April – September 2026 |

Public input/comments

We encourage you to contact the project representatives and ask them questions.

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 **July 1, 2022**, by mail or email. A comment form is attached, and project contacts are below.

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Public Involvement Comment Form

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Please mail this form, so it's received by **June 27, 2022**, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments also can be emailed 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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