

Public Involvement Meeting

Project 8050-00-00/70

WIS 70, Burnett County Line – Spooner Washburn County

Nov. 12, 2025

Meeting Agenda

- Project Limits and Definition
- Project Purpose and Need
- Proposed Improvements
- Real Estate Needs
- Construction Impacts
- Project Schedule
- Contact Information
- Public Comment



















Project Limits and Definition

- Project ID 8050-00-00 (70)
 - Roadway pavement rehabilitation
 - Culvert replacements
 - Guardrail installation and replacement
- Limits
 - Begins: Burnett/Washburn County line
 - Ends:1,350 feet west of 1st Street in Spooner

















Project Purpose and Need

- The proposed improvements on the WIS 70 corridor will address:
 - Deteriorating pavement: The existing pavement has reached the end of its useful service life.
 - Deteriorating culverts: A few culverts have deteriorated to the point where they are no longer useful.
 - Out-of-date guardrail: The existing guardrail is no longer the standard and has reach the end of service life.











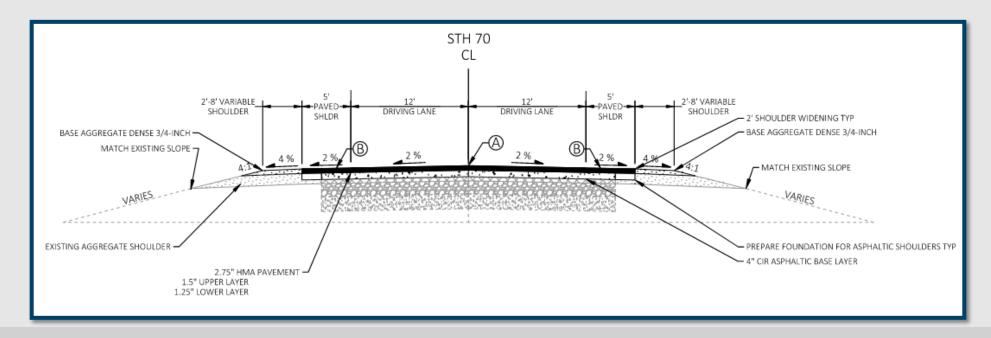








- Pavement
 - Cold-in-place recycle the top 4 inches of asphaltic pavement and pave an additional 2.75" on top.

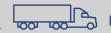
















Culverts

Culverts along this stretch of road need to be addressed. To maintain drainage along the roadway, the larger culverts at Whiskey Creek and Dago Creek are past their useful lives and need to be fully replaced. In addition, two smaller culverts will be replaced, and other culverts will have minor repair work addressed to keep them functioning as designed.





Guardrail

• Guardrail at the Yellow River Bridge and along the east side of the project will be replaced with guardrail that meets current standards, and new guardrail will be installed at Dago Creek.





- Other improvements planned include:
 - Widening paved shoulders
 - Adding centerline and shoulder rumble strips
 - Replacing pavement markings





Real Estate Needs

- Temporary limited easements (TLEs) are required to construct the project.
 - Right-of-way acquisition began in October.









Construction Impacts - Traffic

- During construction, a portion of WIS 70 will be detoured for culvert replacements.
 - Detour location: East of Loop Road to west of Tozer Lake Road
 - Route: WIS 70 to County O to County B to WIS 63 to WIS 70
 - Total length: 13.9 miles
 - Travel time: 19 minutes



















Construction Impacts - Traffic

- Other traffic control considerations:
 - All properties will remain accessible during construction.
 - The proposed detour will last three to four weeks.
 - During paving operations and other work, WIS 70 will remain open to traffic, but motorists will encounter lane closures controlled by flagging operations.





Construction Impacts - Business

- WisDOT's In This Together program:
 - Provides tips, tools and resources to help business owners navigate construction
 - Visit wisconsindot.gov/together







Project Schedule

- Right-of-way acquisition
 - October 2025 to August 2026
- Final plan completion
 - August 2026
- Construction
 - **2027**







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Public Comment

- Submit by Dec 5, 2025, by:
 - Email or phone to project contacts
 - Mail to: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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Comment form:



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