

This presentation is for the project on WIS 77 between County I and County M in the village of Minong and towns of Minong, Frog Creek and Stinnett in Washburn County.

Rather than holding an in-person meeting, public involvement efforts have moved online as a precaution against COVID-19 based on the most current health information from state, federal and local health departments.

All meeting materials, including the handout with a comment form, are posted on the design website for this project.

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/WIS77washburn/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact WisDOT Consultant Project Manager Jeff Saxby at (920) 380-2805.

Public Involvement Meeting

WIS 77 County I to County M

Aug. 17, 2020



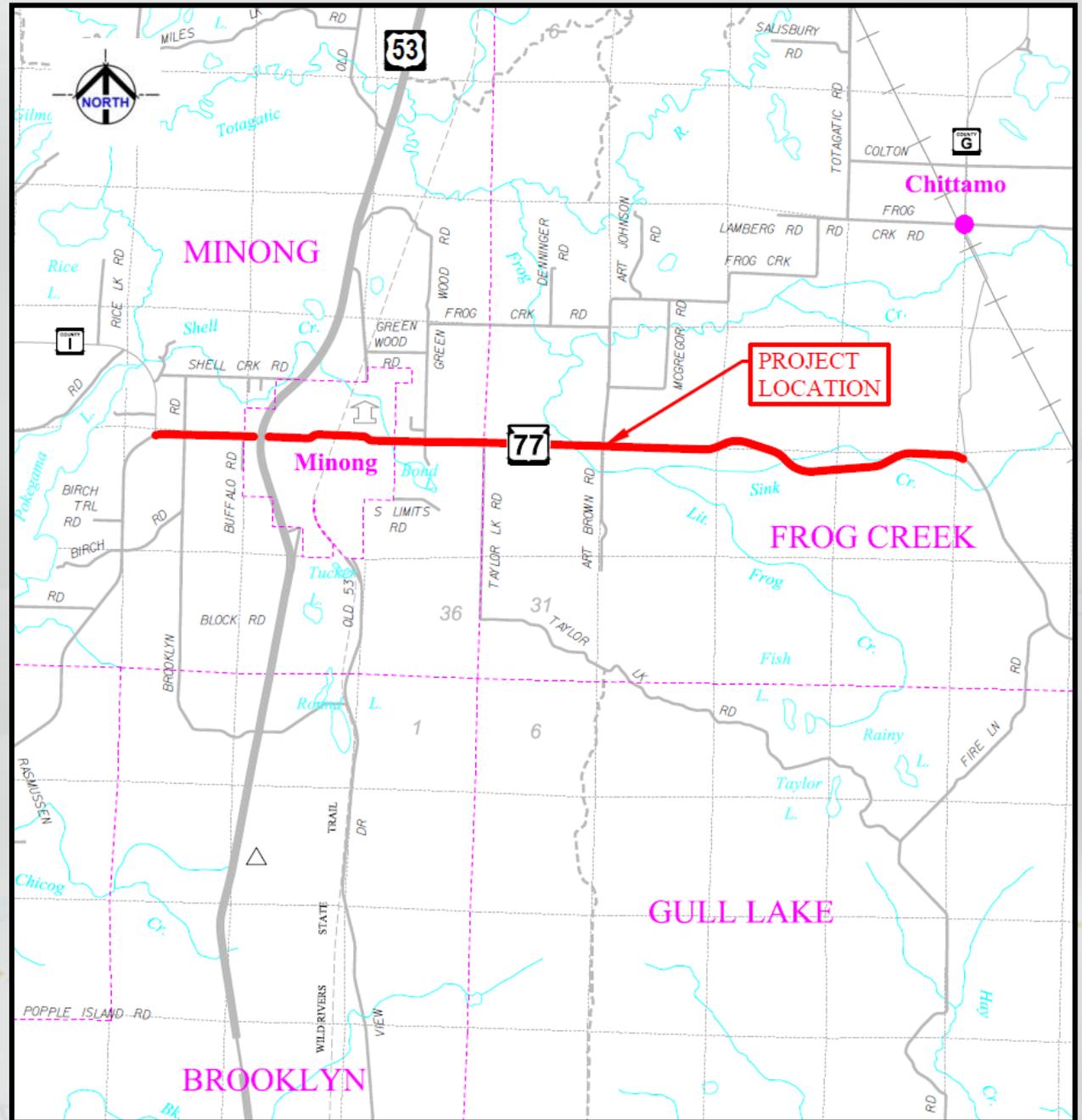
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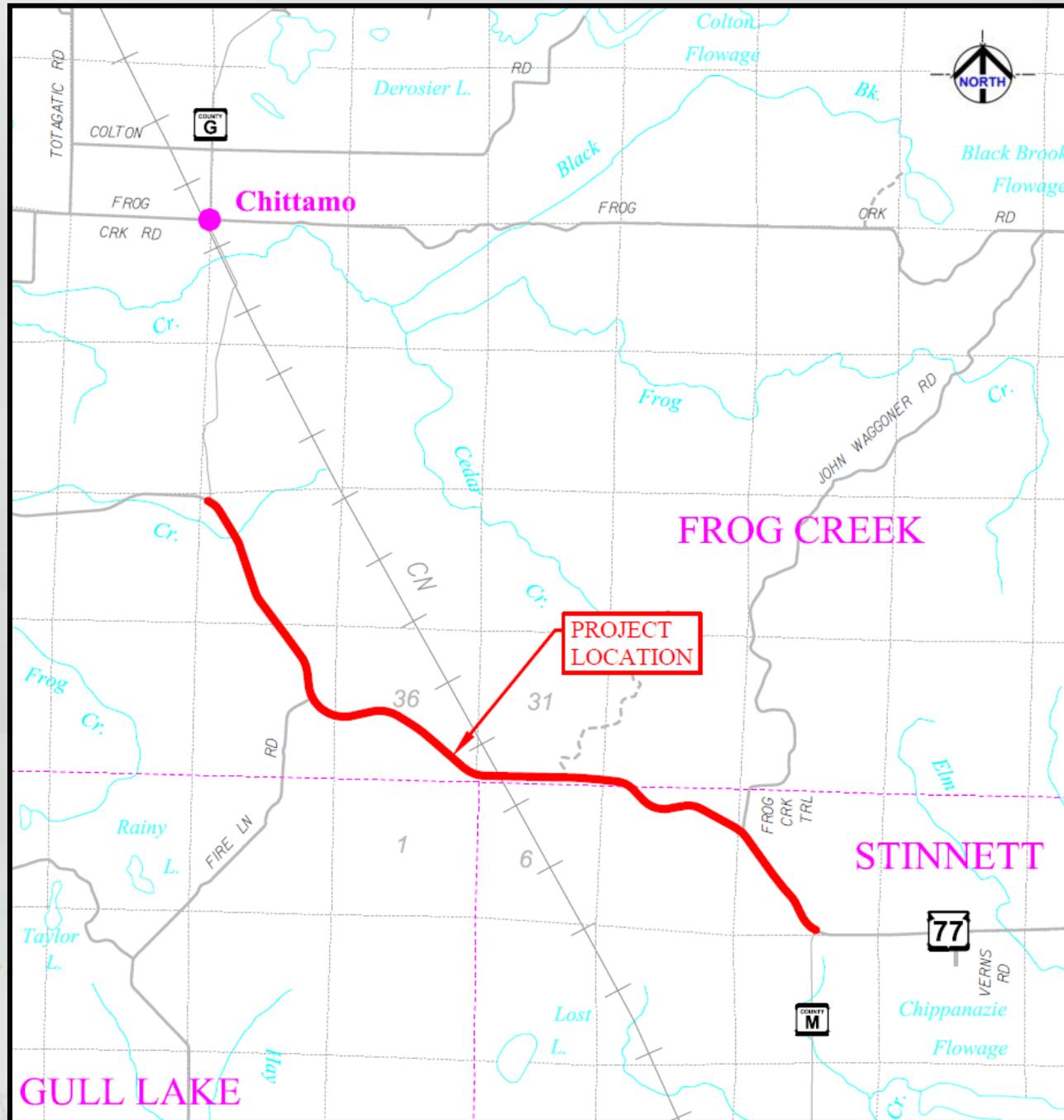
Meeting objectives

- Project location
- Project purpose and need
- Proposed improvements
- Construction staging and schedule
- Real estate
- Current project schedule
- Discussion

Project ID 8550-02-72: County I to County G



Project ID 8550-00-70: County G to County M



Purpose and need

- WIS 77 importance
 - Truck route including movement of oversized-overweight loads
 - Serves local commuters and businesses
- WisDOT's objective is to ensure the safe and efficient operations of the state's highway system while supporting local access

Purpose and need

- Pavement deterioration
 - Reconstruction/rehabilitation in 2000
 - Cracking and rutting of existing pavement
 - The pavement requires maintenance to extend its service life and avoid premature reconstruction.
- Curb ramps
 - The curb ramps in the village of Minong do not meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.

Purpose and need

- Other needs

- Existing curbs and gutters are deteriorated throughout the village of Minong.
- Guardrails are deteriorated.
- Some drainage features require maintenance to maintain positive drainage.
- One existing culvert location -- approximately 3,700 feet west of John Waggoner Road -- is experiencing reoccurring roadway flooding in the spring.

WIS 77 proposed improvements

- Pavement improvements are recommended to keep traffic moving safely and efficiently.
- Pavement maintenance best addresses the project needs.
 - Balances level of investment in the roadway system with the added pavement life achieved
- Asphalt mill and overlay approximately 13 miles of WIS 77
 - Project ID 8550-02-72: County I to County G
 - Project ID 8550-00-70: County G to County M
 - Construction under one contract

WIS 77 proposed improvements

- Improvements in the village of Minong
 - Reconstruction of curb ramps to meet ADA standards, where feasible
 - Replacement of deteriorated curb and gutter
- Replacement of guardrails
- Culvert cleaning and end condition repairs
- Installation of a new culvert approximately 3,700 feet west of John Waggoner Road
- Installation of new pavement marking
- Placement of centerline rumble strips in rural areas to maintain safe operating conditions along WIS 77

Current construction schedule

- Construction is planned for 2024 but could be advanced to 2023 pending funding.
- Maintaining safety and mobility are high priorities.
 - Single-lane closures with flagging conditions
 - Shoulder and parking lane closures during paving work
 - Staging during curb ramp work to allow pedestrian access
 - Traffic to be maintained along the Wild Rivers State Trail
 - Local and emergency access to be maintained

Real estate needs

- Minor permanent fee and temporary limited easements are needed.
 - Curb ramp improvements
 - Guardrail at Little Frog Creek
- Acquisition process
 - WisDOT will acquire real estate.
 - Individual property owner meetings will be held.
 - Real estate acquisitions will begin in spring 2021.
- Landowner rights brochure on the project website

Current project schedule

- Local official meetings - January 2020, April 2020
- Concept plans - May 2020
- Local official meeting - August 2020
- Public involvement meeting - August 2020
- Preliminary plans - Fall 2020
- Environmental document - Fall 2020
- Final right of way plat - Spring 2021
- Real estate negotiations - Spring 2021 to spring 2022
- Final plans - May 2022
- Construction - 2024 (2023 early)

Project design website

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/WIS77washburn/default.aspx>

The screenshot shows the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website. The header includes the state logo and navigation links: DMV ONLINE SERVICES, DMV INFO, DOING BUSINESS, TRAVEL, PROJECTS AND STUDIES, and ABOUT WISDOT. A search bar is located below the navigation. The main content area is titled "Northwest Region Highway Projects and Studies" and includes a "COVID-19 Update" section. A dropdown menu is open under "PROJECTS AND STUDIES", listing options like "Projects and studies by mode", "Data and planning resources", "Environmental information", "In This Together", "Life of a highway project", "Six Year Highway Program", "Statewide plans", and "Solvency". A map of the Northwest region is visible in the bottom right corner.

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COVID-19 Update

Construction

WisDOT continues to monitor the public health crisis as it applies to essential highway maintenance and construction projects. Workers who support the construction of critical or strategic infrastructure are considered essential by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

- Wisconsin's Safer at Home Order (Executive Order 12, issued March 24, 2020) allows travel for workers engaged in the operation and upkeep of infrastructure. No special documentation or permits are required.
- Workers are expected to continue to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19 at the office and job site. Monitor the [Wisconsin Department of Health](#) for latest information and guidance.

With our partners in industry, we will strive to keep this construction season on schedule.

Northwest

Map labels: Burnett, Polk, Barron, Rusk, Taylor, St. Croix, Dunn, Chippewa, Clark, Pierce, Pepin, Eau Claire, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, Washburn, Sawyer, Ashland, Douglas, Bayfield.

STEP 1

STEP 2

Projects in Design (Construction scheduled)

STEP 3

Washburn County

