

WIS 50

Project Overview



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WisDOT advances design plans for WIS 50 corridor

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is preparing detailed engineering plans to reconstruct nearly 5 miles of WIS 50 from just east of 116th Avenue in the village of Pleasant Prairie to just west of 43rd Avenue in the city of Kenosha in Kenosha County.

The project includes:

- Widening the roadway from four to six lanes between 116th and 57th avenues.
- Reconstructing the existing four-lane road between 57th and 43rd avenues.
- Reconstructing and improving intersections with WIS 50.

- Implementing access management measures.
- Providing improved access road connections.

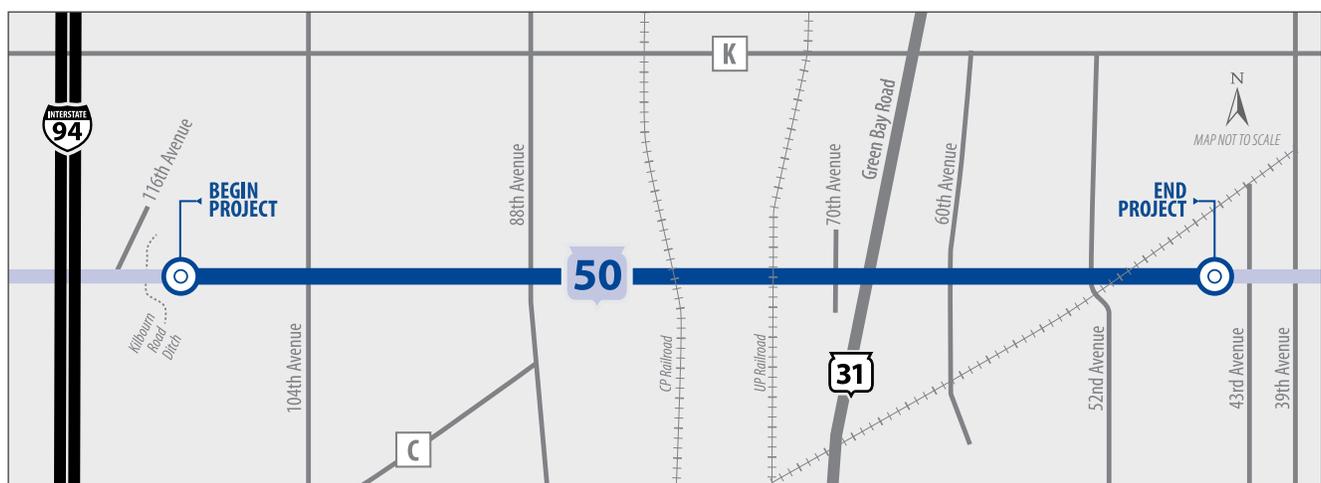
Past planning activities

During the late 1990s, WisDOT began to develop a long-range improvement plan for the WIS 50 corridor. The plan evaluated the highway's capacity needs, local access points and intersections. The outcome included a traffic analysis study, an access management plan, a functional plan showing the preferred alternative and an environmental assessment. All work for the previous planning phase was completed in August 2007.

SPECIAL PROJECT ELEMENTS

- Identifying potential aesthetic treatments along the corridor.
- Incorporating sidewalk and bike facilities.
- Identifying stormwater management techniques.
- Developing a traffic management plan for construction.

PROJECT AREA



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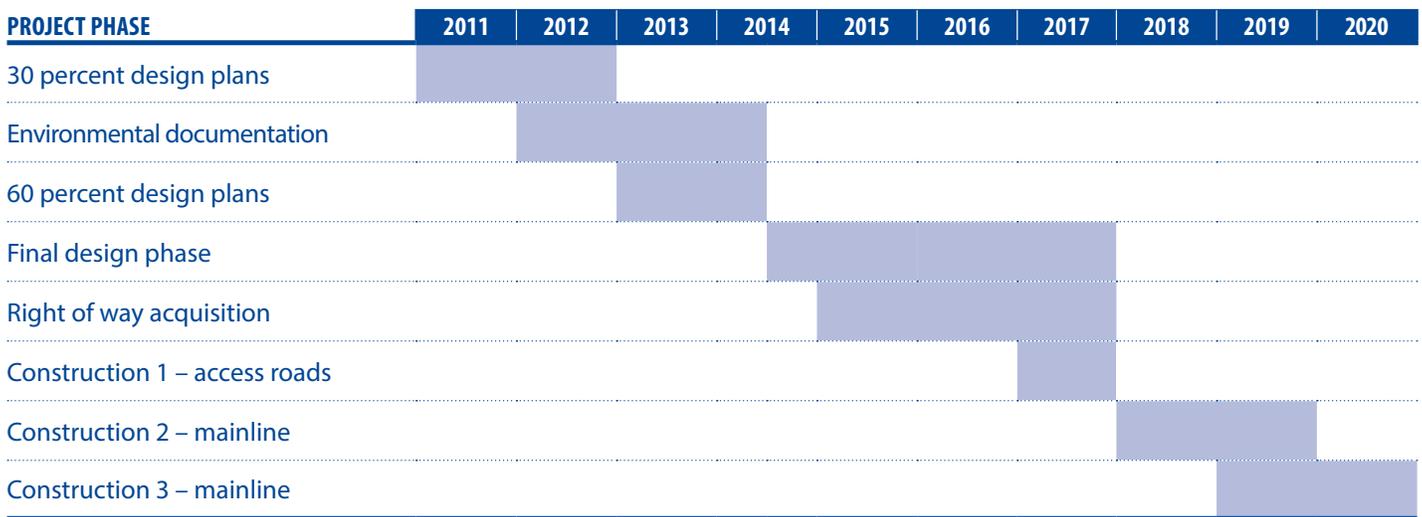
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Project schedule

Construction is planned to occur in three phases, starting with access roads in fall 2017 and the mainline in fall 2018 and fall 2019. The three construction phases could be advanced by one year to 2016, 2017 and 2018, if funding is made available before the currently programmed dates. The details of each construction package will be determined during final design.



Note: Construction schedule is subject to funding availability.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The WIS 50 reconstruction project will include multiple opportunities for input from the public, businesses, local communities and other stakeholders. The WIS 50 Project Advisory Committee (PAC), consisting of local officials and business representatives, was re-established to provide feedback on design plans.

Ongoing meetings with local and elected officials will be held and the project team will meet with corridor businesses and interested community and business groups to discuss the project.

Public meetings will be held at project milestones to provide an opportunity for all interested persons to obtain information and provide feedback.

Project need

The proposed WIS 50 corridor improvements are needed to:

- Address traffic congestion caused by volumes that exceed the roadway's capacity.
- Reduce crash rates that are above state averages for similar highways.
- Balance the mobility of the corridor with access needs.
- Maintain an important state and local corridor that links economic centers.