



# News Release

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## **Second round of public involvement meetings set for Coulee Region Transportation Study**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Southwest Region will hold the second series of public involvement meetings to discuss the Coulee Region Transportation Study. The meetings are scheduled for the following:

### **Tuesday, June 9**

Eagle Bluff Elementary, Onalaska  
200 Eagle Court  
5 to 7 p.m.; presentation at 5:30

### **Wednesday, June 10**

La Crosse Central High School  
1801 Losey Boulevard South  
5 to 7 p.m.; presentation at 5:30

Since the initial public meetings held in March, the year-long study process, Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL), has developed the problem statement, goals and objectives that will serve as criteria for the transportation strategies evaluated throughout the remainder of the study.

"As we move forward, specific proposals will be evaluated by how well they meet the goals and objectives," said DOT Project Manager Andy Winga. "Potential solutions determined to not meet the goals and objectives will be dismissed. Those showing promise for addressing the identified issues will be carried forward and form the foundation for the environmental impact analysis that will follow the PEL process."

The study's statement, goals and objectives can be viewed at the [study website](#).

The evaluation and screening of strategies will occur through the summer and fall. Additional public meetings will be announced at that time.

The June 9 and 10 meetings are open to the public to review study materials, ask questions, and provide comments. WisDOT project staff will be available to gather input. The presentation will provide a review of

study activities to date and discuss future conditions, including traffic forecasting, and next steps in the PEL process.

The PEL report is expected in early 2016. There are no plans or construction projects scheduled at this time. Construction of any improvements recommended cannot be considered until the PEL and NEPA studies are completed.

The meetings are wheelchair accessible. Citizens who are deaf or hard of hearing and require a language interpreter should contact Andy Winga at (608) 785-9061 or [andrew.winga@dot.wi.gov](mailto:andrew.winga@dot.wi.gov) no later than three working days prior to the meeting.

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