

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE LOCATION ASPECTS AND
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF
INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 39/90/94
BETWEEN BLACK ROAD AND THE I-90/94 & I-39/WIS 78 INTERCHANGE
IN COLUMBIA COUNTY**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will be holding a public hearing as provided by law to consider the general location and design aspects of the proposed improvement of Interstate Highway 39/90/94 (I-39/90/94), including those aspects that may require application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

The proposed improvement would include:

- Replacement of the existing I-39/90/94 Wisconsin River bridge with a new bridge that would accommodate construction staging, future maintenance work, and future traffic needs.
- Replacement of the County U and County V bridges over I-39/90/94.
- Construction of retaining walls to avoid impacts to transmission structures.

There will be no relocation of persons or businesses as a result of the proposed improvement.

Further information including exhibits, a statement about the project and other hearing materials are available on the project website for review: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/i399094-bridge/default.aspx>. Information is also available for viewing, by appointment only, at the WisDOT's Southwest Region Office in Madison, Wisconsin at the address given below. Please call Dan Schave, WisDOT Project Manager, to schedule an appointment.

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There will be two opportunities to attend the public hearing for this project—one component held virtually online, and one component held in-person. In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is encouraged that the public participate in the process through the virtual public hearing component to the extent possible. Both opportunities will allow for recording of public and private testimony.

The virtual public hearing component will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 via YouTube Live from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Link: <https://youtu.be/Lr7QFcC7SjE>). Interested persons may attend to learn about the project and provide testimony. If interested parties do not have internet access, they may call 888-557-8511, followed by access code 6969016# to listen to the virtual public hearing component. A recording of the virtual public hearing component will be available on the project website shortly after the hearing.

The virtual public hearing component will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will end when all interested persons have provided testimony or 8:00 p.m., whichever occurs first. The virtual public hearing will begin with an informational project presentation prior to accepting verbal public testimony. Instructions on how to give verbal testimony publicly through YouTube Live or privately by phone to a court reporter will be provided at the virtual public hearing. Instructions will also be available on the project website after March 15, 2021.

The in-person public hearing component will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at the Poynette Village Hall, located at 106 S Main Street, Poynette, WI 53955. The in-person public hearing will be conducted from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attendance at the in-person hearing will be by appointment only. Prior to the public hearing, please call the WisDOT Project Manager Dan Schave, at (608) 246-3251, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, to make an appointment and receive further instructions regarding the in-person option. Interested persons that have made an appointment may attend the in-person component public hearing to review displays and other hearing materials, ask questions, and provide testimony. Information provided when making an appointment (including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail 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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, enhanced safety measures will be applied to the in-person public hearing. Guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Protection and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services will be followed, including the request for attendees to wear a face mask and physical distance while in attendance at the in-person public hearing. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait until space is available to accommodate their attendance to ensure occupancy restrictions are maintained.

At the in-person public hearing component, project staff will be available for informal discussion to explain the project and answer questions. Exhibits will be on display and a statement about the project will be available for review.

If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact the project manager (listed below) no later than three working days prior to the public hearing. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711). For those without internet access, you may call in to the virtual public hearing component and listen along at 888-557-8511, followed by access code 6969016#. All interested persons are invited to attend one or both public hearing components to present relevant verbal and/or written testimony concerning the general location and design aspects of the proposed improvement of I--39/90/94, including those aspects that may require application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

Provisions have been made for the submission of written statements or other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, the testimony presented at the virtual and in-person public hearing components. This additional testimony will be included in the hearing record if received no later than Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Testimony should be sent via phone, email, or US Mail to the project manager at:

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of an Environmental Assessment of the proposal's impacts and effects which has been prepared and filed according to the State and National Environmental Policy Acts (NEPA). This document indicates that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of this improvement.

An electronic copy of the Environmental Assessment is available and can be viewed online at:
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/i399094-bridge/default.aspx>

Additionally, a paper copy of the Environmental Assessment is available for inspection and potential copying at the following locations (please note, a fee may be required for copying service):

Southwest Region Office (please schedule an appointment)
Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
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Poynette Public Library
118 N Main Street
Poynette, WI 53955
(608) 635-7577
poylib@poynettelibrary.com
Open Monday thru Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dekorra Town Hall (please schedule an appointment)
106 S. Main Street
Poynette, WI 53955
(608) 635-2014
townofdekorra@gmail.com
Open Monday thru Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Caledonia Town Hall (please schedule an appointment)
N5479 Beich Road
Portage, WI 53901
(608) 617-4154
caltown@caltown.org
Open Monday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Comments regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the proposed improvements will be addressed in the final environmental document if postmarked/received no later than Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Written comments on the Environmental Assessment should be sent via U.S. mail or e-mail to the WisDOT contact person listed below.

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The Department of Transportation will review all comments and testimony presented as part of this public hearing process and reserves the right to make a final determination on the proposed improvements as described in this notice.

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