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Re: Public Input Request
 Intersection Reconstruction
 ID 5845-01-00/70
 Stoughton—Madison
 County B/County AB Intersection
 US 51
 Dane County

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is considering a project located at the US 51 and County B/County AB intersection, north of Stoughton, in Dane County. The proposed safety project reconstructs the intersection as a dual-lane roundabout and would consist of pavement and curb and gutter replacement, storm sewer replacement, grading, and intersection lighting. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2024.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the public of the design team’s recommended improvements, gather comments, and address questions or concerns about the project.

Project information

This project proposes to replace the existing intersection with a roundabout. The intersection will include dual-lane approaches on US 51 and single-lane approaches on County B and County AB.

The project will reconstruct 0.36 miles on US 51 and 0.30 miles on County B/County AB. The following map identifies the general location of the proposed improvements.



This improvement is funded by the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The existing intersection experiences a crash rate of 1.73 crashes per million entering vehicles (MEV), which exceeds the state threshold of 1.5 crashes per MEV; 47 percent of the crashes at the intersection involve injuries. There was a fatality at the intersection in 2018. Evaluation of the crashes indicate the location of this intersection at the bottom of a hill and on a curve, as well as the existing side street stop control, are likely major factors contributing to the amount of injury-related crashes.

The side street approaches to the intersection operate poorly, resulting in back-ups and long delays. The proposed roundabout intersection improves the intersection operations to have little or no delay during the peak hours. Street lighting will be included for the proposed roundabout and the approaches on US 51, County B, and County AB. The project will be compatible with the improvements proposed in the US 51 Stoughton to McFarland Corridor Study.

WisDOT is evaluating the inclusion of an off-road bicycle and pedestrian connection from the north end of Colladay Point Drive to the proposed roundabout side path. This connection could provide a connection from the homes along the west side of Lake Kegonsa to the County bike route along County B.

Traffic impacts during construction

Construction is currently anticipated to begin in early summer 2024. The intersection is anticipated to be closed to through traffic during construction. Through traffic on US 51, County B, and County AB is anticipated to be detoured for the duration of the project.

Local and emergency access to homes and businesses will be maintained to the greatest extent possible. There may be temporary access closures during construction operations; however, if a property has more than one access, closures will be staged as appropriate to maintain access.

Real estate

Right of way acquisition and temporary grading easements are anticipated with this project to construct the roundabout and approaches. One relocation is also anticipated in the southwest quadrant of the intersection.

Project schedule

Approved Environmental Document	March 2021
60% Preliminary Plans	May 2021
Draft Final Plans	January 2023
Final plans	May 2023
Construction	Spring/summer 2024

Project website

Additional project information, along with a concept plan, can be found on WisDOT's website at the following location:

Go to wisconsindot.gov > Search "US 51 and County B intersection" > Select first result.

Public input and comments

You are encouraged to ask questions to the project team and share any concerns. Your comments will assist the project team in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

You can mail or email comments, questions, and concerns to the project team at the following address or email address:

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All comments must be received by February 26, 2021 to be considered in the project's environmental document.

If you are unable to access the virtual public involvement materials, please contact WisDOT Project Manager Jeff Berens.

Sincerely,

Jeff Berens

Project Manager

cc: Kyle Henderson, Consultant Project Manager, Strand Associates, Inc.®