

WIS 131 Public Involvement

Project I.D. 5110-06-70

Readstown – Ontario

WIS 82 TO WIS 33

WIS 131

Vernon County



Public Comment Period: June 14, 2022 to July 14, 2022

In lieu of a face to face meeting, public involvement will be conducted via this project mailer and comment feedback sheet (attached), and the project website listed below.

This handout and other meeting items are available on the design website at:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis131-vernoncounty/default.aspx>

Thank you for your interest in this project, we look forward to your feedback.

Overview

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is gathering public input on proposed improvements along WIS 131 beginning at WIS 82 in the Village of La Farge and ending at WIS 33 in the Village of Ontario. This handout provides information regarding the proposed projects and potential impacts on the community. There will be no in-person public meeting due to the current health emergency.

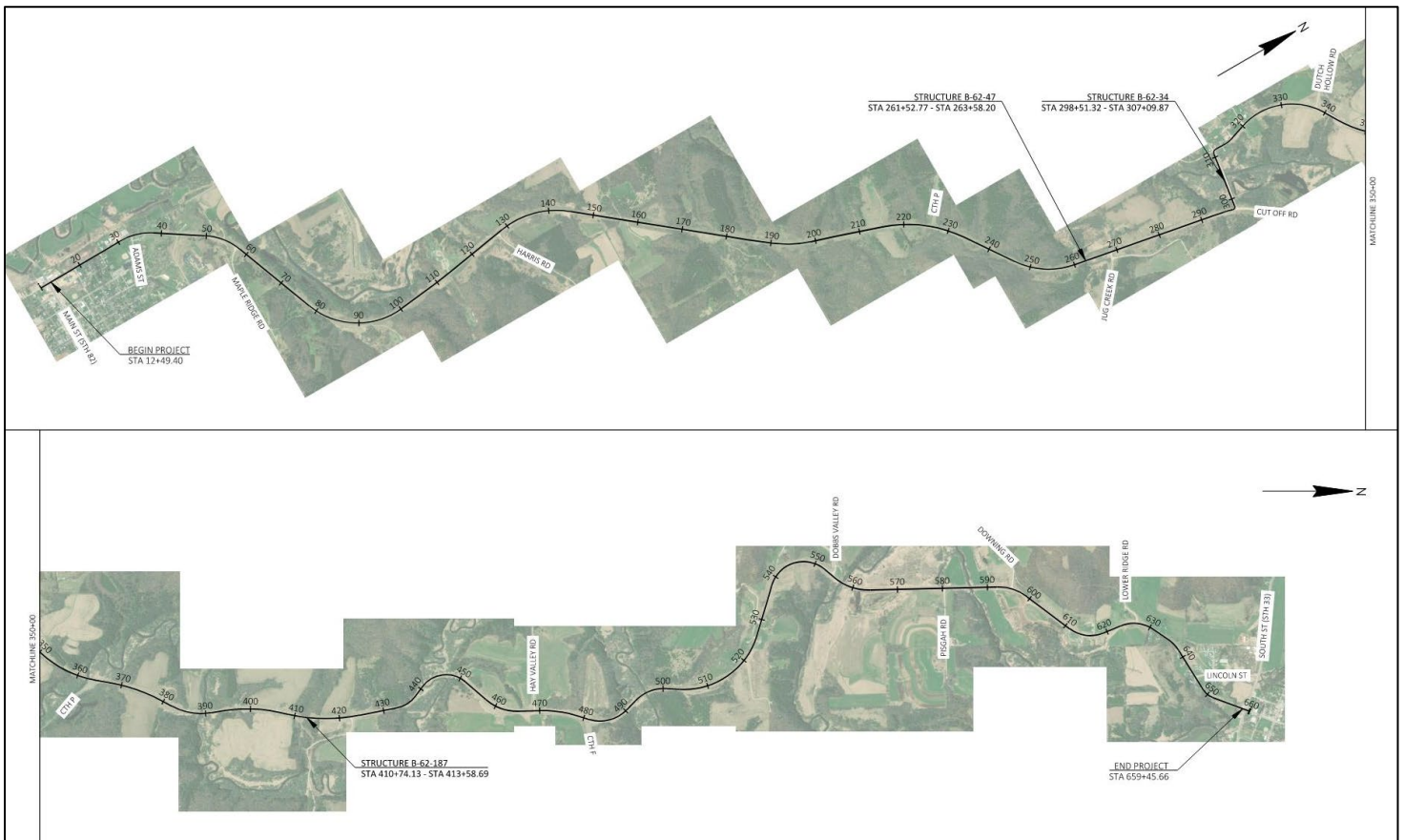
We want your comments

We appreciate your input and encourage you to take a moment and review the project information and ask the project team any questions.

Project Need

The existing roadway is aged and deteriorated with alligator cracking in addition to longitudinal and transverse cracking. Existing structures B-62-47 and B-62-34 have delamination, spalls, shrinkage cracks, map cracking, and hairline cracks. The Pavement Condition Index is 49.247, which is classified as poor condition. Existing structure B-62-187 has wing wall tipping and corrosion of the box girders. The guardrail in the southern half of the highway has older terminals and rail material. Additionally, existing curb ramps need to be evaluated to meet ADA standards. A portion of the existing culverts are in need of repair including apron endwall repair.

Project Limits



Proposed Improvements

- Milling and removing the existing asphaltic pavement (4 inches) and overlaying with new asphalt pavement (4 inches) within the Village of La Farge,
- Milling the existing asphaltic pavement (3.5 inches), relaying (2 inches) and overlaying it with new asphalt pavement (4 inches) from Adams Street to the Rockton Kickapoo River Bridge (B-65-34),
- Milling and removing the existing asphaltic pavement (4 inches), milling or pulverizing and relaying remaining asphaltic pavement/underlying base material (3 inches), and overlaying with new asphalt pavement (4 inches) from the Rockton Kickapoo River Bridge (B-65-34) to WIS 33,
- Concrete overlay on bridges B-65-47 and B-62-34,
- Bridge painting and wing stabilization on bridge B-62-187,
- Curb ramp installation at the intersection of WIS 133 and WIS 33,
- Culvert repairs and lining throughout the corridor,
- Guardrail and end treatment replacement from the Village of La Farge to the Rockton Kickapoo River Bridge (B-65-34),
- Replacement of existing curb at the guardrail end treatments between the Rockton Kickapoo River Bridge (B-65-34) and the Village of Ontario,
- Drainage improvements on the east side of WIS 133 between Lincoln Street and Lower Ridge Road including new inlets and a cross culvert, and
- New cross culvert under the existing field entrance on the east side of WIS 133 south of Lower Ridge Road to improve existing drainage.

Right-of-way Impacts

Temporary limited easements (TLE) will be necessary for the culvert lining work. If your property will be impacted by this project, a member of our real estate department will contact you if they have not already.

Construction and Traffic Impacts

The project is currently scheduled for 2026 and will be broken into 3 stages as follows:

- Stage 1: WIS 131 will be closed from WIS 82 to the Cut Off Road at the Kickapoo River Bridge (B-65-34). A detour route will be posted utilizing WIS 82, WIS 56, US 14, WIS 27, and WIS 33.
- Stage 2: WIS 131 will be closed from the Cut Off Road at the Kickapoo River Bridge (B-65-34) to CTH P. A detour route will be posted utilizing WIS 82, WIS 56, US 14, WIS 27, and WIS 33.
- Stage 3: WIS 131 will be closed from CTH P to WIS 33. A detour route will be posted utilizing WIS 82, WIS 56, US 14, WIS 27, and WIS 33.

Roadway users can expect to encounter flagging operations on WIS 131 during the pavement resurfacing project within the project limits. A full closure of WIS 131 as noted above will be required to perform the work on the three bridges. Access to adjacent properties and for first responders will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

Project Schedule

- Public comment period June 14 to July 14, 2022

- Final plans November 2024
- Project LET November 2025
- Construction Spring 2026

Project Design Website

Access the following materials on the project design website:

<https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis131-vernoncounty/default.aspx>

Public Input/Comments

Please forward your comments by July 14, 2022, by:

1. Filling out the comment form attached to this document and mailing it to WisDOT.
2. Emailing comments or questions to the contact listed below.

Your comments assist us 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. For more information, please contact:

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