

# WIS 131 Public Involvement

WIS 131  
WIS 82 TO WIS 33  
Readstown – Ontario  
Vernon County



**Public Comment Period: January 8, 2024 to January 23, 2024**

**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.

## 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 structure WIS 131 bridge over Jug Creek has delamination, spalls, shrinkage cracks, map cracking, and hairline cracks. The Pavement Condition Index is 49.247, which is classified as poor condition. Existing structure WIS 131 bridge over Unnamed Stream 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,
- 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 to WIS 33,
- Concrete overlay on bridge WIS 131 bridge over Jug Creek,
- Bridge painting on bridge WIS 131 bridge over Unnamed Stream,
- 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,
- Guardrail end treatment replacement from the Rockton Kickapoo River Bridge to the Village of Ontario,
- Replacement of existing curb at the guardrail end treatments between the Rockton Kickapoo River Bridge 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 2 stages as follows:

- Stage 1: WIS 131 will be closed from WIS 82 to the Cut Off Road at the Kickapoo River Bridge. 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 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 two 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 January 8 to January 23, 2024
- Final plans February 2025

- Project LET November 2025
- Construction Spring 2026

### **Project Design Website**

Access the following materials on the project design website:

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

### **Public Input/Comments**

Please forward your comments by January 23, 2024, 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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