

WIS 179 Kickapoo River Bridge Public Involvement Meeting

Project 5870-02-01/81
Eastman – Steuben
Crawford County

July 2020



Welcome to the online public involvement meeting for Project Design ID 5870-02-01 (construction ID 5870-02-81) along Wisconsin Highway (WIS) 179 in Crawford County.

Who can I talk to about the project?

- Derek Potter, PE
 - WisDOT Project Manager
- Scott Schoenmann, PE
 - WisDOT Project Development Supervisor
- Greg Messling
 - WisDOT Real Estate Specialist
- Brad Halvensleben, PE
 - Consultant Project Manager (KL Engineering, Inc.)



This is a list of people who are working on this project. Their contact information will be on the last slide of this presentation, which will include their emails and phone numbers, as well as the address of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Southwest Region Office in Madison. Feel free to contact them with any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the project.

Presentation Agenda

- Project Location
- Project Purpose & Need
- Design Overview
- Real Estate
- Detour Route
- Project Schedule
- Contact Information



The presentation will follow the outline shown here. First discussing the project location, second the purpose and need of the project, third the proposed design improvement, fourth the real estate process, fifth the detour route, sixth the next activities in the schedule, and finally ending with the project team contact information.

Project Location



The proposed project is located west of the Village of Steuben on WIS 179.

Project Location



The proposed project begins at the WIS 179 and County Highway E intersection and extends to about 300 feet east of the Kickapoo River bridge.

Why do we need this project?

Structure Service Life



The reason for this project is the bridge structure over the Kickapoo River on WIS 179 has reached the end of its service life. This means the bridge has deteriorated to the point where repairing the structure is no longer a cost effective measure and a new structure is warranted.

What Improvements are Proposed?

- Improvements include:
 - New wider bridge structure over the Kickapoo River
 - Raising the bridge to maintain drainage conditions
 - New asphalt pavement approaches
 - New beam guard



The proposed project includes the replacement of the bridge structure over the Kickapoo River on WIS 179. This new structure would be a two-span concrete girder structure, will be wider to meet current standards and also be raised slightly to maintain the existing drainage conditions.

What will the Real Estate impacts be?

- Strip Real Estate Acquisition
- Real Estate Acquisition Process
- Contact Information

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The proposed project will require real estate acquisition from all adjacent parcels to construct the roadway and bridge to current standards. Information will be sent to all affected property owners discussing the real estate acquisition process.

What will happen to WIS 179 Traffic?



The anticipated construction for this project is in the year 2023 and the project will be using a detour route during construction. The reason for the detour is that the structure over the Kickapoo River will be removed. This means that during construction WIS 179 will be closed to thru traffic, but will remain open for local access. The proposed detour route, shown in red, will use WIS 27, WIS 171 and WIS 131 for both eastbound and westbound traffic.

What we need from you?

Share Your Concerns or Comments

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis179-bridge/default.aspx>

Responses Returned by August 7, 2020



As part of the design process the Department of Transportation needs to gather information and share our design with the public. The Department is requesting for you to share any concerns or comments you may have about the project on a comment form. You can find the forms at the project website shown here and return them to any of the team members shown on the last slide of this presentation by August 7, 2020.

Project Schedule

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| • 60% Plans | June 2020 |
| • Public Involvement Virtual presentation | July 2020 |
| • Environmental Document | August 2020 |
| • Real Estate Plat | August 2020 |
| • Real Estate Acquisition Complete | August 2021 |
| • 90% Plans | June 2021 |
| • Final Plans | August 2021 |
| • Construction | Summer 2023* |

*Construction could be advanced to 2022 if funding becomes available



Currently, the project team is working on the environmental document and preliminary design of the structure. The environmental document is anticipated to be signed by August 2020. The 60% plans were completed in June 2020. The right-of-way plat is anticipated to be done by August 2020 and the real estate acquisitions completed by August 2021. The final plans should be completed by August 2021 and construction is anticipated to begin in 2023, but could begin in 2022 if funding becomes available.

Thank you for your time

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please send us an email, give us a call, or send us mail at 2101 Wright St, Madison, WI 53704.



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