

Virtual Public Involvement Presentation Handout

**WIS 19
City of Watertown, Main Street
Rock River Structure, B-28-0906
Jefferson County**

Project ID: 3050-04-01/81



Virtual Presentation

May 18th, 2020

Purpose of the presentation

The purpose of this presentation is for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to present the proposed project alternatives to replace the existing WIS 19 historic bridge over the Rock River in the City of Watertown, which is approaching the end of its service life. WisDOT is proposing to replace the structure on the current alignment, while slightly adjusting the vertical profile to meet current roadway standards and narrowing the structure to remove the parking lanes across the structure.

The bridge structure on WIS 19 has shown deterioration, concrete spalls, and cracking. The project will replace the existing historic structure and the approaches. Other work that will be upgraded with the project are the lighting and sidewalk.

Project information

The project will be on WIS 19 (Main Street) within the City of Watertown from about 100 feet West of the bridge over the Rock River to 100 feet East of the bridge. The construction project will be a single project, 3050-04-01/81. Construction is anticipated to start in Spring 2026.

The project will consist of the replacement of the historic bridge over the Rock River and the roadway approaches to the structure. The new structure will be a single span concrete girder bridge with sidewalk and railings. More detailed renderings of the potential structures are available on the project website.

The Cole Memorial Bridge, on Main Street in Watertown, was added to the National Registry of Historic Places in June 1989. The structure is a contributing member of the Main Street Commercial Historic District. Designed by engineer Daniel Luten and constructed in 1931, it is significant under criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places - architectural significance, as a representation of a poured reinforced concrete single span arch bridge.

Proposed traffic impacts

During construction the roadway will be closed and detoured. Access to businesses throughout the corridor will be maintained during construction.

Real estate

Additional right of way and temporary limited easements may be required for this project. The project is early in the design and real estate impacts are not known at this time

Website Information

Information presented for this presentation and all future public meetings/presentations will be placed on the WisDOT website at the following location:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis19/default.aspx>

Project Schedule

Public Involvement Virtual Presentation #1	May 2020
Environmental Document	July 2022
60% Plans	September 2022
Public Involvement Meeting	November 2022
Real Estate Plat	November 2022
Real Estate Acquisitions Complete	September 2024
90% Plans	January 2025
Final Plans	May 2025
Construction	Spring 2026