

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 81  
Willow Creek Bridge to County K  
Avon to Newark  
Rock County**

Project ID: 5340-00-06



**April 15th, 2026**

## Purpose

This handout is intended to provide information regarding an upcoming Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) pavement rehabilitation project. Information provided here, and any comments received will be documented in the environmental review process. The WisDOT project team appreciates your participation and comments on this project.

## Project information

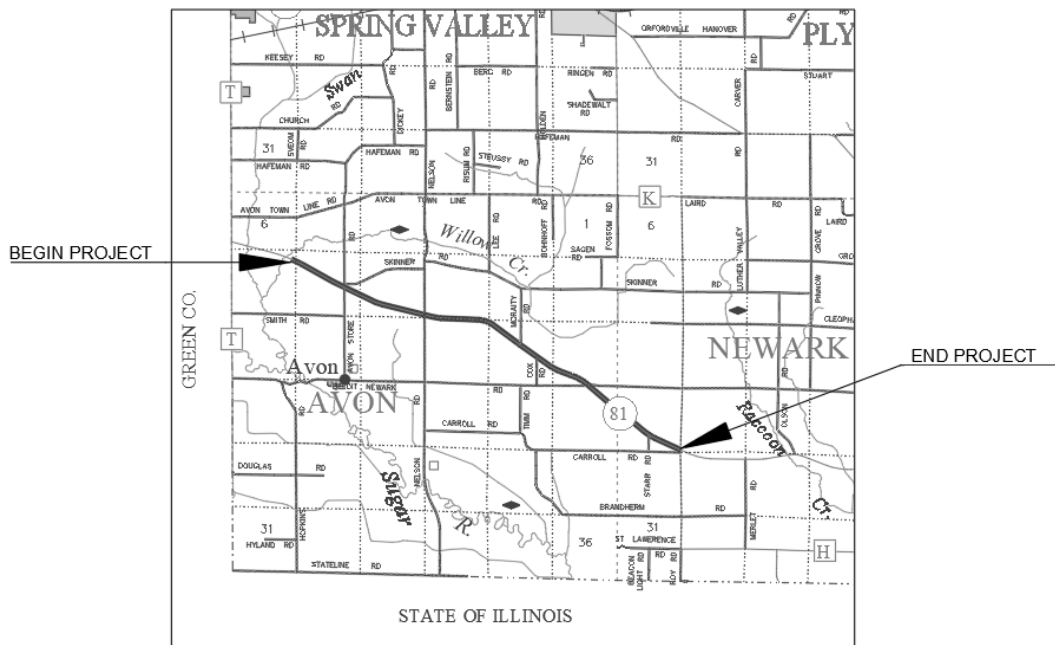
WisDOT is proposing to improve 6.9 miles of WIS 81. The project begins east of the Willow Creek Bridge and ends at the County K intersection.

The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the WIS 81 along with addressing the safety concerns on the corridor. The design need of this project is to address the existing roadway conditions. The roadway is aged and showing signs of deterioration such as cracking, spalling at joints, and breaks at corners of the concrete pavement. The safety need of this project is to address roadway departure crashes. There were 18 roadway departure crashes between 2020-2024.

Proposed improvements include:

- Rubblizing the existing concrete pavement
- Installing 6-inch underdrains along the rubblized concrete to promote drainage
- Overlaying 5.5 inches of asphaltic pavement to create a new road surface
- Adding centerline and shoulder rumble strips to increase driver safety
- Paving 5 feet of the 10-foot shoulders to increase driver safety
- Reconstructing driveway approaches within the right-of-way of WIS 81

### WIS 81 Location Map



## Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for the summer of 2029, and could be advanced to 2028 if funding becomes available.

During construction, through traffic on WIS 81 will be detoured utilizing WIS 11 and WIS 213.

Local access to businesses and residences will be maintained throughout construction.

## Real estate

No real estate acquisitions are expected, with all work being done within the existing right-of-way.

## Project update/next steps

### Schedule:

- Preliminary design began the Spring 2024.
- Final Plans, specifications and estimate submittal is scheduled for May 2027.
- Scheduled construction Summer 2029.

### More Information

Additional project information can be found at the WisDOT website at:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis81-rockcounty/default.aspx>

## Public input/comments

We encourage you to contact the project representatives and ask them questions. Please mail or e-mail any written comments about the project before May 15th, 2026.

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.

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