

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 34
WIS 34 & County Road DB/Old 51 Intersection
Marathon County**

Project ID: 6610-04-00/70



**December 11, 2019
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Knowlton Town Hall
1243 S Old Hwy 51
Mosinee, WI 54455**

Welcome

Welcome to the public involvement meeting to discuss proposed improvements to the WIS 34 & County Road DB intersection in the town of Knowlton, Marathon county.

The objective of today's meeting is to provide you with current information about the project, discuss proposed improvement options, and obtain your feedback on improvement type and construction traffic management strategies.

After a brief presentation at 5 p.m., the meeting will follow an open house format.

Project information

The intersection at WIS 34 & County DB/Old 51 has been identified as a safety concern. This intersection has experienced a significant amount of crashes with severe injuries.

Between 2013 and 2018, there were a total of 14 crashes; two fatal, nine with varying degree of injuries and three property damage. Nine of the 14 crashes (64%) were angle crashes and seven of those crashes were associated with vehicles attempting to cross WIS 34 from County Road DB and Old 51.

The purpose of this project is to:

- Improve safety by reducing the severity of crashes
- Maintain current and future capacity needs for the intersection

The existing intersection has an existing horizontal curve on the western approach and has a substandard intersection skew angle of 61 degrees. The speed limit is 45 MPH in all directions.

WIS 34 & County Road DB/Old 51



WIS 34 & County DB/Old 51 intersection (view looking east)

Proposed improvement options include:

Realigned two-way stop intersection

- Sideroads would be realigned to reduce the skew angle and improve vision
- Separate left-turn lanes
- The need for separate right-turn lanes will be evaluated should the option be selected as the preferred option.

Roundabout

- Single lane approaches
- Sized to accommodate large trucks
- Curved and curbed approaches to slow approaching traffic
- Streetlights

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin spring 2023.

We are currently evaluating various options to address traffic during construction. Closures of WIS 34, County Road DB and Old 51 are being considered.

Access to adjacent properties will be maintained throughout construction operations.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Location and area will depend on the intersection improvement option selected and design details as they are developed.

Project update/next steps

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| • Local officials meeting | November 14, 2019 |
| • Public involvement meeting | December 11, 2019 |
| • Local officials meeting | October 2020 |
| • Public involvement meeting | November 2020 |
| • Begin right of way acquisition | April 2021 |
| • Final roadway plans | February 2022 |
| • Construction currently scheduled | 2023 |

To view information about the project, and to sign up for update, visit the project website at: <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis34db/default.aspx>

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before January 6, 2020 or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also email your comments to the contacts 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.

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