



Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
Division of Transportation System Development

# Utility Coordination Newsletter

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## NORMAN'S CORNER

We are already nearing the end of another year! I hope all of you had a successful 2025 and are looking forward to spending the holiday season with your family and friends before getting back to it in 2026. But before all of that, we have an event for our internal staff and many of you, our external partners. [Read more](#)

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### Utility Exhibit

A Utility Exhibit is a supplemental document to the project plat. It plays a critical role in determining reimbursement eligibility for utility relocations, identifying utility easements that must be acquired for the highway project. [Read more](#)

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### Buy America

Requirements for compliance with Buy America, i.e., Domestic Materials Preference, change over time. This article addresses recent guidance provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). [Read more](#)

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## WisDOT Real Estate Contacts for General Questions

As a utility company, navigating real estate acquisition questions can be challenging. While project-specific questions should always be directed to the real estate project manager, general questions can usually be answered by Regional contacts. [Read more](#)

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## Utility Worksheet Training

The pilot projects for the DT2236 Utility Worksheet initiative are wrapping up. Thus, the Bureau of Technical Services (BTS) Utility Unit and our consultant partners are going through the feedback that was received to finalize the Utility Worksheet and attachments. Utility Worksheet training for utility owners, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) staff, and consultants has been scheduled and is free. [Read more](#)

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### Wednesday, January 14, 2026

#### Virtual via TEAMS

9 AM — 12 PM  
Utility Coordinator Tool and Review of Utility Worksheet  
1 PM — 4 PM  
Filling out the Utility Worksheet

Maximum number of participants per session is 1,000

#### In-person: Northeast Region Office

944 Vanderperren Way, Green Bay, WI | Green Bay and Lake Michigan Conference Room  
9 AM — 12 PM  
Utility Coordinator Tool and Review of Utility Worksheet  
1 PM — 4 PM  
Filling out the Utility Worksheet

Maximum of 45 participants per session, seating will be first come first serve

### Thursday, January 22, 2026

#### Virtual via TEAMS

9 AM — 12 PM  
Filling out the Utility Worksheet  
1 PM — 4 PM  
Utility Coordinator Tool and Review of Utility Worksheet

Maximum number of participants per session is 1,000

#### In-person: Southwest Region Office

2101 Wright Street, Madison, WI | Dane, Columbia and Rock Conference Room  
9 AM — 12 PM  
Utility Coordinator Tool and Review of Utility Worksheet  
1 PM — 4 PM  
Filling out the Utility Worksheet

Maximum of 50 participants per session, seating will be first come first serve

## WisDOT Six Year Highway Improvement Program

The WisDOT Six Year Program map is a great way to gather insight into projects happening around the state. This interactive map is updated weekly and available online at: [WisDOT Maps ArcGIS page](#) under the Projects section's Improvement Program link. [Read more](#)

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# Upcoming Events

## Utility Workshop

The Utility Coordination Workshop is coming up in December! [Read more about registration](#)

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
**Utility Coordination Workshop**  
Covering the life of a project: Design to construction

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025** - Wilderness Lodge, Wisconsin Dells

**Join us to:**

- Engage in interactive scenarios to develop best practices and deliver great work
- Share your insights and be part of the solution for today's challenges
- Build your network with transportation and utility industry professionals

**Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn and grow. Spots are limited.**

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## Diggers Hotline Trainings



Diggers Hotline will be hosting three online safety meeting webinars in 2026, one in each of January, February and March. The dates have yet to be determined, but these are free for anyone excavating in Wisconsin.

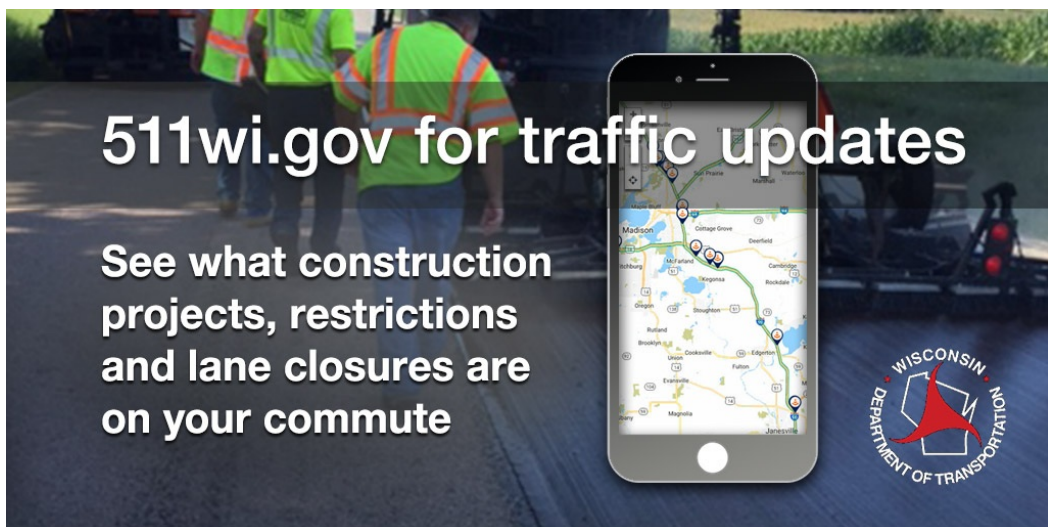
The Diggers Hotline outreach staff also offers training at in-person events. We will travel to a company's facility and give 45–60-minute presentations, including answering questions about Diggers Hotline, rules and regulations, etc. If someone is interested in hosting a Diggers Hotline presentation like this, they can sign up at: <https://www.diggershotline.com/request-a-speaker>

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## Recognizing Scams

Wisconsin DMV is warning consumers of common phishing scam attempts. Scammers are increasingly texting and emailing consumers, posing as Wisconsin DMV and demanding payment or personal information. [Learn more about how to recognize these scams here.](#)

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**511wi.gov for traffic updates**

**See what construction projects, restrictions and lane closures are on your commute**

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