# **Public Involvement**

US 45
Clintonville - Wittenberg
County C to Gollnow Road
Waupaca and Shawano Counties

**Project ID: 1600-15-00** 

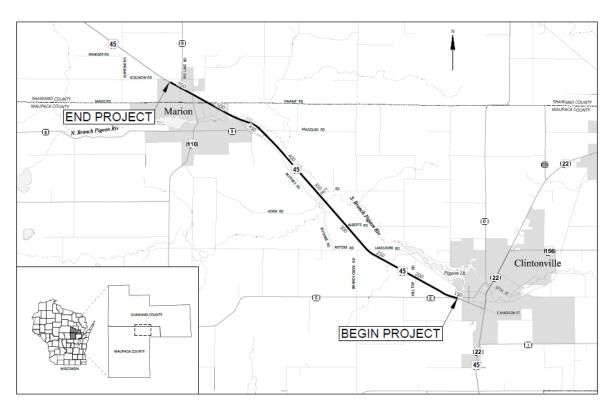


November 12, 2021 to November 26, 2021

## **Purpose**

The purpose of public involvement is to present design concepts for the proposed improvements to US 45, address impacts to traffic during construction, and to obtain public input.

## **Project Location Map**



# **Project Information**

We are proposing to improve eight miles of US 45 from northwest of the intersection of County C near the city of Clintonville to southeast of the intersection of Gollnow Road near the city of Marion.

The purpose of the proposed action is to preserve the roadway asset and minimize the overall life cycle cost of the corridor. This can be accomplished by addressing the following needs:

- Roadway deterioration in the form of various types of pavement cracking
- Deteriorating gutter adjacent to the two-way left turn lane (TWLTL)
- Deteriorating curb and gutter at intersections and in raised median sections
- Guardrail nearing the end of its useful service life and does not meet current design criteria
- Three culverts experiencing scour issues

#### Proposed improvements include:

- Removing and replacing the existing asphaltic pavement
- Removing the gutter adjacent to the TWLTL
- Removing and replacing damaged curb and gutter sections at intersections and median areas
- Removing and replacing guardrail
- Repairing scour areas adjacent to three culverts

- Adding raised medians at intersection left turn lanes
- Removing and replacing approach slabs at the bridge over the south branch of the Pigeon River
- Repairing or replacing storm sewer inlets where required

An environmental document is being prepared to address potential impacts to environmental resources along the project corridor. That document is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021.

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in the spring of 2023 but could begin as early as fall 2022.

During construction, US 45 will be open to traffic. Crews will either manage traffic using single lane closures, or close one side for construction while the other side has bi-directional traffic. Staged construction or short-term closures at intersections may be necessary. Motorists can expect some delays to occur, but delays will be managed through limiting contractor operations at critical times. Access to residences and businesses will be maintained except for short periods while construction operations are directly adjacent to the entrances.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in the fall of 2023.

#### Real estate

Minor areas of new right of way or temporary easements may be required to accommodate grading in areas of guardrail upgrades and culvert repairs. If required, WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in 2022.

# Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	October 15, 2021
Public involvement	November 2021
Preliminary plans	November 2021
Environmental document	December 2021
Real estate negotiations begin	2022
Construction currently scheduled	Spring of 2023 but could begin as early as fall 2022.

# **Public input/comments**

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.

There are several ways to submit your input by **November 26, 2021:** 

- 1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
- 2. Complete the fillable online survey on the project website https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/us45sw/default.aspx
- 3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

Deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, and speech-disabled persons should contact the Wisconsin Relay Service by dialing 711.

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#### **Public Involvement Comment Form**

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Please mail by **November 26, 2021** to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be emailed to <a href="mailto:Preston.Bohn@dot.wi.gov">Preston.Bohn@dot.wi.gov</a>. 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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Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)	

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