

# Public Involvement Handout

## US 51 Iron Street – US 2 Iron County

Project ID: 1175-21-70



**The in-person Public Involvement Meeting has moved online based on the most current health information from state, federal and local health departments.**

**The Wisconsin Department of Transportation continues to review prioritization and potential alternatives for public meetings and events.**

**This handout and other meeting items are available on the design website at: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/us51iron>**

**Thank you for your interest in this project, we look forward to your feedback.**

**Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay system (dial 711).**

## Purpose

Our objective is to gather your input about proposed improvements, discuss traffic management, and other project related information.

## Purpose and need for improvements

US 51 is a National Highway System (NHS) route providing connections to the region, state, and nation. US 51 is also a major north-south route connecting local tourism destinations with the rest of the state.

Needs identified along this stretch of US 51 include:

- Deteriorating asphalt pavement
- Deteriorating curb and gutter
- Curb ramps do not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- Storm sewer inlets in need of repair

## Project Map



## **Proposed improvements**

Proposed improvements include:

- Remove the existing asphalt pavement and replace with new Hot Mix Asphalt
- Remove and replace the curb and gutter
- Remove and replace curb ramps to meet ADA standards
- Spot repair of storm sewer inlets and manholes
- Replacement of existing pavement markings

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2026 but could begin as early as 2023.

During construction US 51 will remain open but lane shifts and flagging operations will be present during much of construction. On-street parking will be prohibited during construction. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained throughout construction. However, temporary driveway closures (one day or less) will be necessary during parts of the construction process. The contractor will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway. Temporary pedestrian detours will also be implemented during curb ramp/sidewalk work.

## **Real estate**

Temporary Limited Easements will be purchased at most curb ramp locations to give crews work space to construct the new curb ramp and shape the area behind the sidewalk to better blend into the new ramp.

Small amounts of permanent right of way will be purchased at some of the curb ramp locations. The current sidewalk needs to be shifted to meet accessibility standards at these locations.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website.

## **Project update/next steps**

- Local officials meeting: June 2020
- Final environmental document: Summer 2020
- Final plans: Fall 2022
- Real estate negotiations: Fall 2020 to Spring 2022
- Construction could occur as early as: Summer 2023
- Construction currently scheduled for: Summer 2026

## Project design website

Access the following materials on the project design website:

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/us51iron>

- Project background
- This handout and comment form
- Project presentation
- Landowner Rights pamphlet
- Project exhibits showing proposed improvements

## Public input/comments

Please forward your comments/input by **July 31, 2020**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail it to WisDOT
2. Or complete the fillable online survey at the project website  
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/us51iron>
3. Or email comments or questions to one of 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. Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay system (dial 711).

For more information, please contact:

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## Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form

Project ID 1175-21-70  
 US 51  
 Iron Street – US 2  
 Iron County

Please mail or email this form by **July 31, 2020** to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can be emailed to [kai.kilen@dot.wi.gov](mailto:kai.kilen@dot.wi.gov) or [adam.holquist@dot.wi.gov](mailto:adam.holquist@dot.wi.gov). 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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