

# Public Involvement

**US 51  
Minocqua – Manitowish  
Minocqua Bridge to Front Street  
Oneida County  
Project ID: 1170-19-31(61)**



**January 26, 2023 to February 16, 2023**

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## Purpose

Our objective is to update you on the project scope and schedule and to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, traffic impacts, and real estate needs along US 51 between the Minocqua Bridge and Front Street in the town of Minocqua, Oneida County.

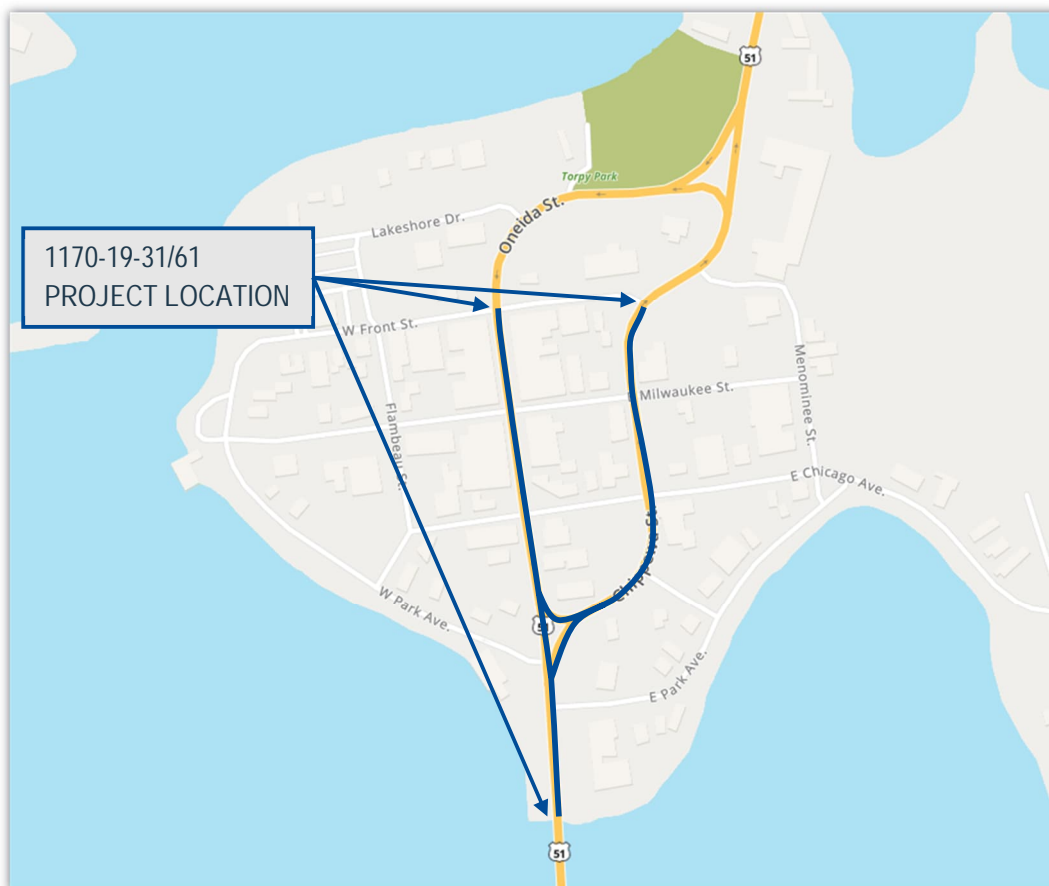
A meeting with local officials was held on Dec. 15, 2022.

Concrete pavement joints are vital to minimize pavement cracking and pavement movement. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete pavement joints and subsequent concrete pavement of the roadway. Joint repairs will help prevent failure of the concrete pavement.

Other identified issues include:

- Pedestrian curb ramps do not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- Spot curb and gutter replacements will be necessary.
- Sidewalk is substandard in spot locations.
- Pavement markings will need to be replaced.

### Project Location Map



## Project Information

We are proposing to improve 0.6 miles of US 51.

Proposed improvements include:

- Repairing concrete pavement joints.
- Upgrade curb ramps to meet ADA standards.
- Spot curb and gutter replacement.
- Replace existing asphalt path with a new concrete sidewalk on southbound US 51 between Front Street and Veterans' Park.
- Install new pavement markings.

## Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for the spring of 2026 and estimated to take two months to complete. Construction along US 51 southbound will be completed prior to Memorial Day weekend. All construction will be completed by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June. No work will occur on Sundays or on Saturdays after Memorial Day weekend.

During construction, the roadway will be open under staged single lane closure. Side road access will be maintained.

Local, business, and emergency access will be maintained. However, temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

## Real estate

Minor real estate in the form of temporary easements, permanent easements and permanent fee may be required for construction of sidewalk and curb ramps throughout the project limits. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in Dec. 2023.

## Access Modifications

Driveway access will be assessed for potential modifications along the projects. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with property owners.

## Project update/next steps

Preliminary plans	Oct. 2022
Local officials meeting	Dec. 15, 2022
Public involvement	Jan. 2023 – Feb. 2023
Environmental document	Summer 2023
Final right of way plat	Fall 2023
Real estate negotiations	Dec. 2023
Final plans	May 2025
Construction currently scheduled	Spring 2026

## 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 **Feb. 16, 2023**:

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://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/us51minoc/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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