

Public Involvement

WIS 107
Main Street, Village of Marathon City
County B to North Street
Marathon County
Project ID: 6360-05-05



Thursday, April 11, 2024
5:00 p.m.

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

Purpose

The objective of this meeting is to gather your input regarding the proposed improvements and traffic management strategies during construction. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:10 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open house format. Displays showing the proposed improvements are available for viewing. Project representatives are available to answer questions one-on-one.

Project Information

We are proposing to improve 0.79 miles of WIS 107 from approximately 1,140 feet south of 8th Street to approximately 180 feet north of North Street.

The purpose of the proposed project 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:

- Deteriorating pavement
- Substandard geometrics
- Substandard pedestrian curb ramps
- Culvert and storm sewer deterioration

Deteriorating pavement:

The existing WIS 107 pavement is showing signs of distress with longitudinal and transverse cracking. These cracks allow water and deicing chemicals to enter the pavement and accelerate the deterioration of the roadway corridor.

Substandard geometrics:

The geometrics at the WIS 107 and 4th Street intersection do not adequately accommodate the required turning movements from large trucks that use this intersection, resulting in their rear wheels over-tracking up onto the curb and sidewalk. Trucks need to encroach into the southbound lanes when making the westbound to northbound turns.

Substandard pedestrian curb ramps:

Curb ramps located within the project corridor do not meet current Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards.

Culvert and storm sewer deterioration:

There are two culverts that are deteriorating and nearing the end of their service life. The concrete adjusting rings inside the storm sewer structures are deteriorating.

Proposed improvements include:

- Resurfacing the existing roadway by milling off the top 1.75" of surface and replacing it with a new 1.75" layer of hot mixed asphalt pavement.
- Widen the WIS 107 and 4th Street intersection by pulling back the curb and gutter in the northeast corner. A porkchop island would also be added to the northeast corner to help channelize westbound to northbound turning trucks.
- Upgrade pedestrian curb ramps to current ADA standards.
- Replace one cross culvert pipe near the project beginning.
- Remove one culvert in the southwest corner of 8th Street and regrade the existing ditch to a new storm sewer drain.
- Repair deteriorated storm sewer structures.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in early summer of 2026 and will take approximately two to three months to complete.

During construction, WIS 107 will be resurfaced while open to traffic using single-lane closures with flagging. The upgrades to the WIS 107 and 4th Street intersection will be completed in stages to maintain traffic.

Pedestrians will be allowed access through the corridor at all times with the use of temporary pedestrian accommodations and staging of the curb ramp closures. Access to residences and businesses along the corridor will be kept open.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Permanent Fee right of way and/or Temporary Limited Easements will be required from most of the properties located in the intersection corners. The additional right of way is needed to construct the new pedestrian curb ramps and for blending the ramps into the existing ground behind the ramps. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in July 2024.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	March 21, 2024
Public involvement	April 11, 2024
Preliminary plans	April, 2024
Environmental document	May, 2024
Final right of way plat	June, 2024
Real estate negotiations	July, 2024
Final plans	April, 2025
Construction currently scheduled	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 April 26, 2024:

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/wis107marathonctyb/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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For more information, please contact:

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In This Together Program

A quick guide to help your business prepare for road construction

1 ORGANIZE EARLY



- Learn more about the project and its timeline
- Develop questions for WisDOT staff
- Check in with neighboring businesses and/or local business organization



- *Can you partner on promotions, events or materials?*
- *Establish a point of contact for the business community?*

2 STAY ENGAGED WITH THE PROJECT



- Attend public involvement meeting(s)
- Make note of contact information for the project team, and voice the unique needs of your business
- Learn more about project resources



- *Is there a construction website?*
- *Is there a mailing list?*
- *Is there an email distribution?*

3 HELP CUSTOMERS FIND YOU



- Consult with project staff to determine when and where there may be closures or detours
- Ask about temporary signage options
- Consider how best to inform customers



- *Maybe a joint communication with neighboring businesses for employees and customers about traffic and parking?*
- *Maybe a feature article in a customer-facing newsletter?*
- *Maybe a social media post shared by businesses and local community pages?*

4 DEVELOP AND ACTIVATE YOUR GAME PLAN



- Check out case studies at wisconsindot.gov/together
- Connect with project contacts to discuss any potential obstacles specific to your business such as deliveries, operational hours, employee parking, etc.
- Check in with employees



- *Is there a consistent message for customers?*
- *Are there temporary changes to shift times, parking, or deliveries?*

5 END OF CONSTRUCTION



- Stay positive, be flexible and know that WisDOT staff are available to help
- Collect any temporary signage
- Let customers know!



- *Consider working with other businesses on a special event?*
- *Share social media about the project's benefits?*
- *Ask customers to help spread the word?*



Remember, we are In This Together! For more planning ideas, tips and resources: wisconsindot.gov/together

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