

# Public Involvement

## WIS 13 WIS 98 (Clark Street) to County N (Monroe Street) Marathon County

Project ID: 1620-01-02



**Public Comment Period:  
March 8, 2021 to March 22, 2021**

**An in-person meeting is not planned based on public health guidance to limit public gatherings.  
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Telecommunications Relay system (dial 711).**

## Purpose

Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, and real estate needs along WIS 13 between WIS 98 (Clark Street) in the village of Spencer and County N (Monroe Street) in the city of Colby.

## Project information

We are proposing to improve approximately 10 miles of WIS 13.

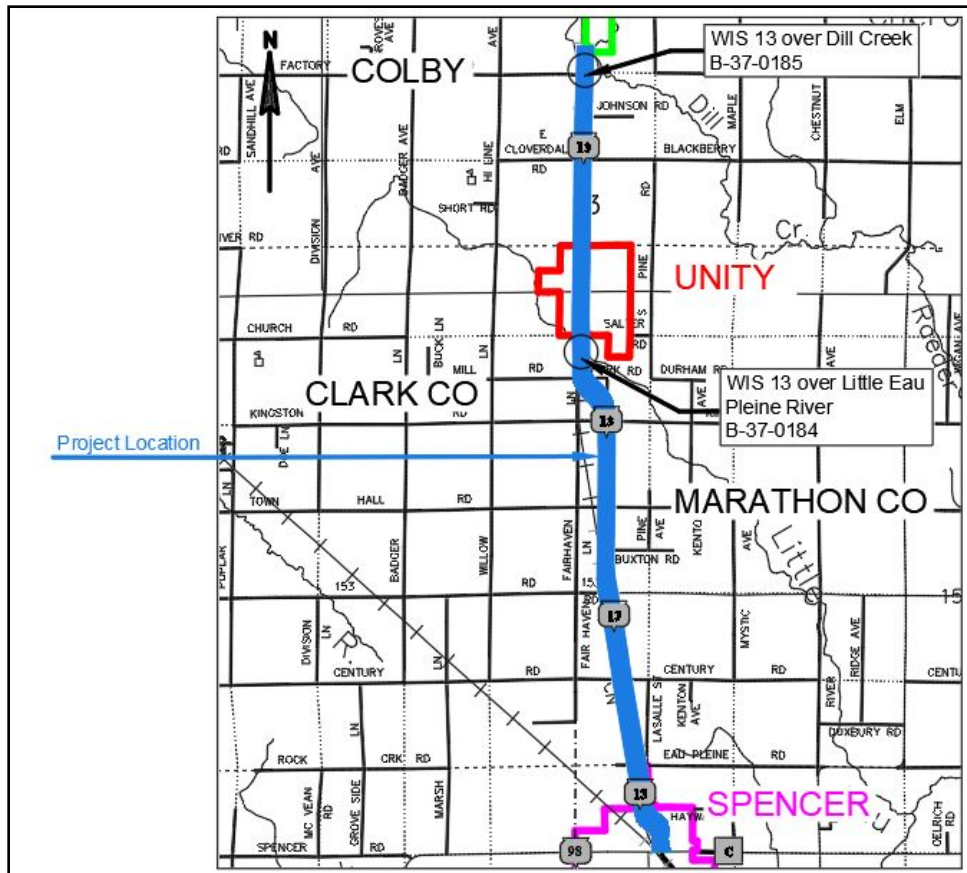
The concrete pavement through this section of WIS 13 was reconstructed in 1989 and is showing signs of faulting and spalling joints, linear cracking, and corner breaks. These cracks allow water and deicing chemicals to enter the pavement and accelerate the deterioration of the roadway corridor.

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:

- Preventing un-serviceable\* concrete pavement
- Curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- Guardrail is nearing the end of its service life
- Deteriorating roadway shoulders
- Concrete bridge decks carrying WIS 13 over Little Eau Pleine River and Dill Creek are showing signs of deterioration

\* Serviceability issues are when distresses can negatively affect normal driving conditions and begin to create risk of potential safety concerns.

### WIS 13 Location Map



## Proposed improvements

- Repairing the concrete joints, cracks and panels followed by surface diamond grinding.
- Replacing the existing asphaltic shoulder pavement.
- Reshaping and restoring the existing gravel shoulders.
- Replacing non-ADA compliant curb ramps.
- Replacing the guardrail.
- Constructing new deck overlays on the Little Eau Pleine River and Dill Creek bridges.
- Replacing the pavement markings.
  - The pavement marking improvement concepts in the urban areas include:
    - Spencer – replacing the existing pavement marking to convert the existing four-lane configuration to a three-lane configuration. The three-lane configuration would include a single lane in each direction with a center two-way-left turn lane (TWTL) and urban shoulders (bike lanes) on each side of the roadway. The three-lane configuration would run from WIS 98 north to Northcentral Technical College. The proposed pavement marking changes also include providing a right-turn lane into the technical college. The pavement marking concept is shown on an exhibit posted on the project website.
    - Unity – replacing the existing pavement marking to match the existing four-lane configuration. Two lanes in each direction will remain.
    - Colby – replacing the existing pavement marking to match the existing four-lane configuration. Two lanes in each direction will remain.

By repairing the pavement now, the roadway will have the opportunity to serve its full life expectancy.

## Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. This will include small areas of permanent (fee) and temporary (temporary limited easement) land acquisitions at some of the curb ramp locations. Estimated right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits posted on the project website. The impacts are not anticipated to impede or affect the existing use of the adjacent properties.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website. Real estate acquisition is expected to begin in spring 2021. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners.

## Proposed traffic impacts

An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2023 but could occur as early as 2022. The project is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2023 and is expected to be completed by fall of 2023.

Rural sections of WIS 13 will be closed to through traffic in segments during construction which will allow the highway to remain open to through traffic for as long as possible.

- When the segment of WIS 13 south of WIS 153 is closed, traffic will be detoured via WIS 97 to WIS 153 and back to WIS 13.

- When the segment of WIS 13 north of WIS 153 is closed, traffic will be detoured via WIS 97 to WIS 29 and back to WIS 13.

In the urban sections of Spencer, Unity and Colby, motorists can expect single lane closures with one lane remaining open in each direction. Staged construction of the new curb ramps and the use of temporary sidewalks, curb ramps and crosswalks will be provided while curb ramps are under construction.

Access to business and residential driveways will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. Where multiple driveways serve a single property, construction will be staged so at least one of the driveways remain open. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

## Project update/next steps

Project notification letters were sent to property owners along the project in January of 2020. The letters notified the property owners about the project and requested input on the proposed improvements.

Two meetings were held with local community officials to discuss the proposed project improvements and gather their input. The first meeting was held on November 15, 2019 in the village of Unity. The second meeting was a phone conference held on February 8, 2021.

Upcoming project milestones include the following:

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| • Preliminary design and plans     | February 2021 |
| • Final right of way plat          | April 2021    |
| • Real estate negotiations begin   | Spring 2021   |
| • Final plans                      | November 2021 |
| • Construction currently scheduled | Summer 2023   |

## Public input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the travelling public as well as the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

There are several ways to submit your feedback by **March 22, 2021**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail it to WisDOT.
2. Complete the fillable online survey on the project website:  
<https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis13cs/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below.

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# Public Involvement Comment Form

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WIS 98 to County N  
Marathon County

Please place mail by **March 22, 2021** to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be emailed to [Preston.Bohn@dot.wi.gov](mailto:Preston.Bohn@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.

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