

Public Involvement

WIS 173 Roadway Rehabilitation & WIS 173 Culvert Replacement Babcock - Nekoosa WIS 80 NB to Cranberry Bridge Wood County

Project ID: 6933-00-07/77 & 6933-00-31/61



July 19, 2023

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Purpose

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on WIS 173 in Wood County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

Project Information

We are proposing to improve 5.23 miles of WIS 173.

The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the roadway structure on WIS 173. The need for the project is to address the roadway deficiencies and deteriorating culvert pipes.

Roadway Deficiencies

- Deteriorated pavement structure
- Deteriorated and narrow shoulder width
- Substandard guardrail segments

Deteriorating Culvert Pipes:

- Multiple locations of metal culvert pipes with rusted out bottoms
- One location with poly lined culvert pipe (existing metal culvert pipe failed)

Proposed improvements include:

- Resurfacing of the pavement structure
- Adding 3-foot paved shoulders
- Replacing all guardrail segments
- Replacing failing cross culvert pipes

Project limits are within the Cranmoor Drainage District. This is a shared storm water ditch system with environmental impacts. The existing ditch system will remain active during construction, so cranberry farming operations can utilize storm water for growing and harvesting season. Temporary cross culverts and/or water diversion activities will be utilized during cross culvert replacements to keep the drainage district active.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin on 2025.

- During construction, WIS 173 – between WIS 80 and Cranberry Creek Bridge – will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction during daytime hours. Motorists can expect to encounter flagging operations during construction times.
- During cross culvert replacements, WIS 173 – between WIS 80 and Cranberry Creek Bridge – will be detoured. The detour route is WIS 173 westbound to WIS 73 to WIS 54 to WIS 80 to WIS 173. Access to local residents and emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. Detour route will be limited to 20 days.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion on 2025.

Real estate

Temporary Limited Easements (TLE) will be required for cross culvert replacements for this project. Preliminary impacts are shown on the exhibit. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in September 2023.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	July 12, 2023
Public involvement	July 19, 2023
Environmental document	August 2023
Preliminary plans	August 2023
Design Study Report	August 2023
Final temporary limited easement exhibits	August 2023
Real estate negotiations	September 2024 to February 2025
Final plans	May 1, 2024
Construction currently scheduled	2025

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 **Aug. 14, 2023**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
2. Complete the comment form on the project website and mail it to WisDOT
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis173/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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Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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