

Public Involvement

**WIS 21
Juneau County Line to WIS 13
Adams County
Project ID: 6160-03-06**



November 10, 2023

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

Purpose

The purpose of the letter and this supplemental information is to solicit the public's input regarding the proposed improvements as well as informing residents of the project's timing and impacts to traffic during construction.

Project Information

The Department of Transportation is proposing to improve 11.1 miles of WIS 21 between the Juneau County Line (Wisconsin River Bridge) to WIS 13 in Adams County.

The existing pavement is showing signs of distress with longitudinal and transverse cracking, rutting, and patching. The structure over the Big Roche A Cri Creek is showing signs of distress such as concrete spalling. There are three box culverts that are in poor condition with failing concrete to steel connections and corrosion. To preserve the roadway and to minimize the overall life cycle cost to the WIS 21 corridor the Wisconsin Department of Transportation proposes to do a pavement rehabilitation project on WIS 21.

Proposed improvements include:

- Mill and overlay the asphalt pavement
- Replace three existing box culverts near the Wisconsin River
- Rehabilitate the bridge over the Big Roche A Cri Creek
- Replace guardrail at select locations.
- Add 5-foot paved shoulders from North Shore Drive to the Big Roche-A-Cri bridge and from Lake Drive to Spruce Drive in Arkdale

Proposed traffic impacts

WIS 21 will remain open to traffic during construction. Motorists can expect to encounter single lane closures using flagging operations during the mill and overlay operation. Temporary traffic signals with single lane closures will be used for the replacement of three box culverts and for the structure repairs to the Big Roche A Cri Creek bridge.

Construction is currently scheduled for 2027.

Real estate

No new right of way will be required for this project.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	November 7, 2023
Public involvement	November 9 - December 7, 2023
Preliminary plans	April 2024
Environmental document	March 2024
Final plans	May 2026
Construction currently scheduled	2027

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 **December 7, 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/wis21adams/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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For more information, please contact:

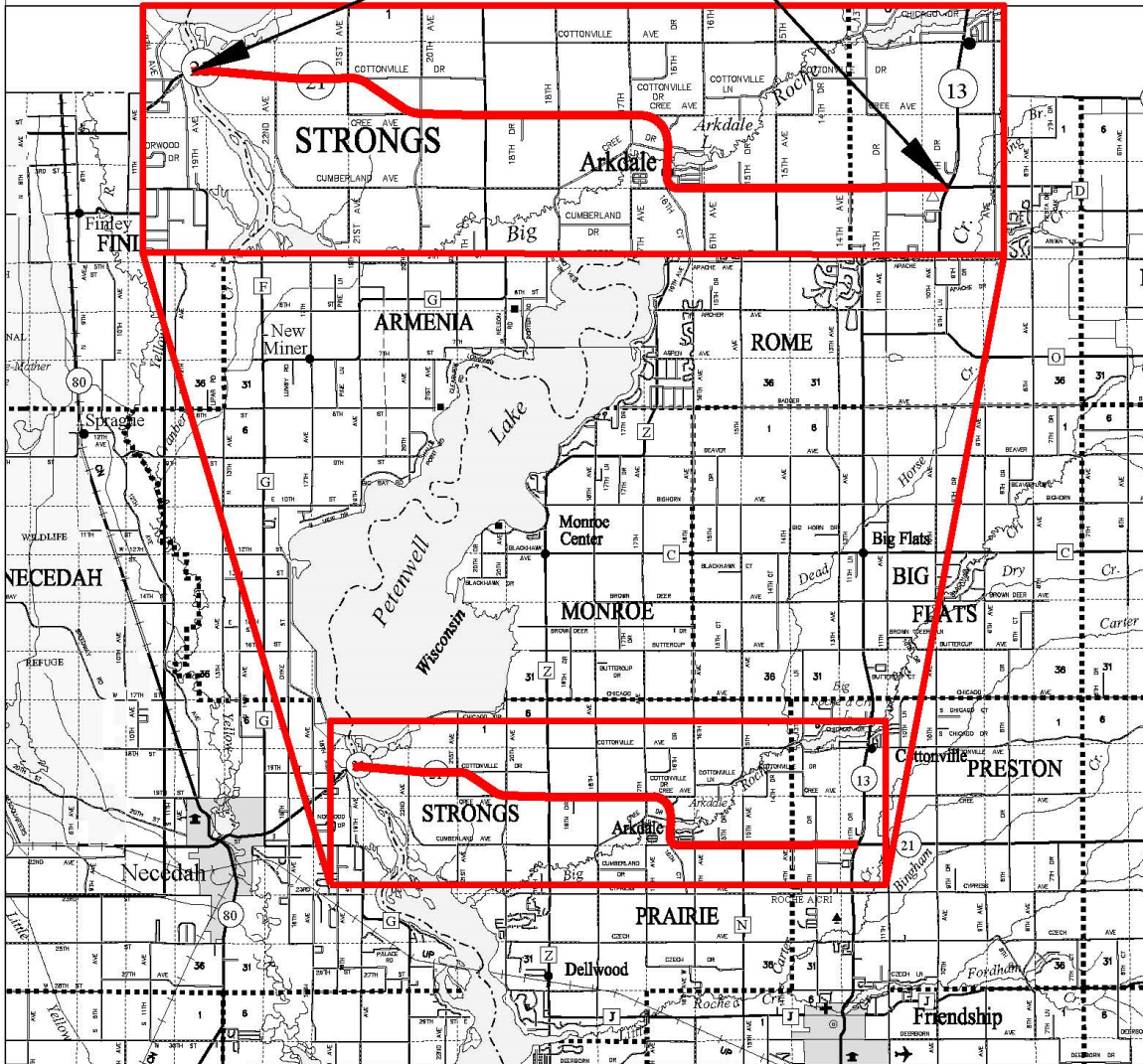
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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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ADAMS COUNTY



PROJECT LOCATION





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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