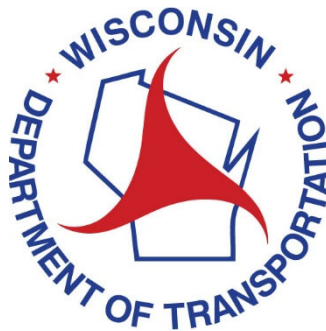


Public Involvement

**WIS 22
WIS 23 to Park Street
Marquette County
Project ID: 6150-01-07**



February 6th, 2024

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Purpose

WisDOT is holding this in person meeting today to gain additional insight from the public regarding the proposed improvement to WIS 22 (Church Street) from WIS 23 to just north of Park Street. This public input will be incorporated into our design as much as possible and all comments will be documented as a part of our design process.

Project Information

We are proposing to improve 0.3 miles of WIS 22 from WIS 23 to approximately 480' north of Park Street. The existing WIS 22 pavement is showing signs of deterioration in the form of cracking and wheel path rutting. In addition to the deteriorating pavement, the WIS 22 intersection with WIS 23 does not accommodate turning movements for large trucks and farm equipment that frequently use the two highways. The purpose of the proposed action is to preserve the roadway asset and minimize the overall life cycle cost of the corridor. The public input process will add to our understanding of the existing roadway issues and conditions.

Proposed improvements include: The preferred alternative proposes to reconstruct WIS 22 throughout the corridor. Other project work would include replacing storm sewer, constructing new and replacing existing sidewalk and curb ramps, upgrading the WIS 23 intersection, and replacing city-owned sanitary sewer and water main facilities. Approximately 22 parcels will require a Temporary Limited Easement (TLE) and/or right-of-way acquisition throughout the corridor.

The preferred alternative addresses the roadway pavement deficiencies, intersection geometric deficiencies, deteriorating storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water main systems, and curb ramp deficiencies. This alternative will preserve the roadway assets, while minimizing overall lifecycle cost of the roadway corridor.

The environmental study is still ongoing at this time. The historical and archaeological studies were updated from prior phases of the design and no impacts are anticipated at this time.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in Spring 2027.

During construction, WIS 22 will be closed to through traffic during construction. Through traffic will be detoured on WIS 73 and WIS 23 via the City of Princeton. Access to homes and business will be maintained at all times. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion late Summer of 2027.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Approximately 22 parcels will require a Temporary Limited Easement (TLE) and/or right-of-way acquisition throughout the corridor.

We anticipate TLE's will be required for all properties south of Park Street. Minor Right of Way purchases will be needed at the intersections for curb ramp and intersection improvements at WIS 23. 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	January 25, 2024
Public involvement	February 6, 2024
Preliminary plans	April 2024
Environmental document	March 2024
Final right of way plat	July 2024
Real estate negotiations	July 2024-January 2026
Final plans	May 2026
Construction currently scheduled	Spring and Summer 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 **March 6, 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://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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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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