

Public Involvement

WIS 29
County Q to Bass Lake Road, Westbound
Marathon County
Project ID: 1053-07-31



February 21, 2024 to March 13, 2024

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Purpose

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements to westbound WIS 29 between County Q and Bass Lake Road in Marathon County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed project, describe the potential impacts it will have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment. We appreciate your input and encourage you to review the project information and provide comments.

Project Information

We are proposing to improve 4.4 miles of the westbound lane of WIS 29 in Marathon County.

The purpose of this project is to perform improvements on westbound WIS 29 between County Q and Bass Lake Road in Marathon County. These improvements would include repairs to address observed concrete pavement distresses and replacement of failing culverts to increase the longevity of the roadway pavement section. Other improvements include resurfacing existing asphalt features showing cracking and settling next to the existing concrete pavement along the project corridor and addressing the adjacent gravel shoulders. Secondary needs are to address the structure on County Y over WIS 29 (B-37-0377) which is showing deterioration of the existing thin polymer overlay and failure of the concrete slope paving protecting the north abutment.

Proposed improvements include:

- Concrete pavement joint and crack repair
- Resurfacing the existing asphalt pavement – shoulders, turn lanes, intersections, sideroads, and median crossovers
- Replacement of specific cross culverts
- Adjustments, repairs, and replacements of curb and gutter, surface drains, guardrail, and curb ramps as necessary
- Removal of existing centerline raised pavement markers and replacement of shoulder delineators
- Adjustments, repairs, and replacements of concrete approach slabs and concrete shoulders adjacent to bridge structures
- Thin polymer overlay and north abutment slope paving replacement on structure County Y over WIS 29 (B-37-0377)

The proposed improvements meet the project purpose and needs. Other alternatives that were reviewed included:

- Alternative 1: No Build
- Alternative 2: Preservation/Restoration (Preferred)
- Alternative 3: Pavement Replacement

Doing nothing (No Build) does not meet the project purpose and needs. The Pavement Replacement alternative meets the project purpose and need and would result in a longer usable life of the project corridor but would impose a much higher cost than the Preservation/Restoration alternative which also meets the project purpose and need.

An environmental document is currently being prepared for this project. DNR Initial Concurrence has been received with environmental conditions being incorporated and accommodated for within the contract documents. The project has been screened for historical and archaeological impact and no potential to cause adverse effects has been determined.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for 2026.

During construction, WIS 29 between County Q and Bass Lake Road will remain open to traffic but motorists can expect to encounter single lane closures or bidirectional traffic. There could possibly be westbound ramp closures and detours at the County Y interchange, in which a detour will be in place for the shortest duration possible.

Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT or the construction contractor will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

Real estate

No additional right of way is expected to be acquired for this project.

Project update/next steps

Public involvement	February 2024 – March 2024
Environmental document	April 2024
Preliminary plans	April 2024
Final plans	May 2025
Construction currently scheduled	2026 Construction Season

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 13, 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.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/default.aspx>
Select the link for WIS 29 (County Q to Bass Lake Road, Westbound)
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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