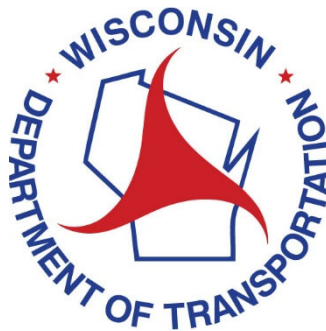


Public Involvement

WIS 44
Grand River Bridge to Fond du Lac Co Line
Green Lake County
Project ID: 6100-00-00



January 4, 2024 – January 18, 2024

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Purpose

Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, and real estate needs along WIS 44 between the Grand River Bridge in the city of Markesan and the Fond du Lac County Line as shown in the location map below.

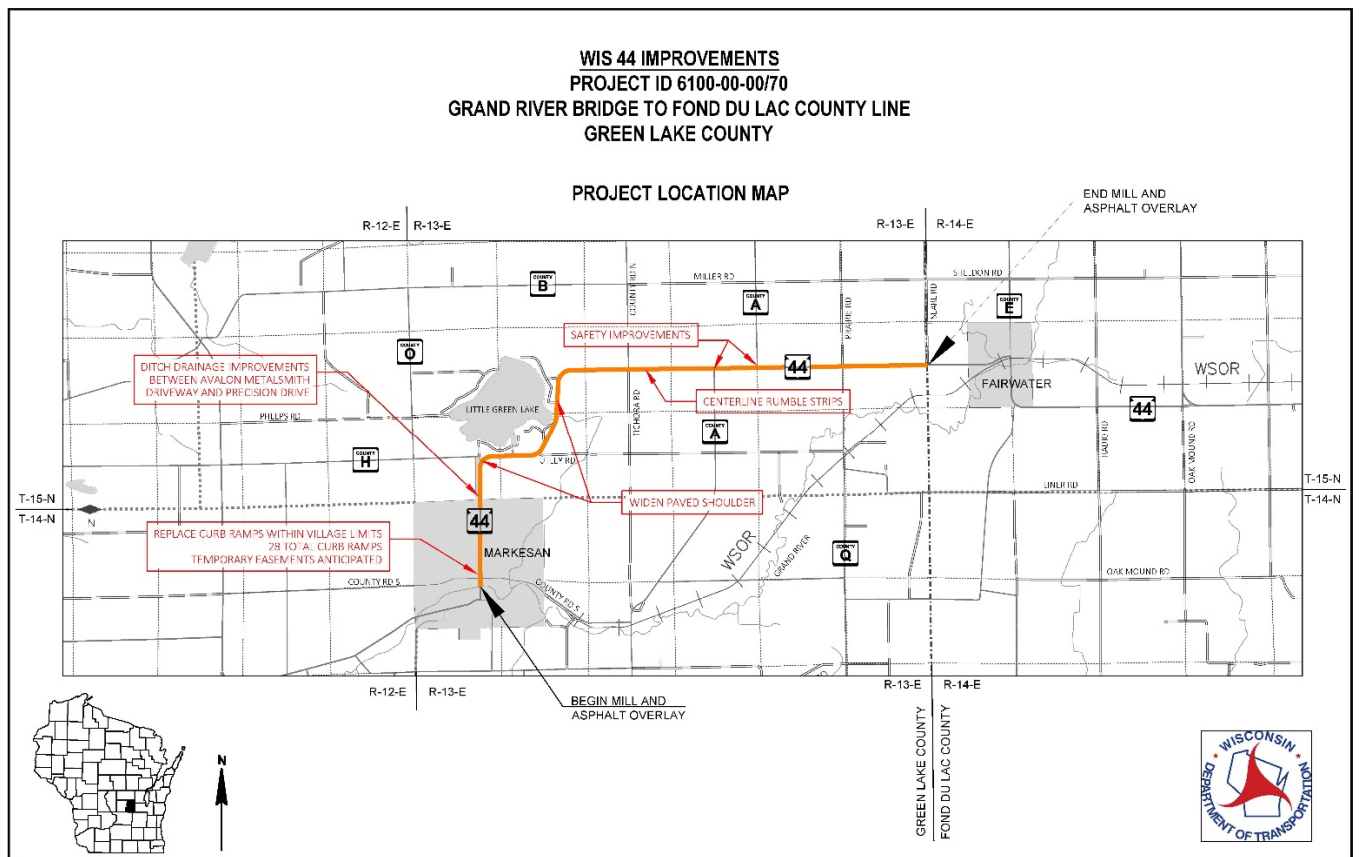
Project Information

Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing to improve 7.4 miles of WIS 44.

Deteriorating pavement conditions along WIS 44 is the primary need for the project. The roadway is cracking and around the manholes the pavement is sinking. Truck traffic between County A (South) and County A (North) has significantly caused safety concerns.

The purpose of the proposed action is to preserve the roadway and minimize future costs.

WIS 44 Project Location Map



Proposed improvements include:

- Remove 2 to 4 inches of the pavement surface and put down 2 to 4 inches of new pavement on WIS 44 to extend the service life of the pavement.
- Widen the paved portion of the shoulders from 3 feet to 5 feet from County H to East Little Green Road
- Add centerline rumble strips in the rural section with posted speed limit of 55 mph.
- Replace the pedestrian curb ramps
- Spot curb and gutter repairs and inlet repairs to improve drainage
- Ditch regrading between Avalon Metalsmiths and Precision Drive to improve drainage
- Safety Improvements (flashing beacon) at the County A (north) intersection to address the high crash rate and left turn bypass lane improvements at both County A intersections

This alternative ensures the roadway is improved in the most cost-effective manner.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in summer/fall of 2025 and is anticipated to be completed in fall of 2025.

During construction, motorists can expect to encounter temporary single lane closures with flagging operations and reduced lane widths and shoulder closures. Access to business and residential driveways will be maintained. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways while construction occurs in the immediate area.

Shoulders along WIS 44 through Markesan will be closed during the pedestrian curb ramp replacements. Pedestrians can expect short-term sidewalk and pedestrian curb ramp closures. Pedestrians will be diverted to the sidewalk on the opposite side of the closures where possible with temporary pedestrian accommodations provided at other locations.

Real estate

Some temporary easements are needed to accommodate the curb ramp replacements and blending into existing slopes. Preliminary right-of-way impacts are shown in the exhibits.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	December 2023
Public involvement	January 2024
Preliminary plans	February 2024
Environmental document	February 2024
Final right of way plat	March 2024
Real estate negotiations begin	April 2024
Final plans	February 2025
Construction currently scheduled	Summer 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 **January 18, 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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