

Public Involvement

**WIS 47 and 55
Keshena to Langlade County Line
Menominee County**

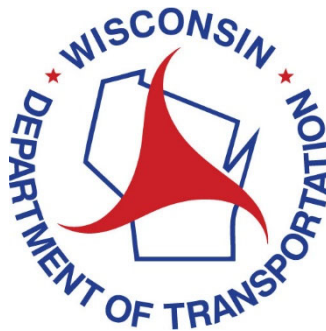
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**6:00 p.m.
Tuesday December 5, 2023
Culture Building, College of Menominee Nation
N172 WIS-47
Keshena, WI 54135**

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Purpose

The intent of this meeting is to provide information regarding proposed Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) improvement projects along WIS 47 and 55 in Menominee County. The meeting will begin with a short presentation followed by open house format. All attendees are encouraged to ask questions and provide comments on the improvement project. Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements and real estate needs along WIS 47 and 55.

Project Information

We are proposing to improve 21.06 miles of WIS 47 from County VV (west) to the Langlade County line and 18.6 miles of WIS 55 from WIS 47 to the Langlade County line.

The primary purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the roadway, guardrail and stormwater drainage throughout the WIS 47 and 55 corridors. In addition to the rural improvements, urban improvements including sidewalk, pedestrian curb ramps and lighting are also planned for Neopit.

The need for the project is to improve roadway deficiencies. The existing WIS 47 and 55 roadway surfaces are showing signs of distress including alligator cracking, rutting, longitudinal and transverse cracking. The existing guardrail installations throughout the project corridors need to be repaired. The vast majority of the culverts along the corridors are reaching the end of their service life. Curb ramps in Neopit do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Proposed improvements include:

- Resurfacing WIS 47 and STH 55 from Keshena to the Langlade County line.
- Remove and replace 100+ existing culverts throughout the two corridors.
- Repair damaged and substandard guardrail.
- Reconstruct pedestrian curb ramps in Neopit.

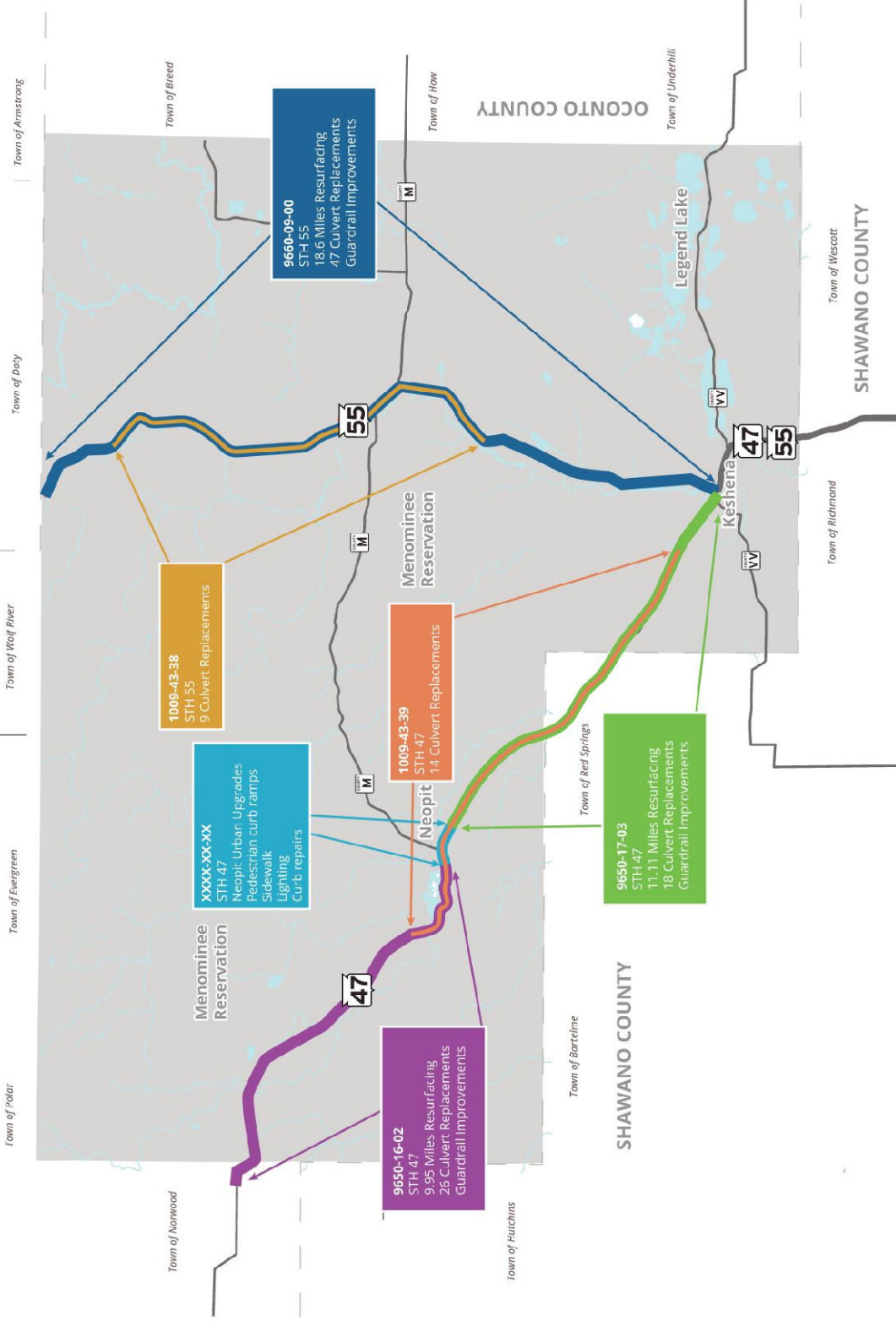
Safety Improvements include:

- Widening paved shoulders to the best extent possible
- Installing centerline rumble strips
- Wider pavement marking
- Lighting in Neopit
- Relocating one emergency parking area on WIS 55 approximately 1-mile south of Markton, WI

Project staff are in the process of evaluating the impacts to any historical and archeological property sites. The environmental documents will be drafted in the next few months.

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Proposed traffic impacts

The current construction schedule is as follows:

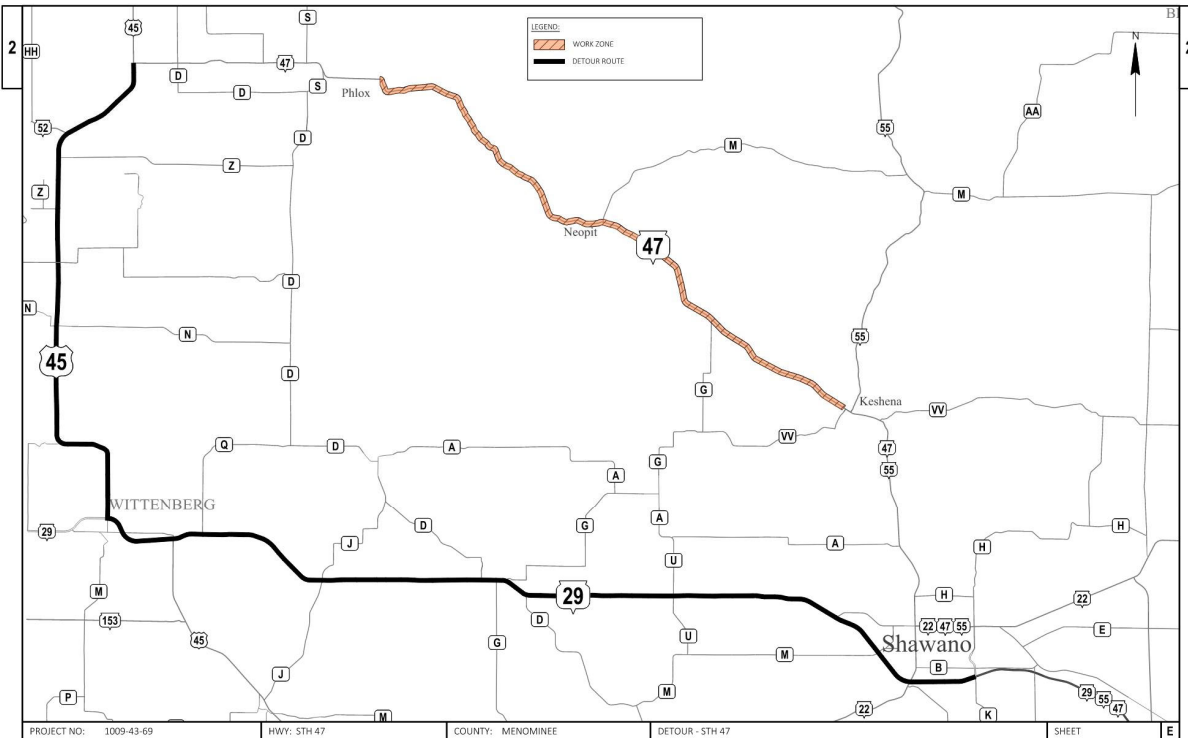
<u>ID</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Construction Year</u>
1009-43-38	WIS 55 Culvert Only Project	2026
1009-43-39	WIS 47 Culvert Only Project	2026*
9650-16-02	WIS 47 Resurfacing (North of Neopit)	2027
9650-17-03	WIS 47 Resurfacing (South of Neopit)	2028*
9660-09-00	WIS 55 Resurfacing	2028
TBD	Neopit Updates	2028*

*These projects have advanceable design deliveries, if funding becomes available, these construction dates would be subject to change. The WIS 55 advanced design deliveries are still under review.

During construction, WIS 47 is anticipated to be detoured during culvert installations. The proposed detour route will be WIS 29 to US 45. Access to local residents and emergency responders will be maintained at all times. Single-lane closures with flagging operations will facilitate the rest of the construction operations such as asphalt paving and guardrail repairs.

Anticipated closure timeframes are as follows:

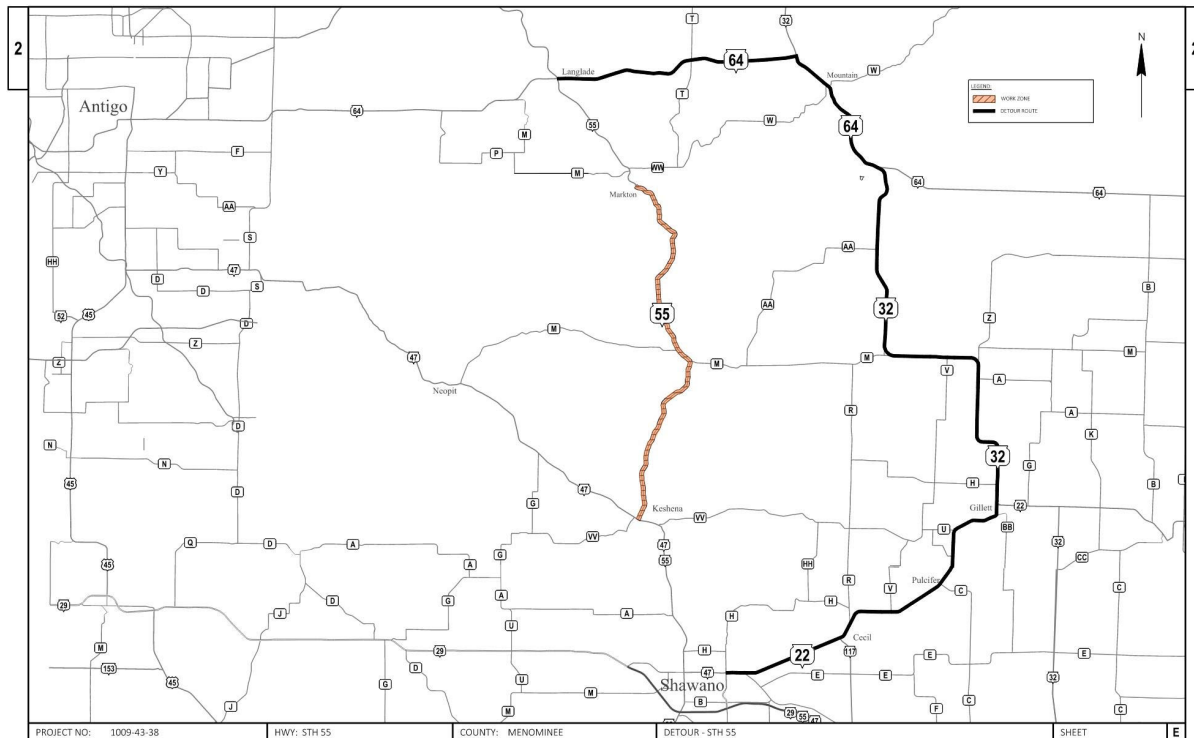
- 1009-43-39 20-30 Days
- 9650-16-02 30-40 Days
- 9650-17-03 25-35 Days



During construction, WIS 55 is anticipated to be detoured during culvert installations. The proposed detour route will be WIS 22 to WIS 32 to WIS 64. Access to local residents and emergency responders will be maintained at all times. Single-lane closures with flagging operations will facilitate the rest of the construction operations such as asphalt paving and guardrail repairs.

Anticipated closure timeframes are as follows:

- 1009-43-38 8-12 Days
- 9660-09-00 60-70 Days



Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for the following locations/projects:

- 9650-16-02 (WIS 47 north of Neopit) On WIS 47 near Wheelock Road to address guardrail and drainage needs.
- 9650-16-02 (WIS 47 North of Neopit) Several culverts on WIS 47 require additional real estate.
- On WIS 47 in Neopit for spot locations of sidewalk, curb and gutter and lighting improvements.
- On WIS 47 in Neopit for a culvert replacement
- Real estate impacts on WIS 55 due to guardrail improvements are still under review.

WisDOT expects to begin real estate coordination in the spring of 2024.

Project update/next steps

	1009-43-38	1009-43-39	9650-16-02	9650-17-03	9660-09-00
Local officials meeting	June 27, 2023				
Public involvement	December 5, 2023				
Preliminary plans	1/1/24	1/1/24	4/1/24	3/1/24	10/1/24
Environmental document	1/1/24	1/1/24	2/1/24	1/1/24	3/1/24
Final right of way plat	N/A	N/A	Summer 2024	Summer 2024	N/A
Real estate negotiations	N/A	N/A	Fall 2024	Fall 2024	N/A
Final plans	11/1/24	2/1/25	8/1/26	11/1/24	5/1/27
Construction currently scheduled	2026	2026	2027	2028	2028

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 5, 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/wis4755menominee/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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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 wisconsin.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: wisconsin.gov/together

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