

# Public Involvement Meeting

**WIS 54**  
**County Road G to Seneca Road**  
**Wood County**  
Project ID: 6950-04-02, 03



**Public Involvement Period:**  
**September 1, 2021 to September 15, 2021**

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This handout is also available on the project website at:  
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis54/default.aspx>

## Purpose

Our objective is to update you on the project scope and schedule and to obtain your input on the proposed improvements and traffic management strategies during construction along WIS 54 between County Road G and Seneca Road in Wood county.

## Project Location

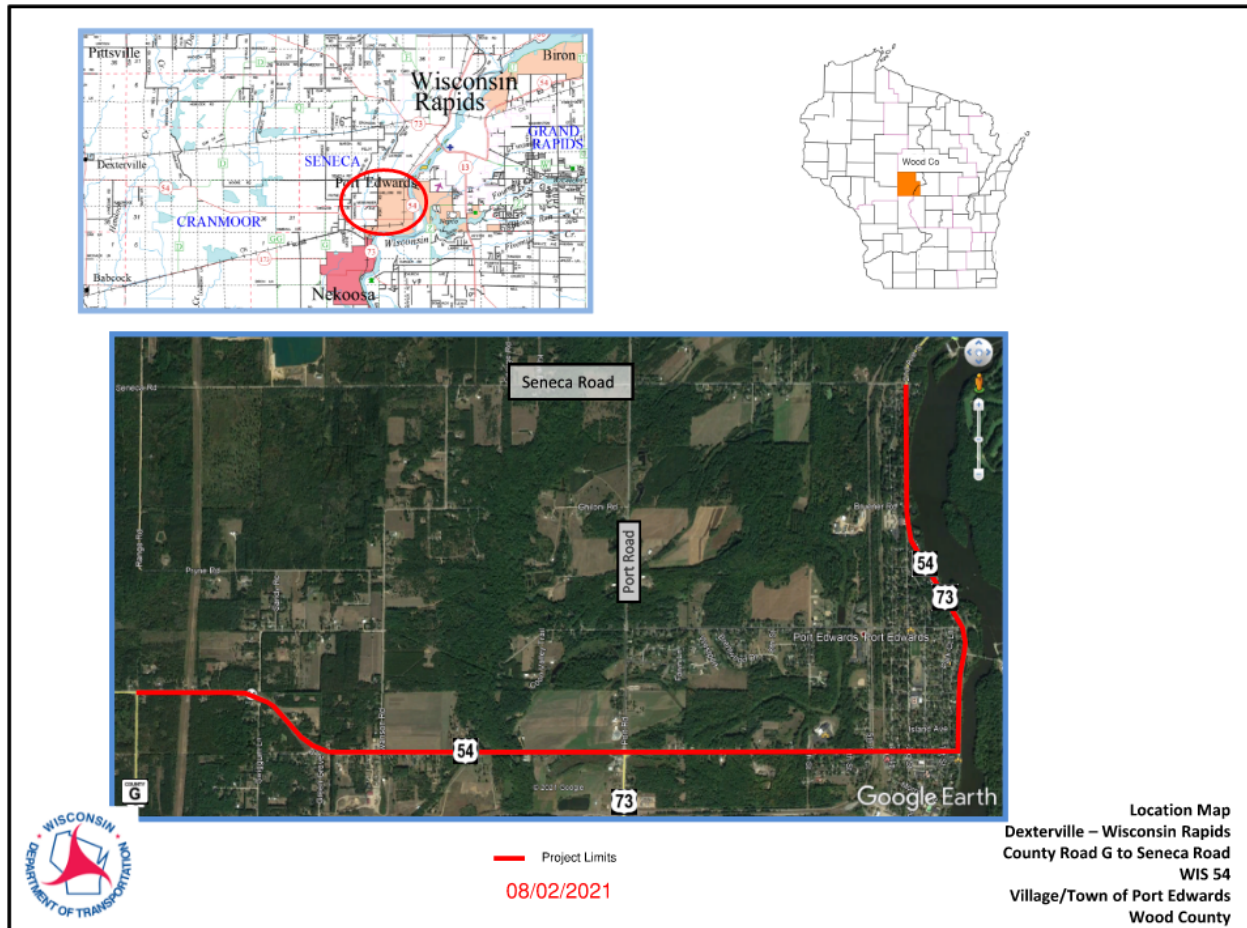


Figure 1: Project Location Map

## Roadway Information

WIS 54 project is approximately 5.10 miles in length, from County Road G to Seneca Road, in the town and village of Port Edwards and serves as a minor arterial highway. The segment from County Road G to WIS 73/Port Road has a posted speed of 55 mph and is classified as a 65-foot restricted truck route. The segment from Port Road to Seneca Road has a posted speed ranging from 25 mph to 45 mph with a state long truck route classification.

WIS 54/WIS 73 Traffic counts taken in 2017 indicate the following:

- County Road G to WIS 73, 2,200 Vehicles Per Day (14.9% heavy truck traffic)
- WIS 73/Port Road to Wisconsin River Drive, 3,100 Vehicles Per Day (17.2% heavy truck traffic)
- Wisconsin River Drive to Seneca Road, 4,500 Vehicles Per Day (13.3% heavy truck traffic)

## Project Information

The existing roadway pavement is showing signs of deterioration in the form of transverse and longitudinal cracking. The curb and gutter along the eastbound lanes of Wisconsin River Drive is in poor condition. The curb ramps do not meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

To address these identified needs and to maximize the life of the existing pavement and reduce maintenance costs, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing the following improvements:

### County G to Wisconsin River Drive

- Remove the asphalt pavement surface and install new asphalt.
- Replace existing culvert at Ripple Creek
- Curb Ramp replacement

### Wisconsin River Drive (See Figure 2, Roadway Section)

- Narrow the roadway width from 48 feet to 32 feet
  - This includes removing the outside travel lanes and parking lanes in the eastbound and westbound directions
- Remove the remaining asphalt pavement surface and install new asphalt
- Curb and gutter replacement
- Storm sewer modifications
- Curb ramp replacement
- Beam guard replacement

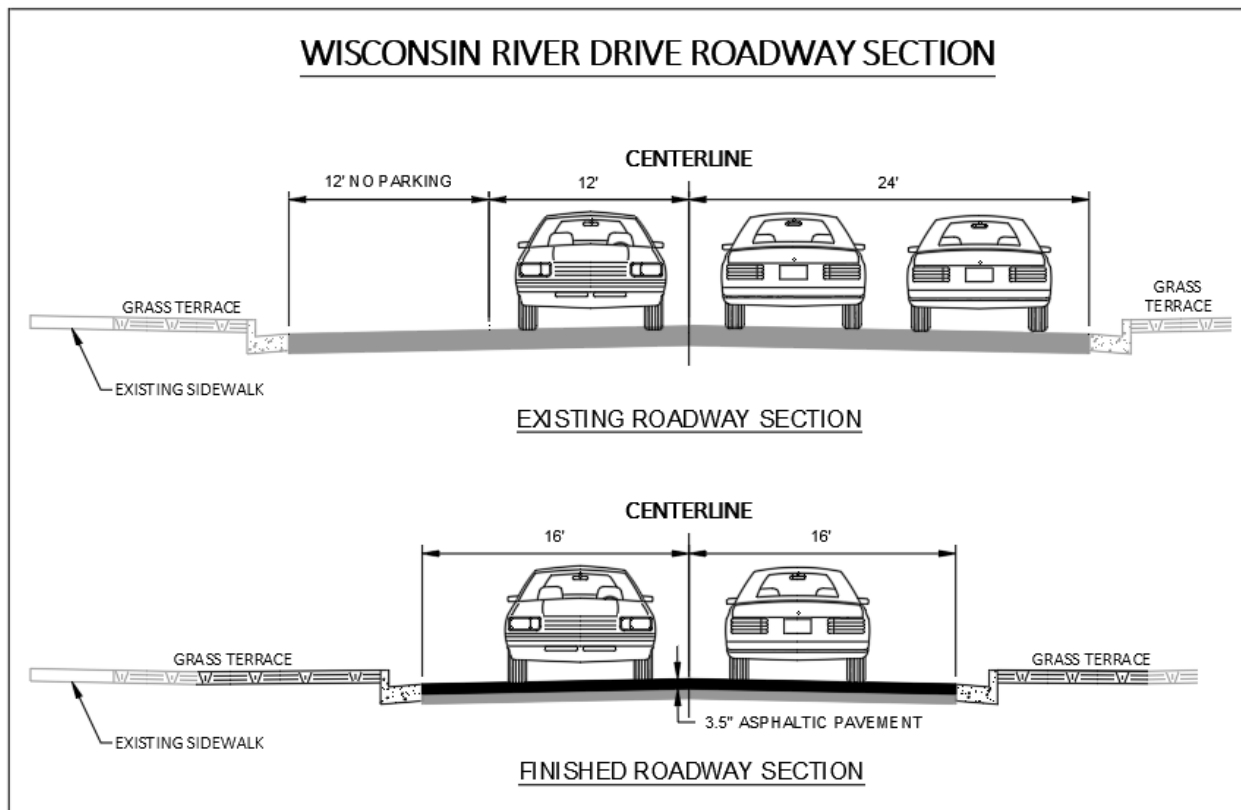
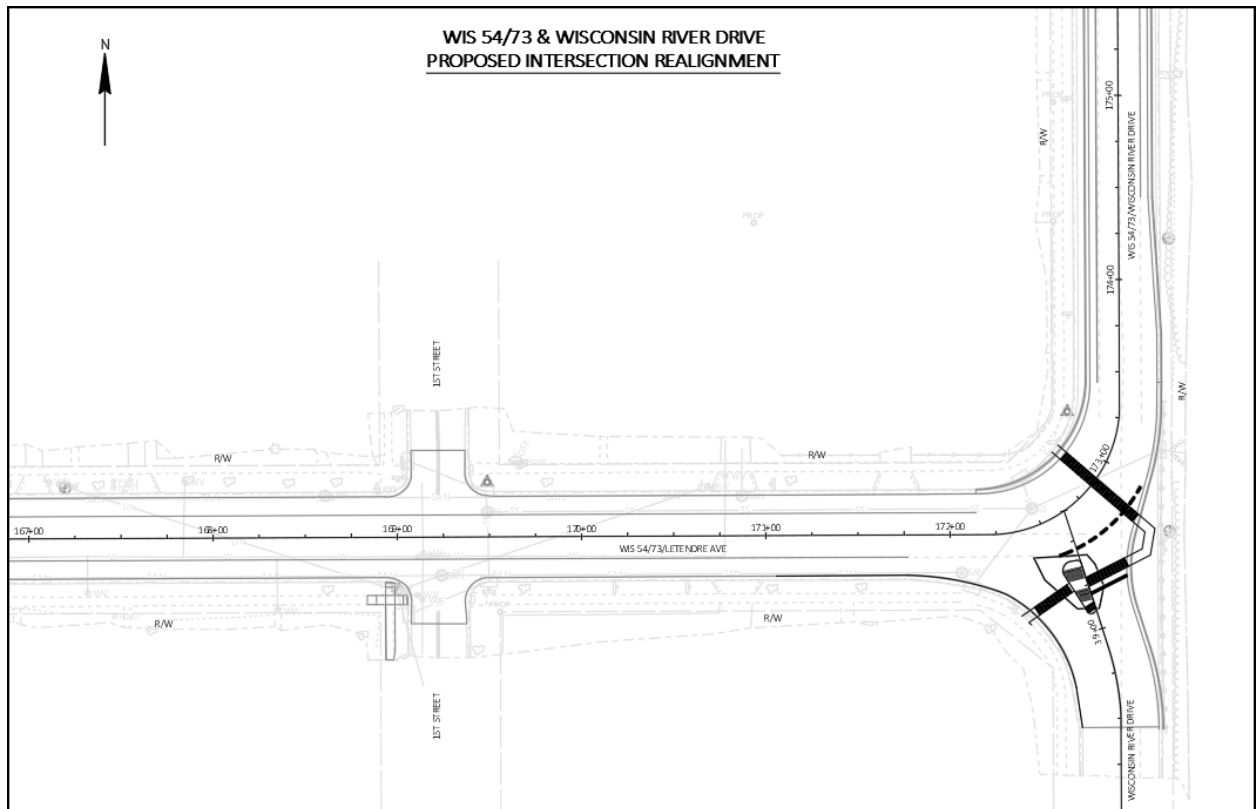


Figure 2: Roadway Section

## WIS 54 and Wisconsin River Drive Intersection

- Currently, a T-intersection where eastbound WIS 54 traffic is required to stop and northbound Wisconsin River Drive traffic has the free flow movement, without stopping
- Traffic volumes on Wisconsin River Drive, south of WIS 54, have declined significantly from what they were when the intersection was last constructed.
- To improve efficiencies for the more heavily traveled traffic movement we are proposing eastbound WIS 54/WIS 73 traffic have free flow movement and northbound traffic on Wisconsin River Drive will be required to stop (See Figure 3, Intersection Realignment).
- Truck turning movements are available for review on the project website.



**Figure 3: Intersection Realignment**

## Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for the construction of curb ramps. This will include areas of permanent (1 fee) and temporary (18 temporary limited easements) land acquisitions at various location throughout the entire project. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the curb ramp plan sheets on the project website.

A landowner rights brochure is available on the project website. Real estate acquisition is expected to occur between spring 2022 and fall 2023. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners.

## Proposed traffic impacts

During construction, WIS 54 will remain open to traffic from County Road G to WIS 73/Port Road. Motorists can expect to encounter lane shifts, and single lane closures with the use of flaggers.

WIS 54 and WIS 73 will be closed to thru traffic from Port Road to Seneca Road. Traffic will be detoured using WIS 73 and WIS 13 (See Figure 4, Detour Route). Local access will be allowed however brief roadway and driveway closures may be necessary to accommodate construction operations.

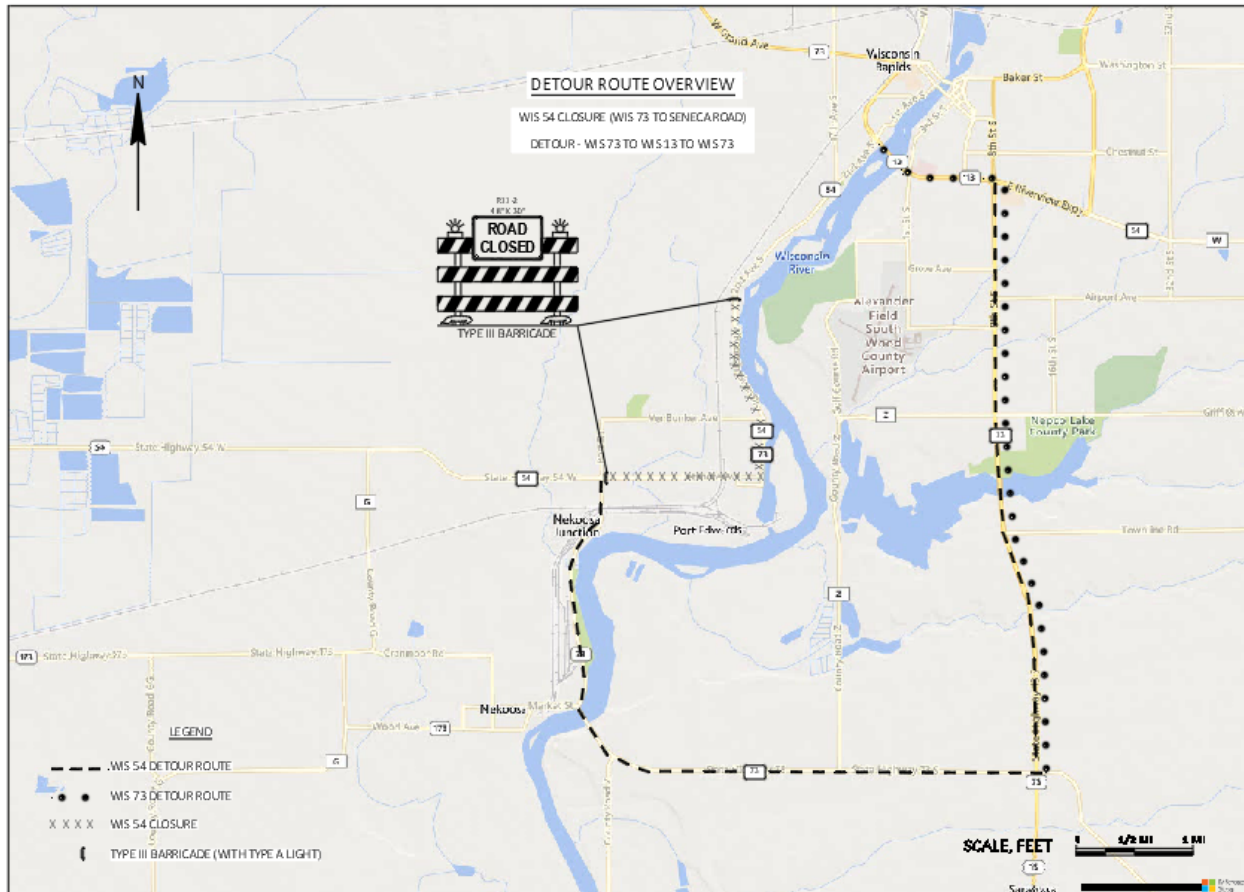


Figure 4: Detour Route

## Project Schedule

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| • Local officials meeting          | July 15, 2021                           |
| • Public involvement               | September 1, 2021 to September 15, 2021 |
| • Begin real estate acquisitions   | April 2022                              |
| • Complete roadway plans           | November 1, 2023                        |
| • Construction currently scheduled | Spring/Summer 2024                      |

## Project Website

Access the following materials on the project design website:

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis54/default.aspx>

- Project information
- This handout with online comment form
- Intersection realignment
- Curb ramp construction locations with preliminary right-of-way impacts
- Landowner Rights Brochure

## 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. We encourage you to submit feedback through one of the following methods by September 15, 2021.

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/wis54/default.aspx>
3. Call or email the contacts below.

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

Your input is welcome at any time throughout the design process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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# Public Involvement Comment Form

Project ID 6950-04-02, 03  
Dexterville – Wisconsin Rapids  
County Road G to Seneca Road  
WIS 54  
Wood County

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