

Public Involvement



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WIS 66

**Stevens Point – Rosholt
Bridge Overlays B-49-0073, 0074
Portage County, Wisconsin**

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**Stevens Point – Rosholt
Stevens Point Airport to E Jct County J
Portage County, Wisconsin**

April 2023

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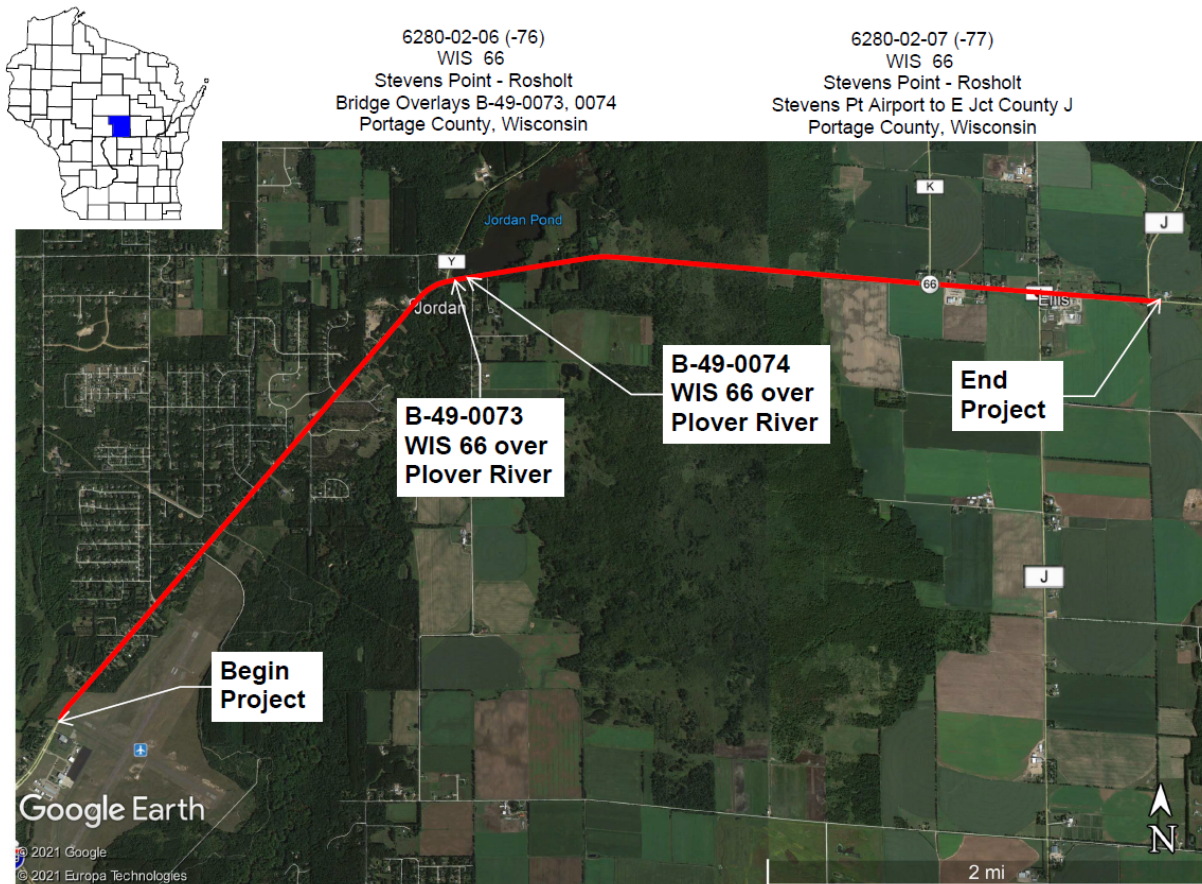
Purpose

Our objective is to provide the public information on the project scope and schedule and to obtain your input on the proposed improvements along WIS 66 in Portage County.

Project Information

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proposing to make improvements along 6 miles of WIS 66 between the Stevens Point Municipal Airport and the eastern junction of County J and at two bridges over the Plover River.

WIS 66 Project Location



February 2023



We have identified several needs including:

The roadway is exhibiting signs of deterioration in the form of alligator cracking, rutting, patching, longitudinal and transverse cracking.

The structures are exhibiting signs of deterioration in the form of cracking, patching, spalling and areas of delamination. Ponding storm water on the deck surface of the bridges is occurring as well.

The Torun Road intersection has a crash rate of 1,389.6266, which is higher than the statewide average crash rate of 90.98 for a rural 2-lane highway with AADT greater than 7,000.

The curb and gutter is deteriorated and has ponding at some locations in Ellis.

The purpose of this project is to address the deteriorating existing pavement and structures to extend the life of the existing roadway and bridges and improve safety.

Proposed Improvements

To address the proposed needs, the proposed improvements include:

- Resurfacing WIS 66 to improve the ride quality
 - Mill five inches and replace with five inches of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement from the project start to 1,200 feet west of Deer Lane
 - Mill 1.75 inches and replace with 1.75 inches of HMA pavement from 1,200 feet west of Deer Lane to Brilowski Road
 - Mill four inches and replace with four inches of HMA pavement from Brilowski Road to the project end
- Performing concrete overlays and other minor repairs at the two bridges over the Plover River to extend the life of the structures
- Adding a left turn lane on WIS 66 eastbound at Torun Road to reduce crashes with Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding.
- Replacing curb and gutter at Ellis Road and County J south to address drainage issues

These improvements will help ensure that the life of the roadway and bridges are maximized in a cost-effective manner.

Proposed traffic impacts

WIS 66 will remain open to traffic during construction. Motorists can expect daytime flagging during paving and intersection work. Bridge work will be completed using temporary signals. The Torun Rd intersection with WIS 66 will need to be closed during construction to make the necessary improvements.

Real estate

No real estate acquisitions are anticipated for this project.

Project update/next steps

Virtual Public involvement	April 2023
Environmental document	June 2023
Preliminary plans	July 2023
Final plans	May 1, 2024
Construction currently scheduled	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 **May 31, 2023**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
2. Complete the 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 listed below

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For more information, please contact:

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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