

Public Involvement Handout

WIS 73
Industrial Street to WIS 186
Wood County
Project ID: 1520-00-07



Public Involvement Period:
Aug. 30, 2022 to Sept. 16, 2022

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

This handout is also available on the project website at:
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis73wood/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 73 between Industrial Street and WIS 186 in Wood County.

Project Location

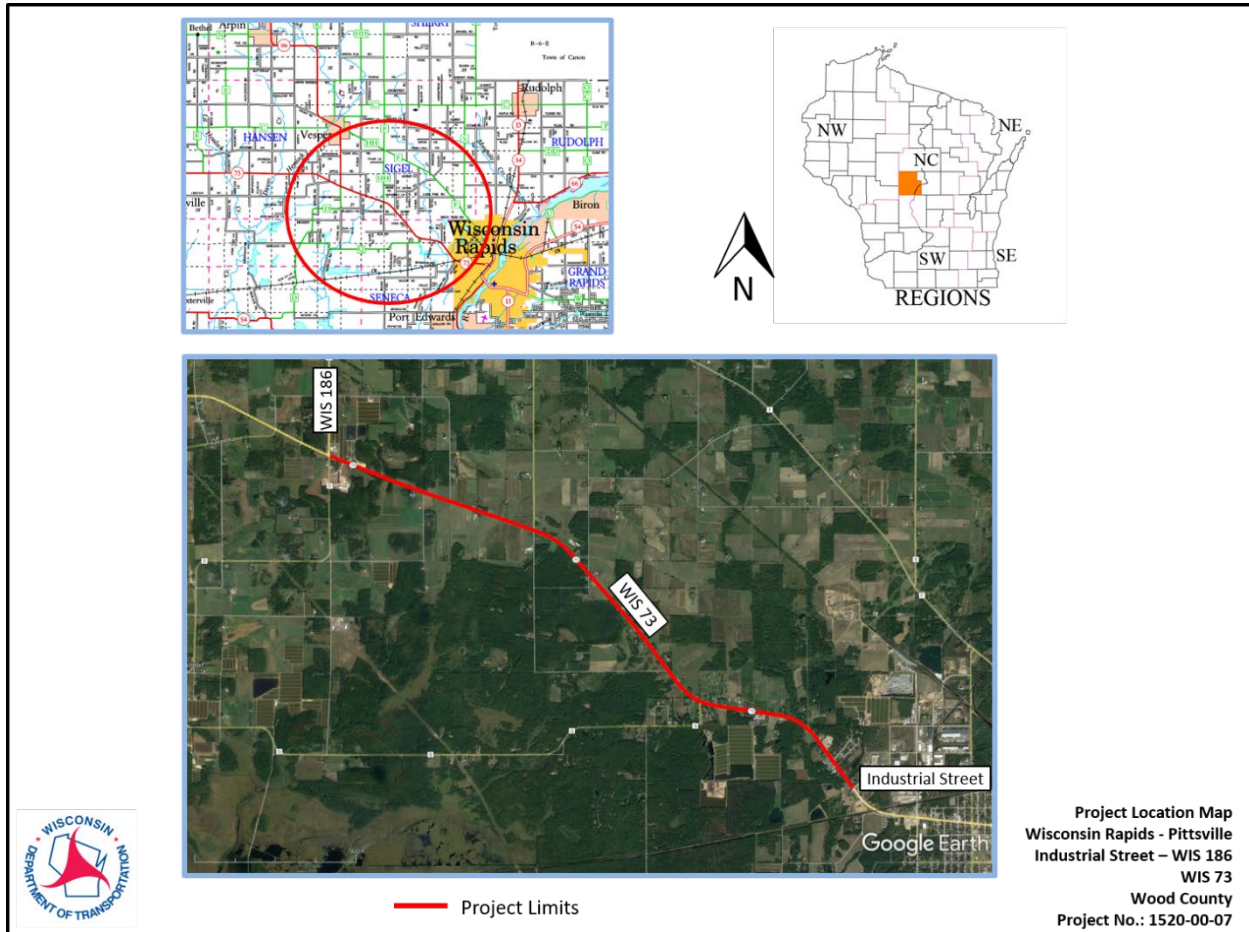


Figure 1: Project Location Map

Roadway Information

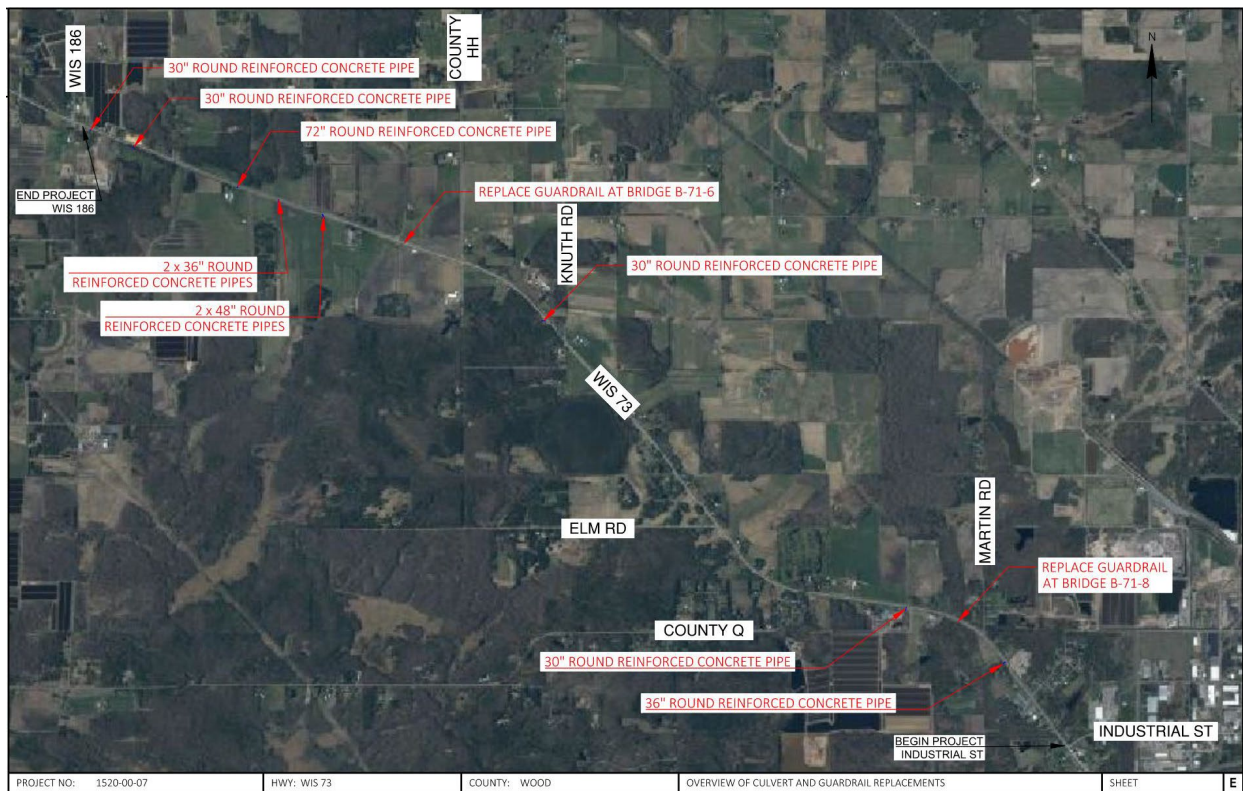
The WIS 73 project is approximately six miles in length from Industrial Street to WIS 186. This segment of WIS 73 passes through the city of Wisconsin Rapids and towns of Seneca and Sigel. WIS 73 is a principal arterial from Industrial Street to Condo Drive and a minor arterial from Condo Drive to WIS 186. The posted speed limit is 50 mph from Industrial Street to south of Condo Drive and 55 mph from south of Condo Drive to WIS 186. WIS 73 is classified as a state long truck route. The average daily traffic for WIS 73 within the project limits was 3,700 vehicles per day in 2017 with 20.8% truck traffic.

Project Information

The existing asphalt is showing signs of deterioration in the form of cracking, patching and rutting, resulting in poor ride quality. Culverts are nearing the end of their useful life and need to be addressed. The guardrail doesn't meet current standards.

The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the existing roadway and improve the ride quality of the pavement surface. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing the following improvements:

- Removing the existing asphalt pavement and installing new asphalt
- Repairing concrete pavement on WIS 73 near Industrial Street
- Upgrading guardrail throughout the project to current standards (see Figure 2 for locations)
- Replacing deteriorating culverts at eight locations (see Figure 2 for locations)



Real estate

No real estate is anticipated.

Proposed traffic impacts

WIS 73 will be closed to thru traffic and detoured during construction.

Local access will be allowed, however there will be closures for culvert replacements. Other brief roadway and driveway closures may be necessary to accommodate construction operations.

Project Schedule

- Local officials meeting July 28, 2022
- Public involvement Aug. 30, 2022 to Sept. 16, 2022
- Complete roadway plans Nov. 1, 2023
- Construction currently scheduled 2024

Project Website

Access the following materials on the project design website:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis73wood/default.aspx>

- Project information
- This handout with online comment form
- Culvert and guardrail replacement locations

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 Sept. 16, 2022.

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://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis73wood/default.aspx>
3. Call or email the contacts below.

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

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