

Local Officials Meeting Handout

**US 141
Village of Crivitz
Owl Lane to S Junction Old Hwy 141
Marinette County**

Project ID: 1490-40-00



Handout date: January 2023

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/141crivitz/default.aspx>

Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback.

Purpose of handout

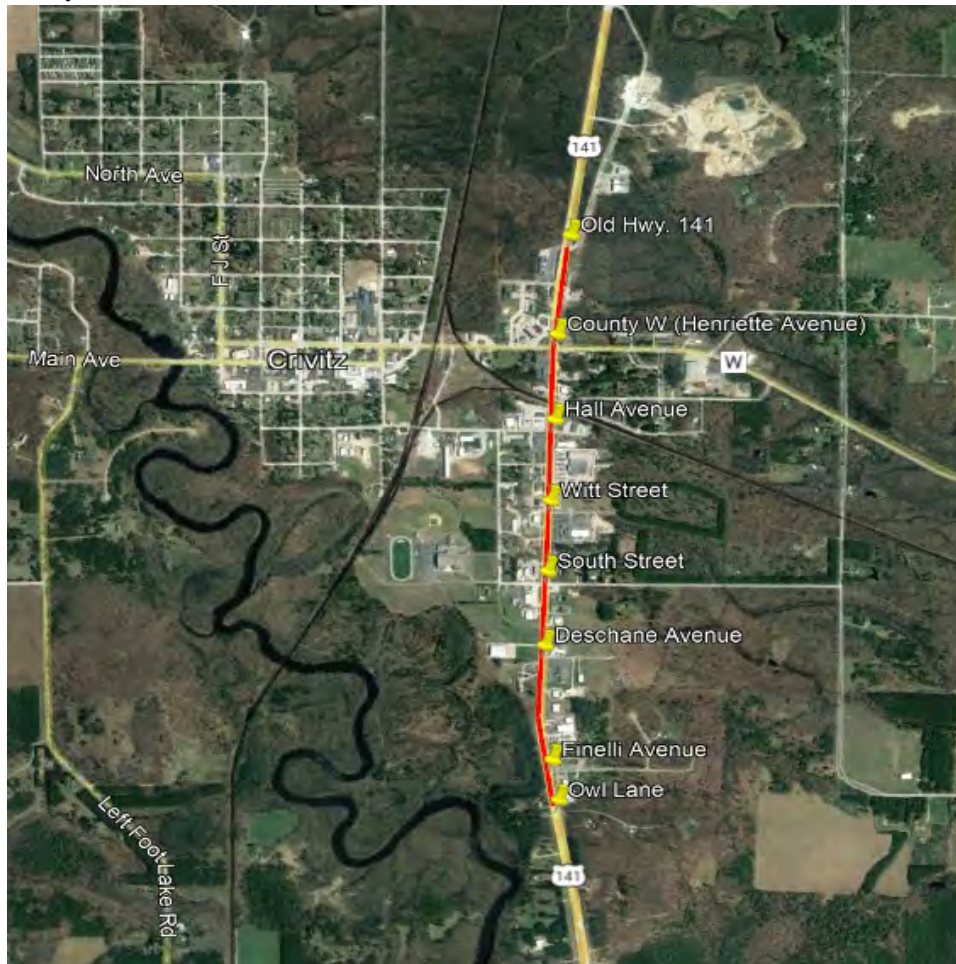
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of investigating potential improvements on 1.4 miles of US 141 in the Village of Crivitz, Marinette County. The purpose of this handout is to provide the traffic and crash history data on this stretch of roadway, present information regarding the improvement concept being considered, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

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 and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout, as well as on the project website, is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the potential improvements. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the pre-paid mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to any of the contacts listed below.

Project location

This project is located on US 141 from Owl Lane to S Junction Old Hwy 141 in Crivitz in Marinette County.



Project purpose and need

The purpose and need of this project is to maintain safe and efficient travel along US 141 and to improve safety and operational deficiencies along the project route.

Safety:

Along US 141 in the project area, the highway ranks among the top 5% of injury crash rates for similar highways throughout the State of Wisconsin, placing it on the Locations of Interest Report (LOIR) for the last ten years. Between 2016 and 2020 there were 79 crashes, in which 25% (1 out of every four crashes) resulted in injuries. Additionally, there were identifiable patterns of crashes along the corridor and at the intersections of US 141 and South Street, and US 141 and County W in which left turns were noted to be the contributing factor.

Operational Deficiencies:

The roadway exhibits operational shortcomings, particularly at two US 141 intersections – South Street and County W. The intersection at South Street is stop controlled on the side road only and has no designated turn lanes on US 141 for vehicles to store. The intersection at County W is signalized, but also has no designated turn lanes on US 141 or a left turn arrow phase. Queues can form quickly during peak periods, especially during peaks for seasonal weekend and holiday travel, because it can be difficult to find adequate gaps.

Road Diet improvement concept under consideration

A “road diet” consists of converting a four-lane roadway (two lanes each direction) to a three-lane roadway (one in each direction plus a center left-turn lane).

- The road diet concept reduces the number of vehicle conflict points which has been shown to decrease the number and severity of crashes.
- Along this project route, the roadway would be restriped as a 3-lane roadway with a two-way left turn lane (TWLTL).
- Dedicated left turn lanes would be provided at the intersections of US 141 and South Street and US 141 and County W.

Anticipated benefits

The improvement concept will provide the motorist the following benefits:

- *Crash Reduction*
 - Left turning vehicles removed from through traffic for entire project route and thereby reducing potential rear end crashes.
 - Weaving vehicles attempting to avoid stopped/slowing vehicles are eliminated and thereby reducing potential sideswipe crashes.
 - Left turning vehicles from sideroads/driveways can store in median to make a turn in two stages.
 - Fewer lanes of on-coming traffic for turning maneuvers reduces potential crash points.
- *Local Traffic Safety*
 - Eliminates regional vehicles using additional lane for passing (currently, traffic is using the 4-lane section as a passing section along US 141) and allows local traffic safer access to businesses and the local roadway network.
 - Naturally creates traffic calming which in turn, reduces speeds.

- *Maintains Capacity*
 - A TWLTL can typically handle around 16,000 vehicles per day (VPD). The average daily traffic along US 141 in the village of Crivitz averaged 8,800 VPD to a summer peak of 11,000 VPD in 2021.
- *Improves Riding Surface*
 - With the entire route being resurfaced, the riding surface leading up to the railroad crossing will be improved resulting in a smoother riding surface with less wear on vehicles, extended pavement life and decreased maintenance costs.

Traffic impacts

US 141 is expected to remain open during the majority of construction utilizing lane closures and flagging operations. Access to businesses and properties would be maintained during construction.

Schedule

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| • Local Official/Public Coordination | Ongoing |
| • Environmental Document Completion | Fall 2023 |
| • Final Design Completion | Winter 2024 |
| • Construction (currently scheduled) | Spring 2025 |

Real estate

The real estate and right-of-way needs for the project will be better defined during the design phase of the project.

Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones or impacted by detour routes have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to business, organizations and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. It includes promotional examples, case studies and a specially designed Business Coordination Guide with information on:

- Planning ahead
- Staying informed
- Keeping customers informed
- Tips for businesses

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at www.wisconsindot.gov/Together

Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them **by March 1, 2023**, to be considered during design.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to WisDOT using the prepaid mailer.
2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.
3. Call the contacts below.

Project contacts

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WisDOT Highway Project Public Comment Form

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Marinette County

Please place this form in the comment box or mail **by March 1, 2023** to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to kurt.vogel@dot.wi.gov. 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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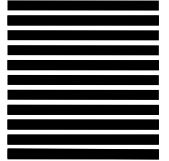
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