

WIS 23 corridor project Fond du Lac to Plymouth

October 12, 2017 Public Involvement Meeting

The purpose of this public involvement meeting is to discuss the future of WIS 23 from the city of Fond du Lac to the city of Plymouth in Fond du Lac and Sheboygan counties.

The public is encouraged to ask questions and offer comments.

WisDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intend to prepare a new Limited Scope Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (LS SEIS) for this project.

WisDOT and FHWA are doing this because:

- June 2011 litigation prompted WisDOT and FHWA to prepare a draft and final Limited Scope Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (LS SEIS) and a Record of Decision (ROD).
- The final LS SEIS/ROD was approved on March 17, 2014 but in May 2015, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin issued a decision and order vacating the March 17, 2014 ROD.
- The subsequent appeal was dismissed for procedural reasons.
- The new LS SEIS that WisDOT and FHWA are preparing will address the issues raised in the US district court decision.

The new LS SEIS will:

- Update the traffic forecast and explain the methodology used to develop it.
- Explain the role of demographic data in traffic forecasts.
- Evaluate and provide additional analysis, if needed, on any new or changed impacts to the human and natural environment since the 2014 final LS SEIS.
- Review the evaluation of reasonable alternatives.

The 2014 LS SEIS reviewed various alternatives including: No Build alternative, 2-lane alternatives that included Passing Lane alternatives, a Hybrid alternative that included 2 and 4-lane improvements, 4-lane Build On-alignment alternative, and off-alignment 4-lane alternatives. Are there other alternatives that should be reviewed in the new LS SEIS?

Project location map



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Mission statement:

To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.

Project website

wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/ by-region/ne/wis23exp/ default.aspx

Thank you for attending this meeting.

A short presentation is at 5:30 p.m.

Please remember to fill out a comment sheet before you leave, or take one with you and mail it in with our prepaid mailer, or send your comments via email to bryan.lipke@dot.wi.gov

Persons with a concern for or knowledge about historic buildings and structures and archaeological sites are encouraged to provide comments to WisDOT.



Proposed project schedule



Exhibits at this meeting include the following:

- Project Location Fond du Lac to Plymouth
- What has happened since the 2014 Record of Decision (ROD)
- What will a WIS 23 LS SEIS do?
- Project purpose and project need
 - System Linkage and Route Importance
 - Transportation Demand and Economic Development
 - o Legislative and Transportation Planning History
 - Level of Service
 - Traffic and Resulting Operations
 - Highway Geometric Characteristics
 - o Access
 - o Safety
 - Accommodate Non-motorized Travel
- How WisDOT develops and uses traffic forecasts
- Alternatives reviewed in the 2014 LS SEIS Are there other alternatives that should be considered in the new LS SESI?
 - o No Build and Transportation System Management (TSM)
 - o 2-lane (multiple alternatives)
 - Hybrid
 - 4-lane (multiple alternatives)
 - US 151/WIS 23 System Interchange Corridor Preservation
 - Freeway Conversion Corridor Preservation
 - Old Plank Road Trail Extension (included with all build alternatives)
- Proposed Schedule
- How Can I Provide Comments?