

Public Involvement Handout

WIS 44
Wisconsin Street, City of Oshkosh
Fox River Bridge
Winnebago County

Project ID: (6110-26-00/70)



Handout date: April 2024

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/44oshkosh/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 developing plans for proposed improvements on WIS 44 in Winnebago County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, 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 proposed improvements. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to any of the contacts listed below.

Project location

WIS 44 over the Fox River Bridge in the City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County.

Purpose and need

The purpose of the proposed action is to preserve the structure integrity of the load steel members and extend the service life for the bridge along WIS 44. The need for this project is to prevent the deterioration of the structure steel caused by the corrosive effects of the natural environment. Corrosion is a serious threat to the long-term function and integrity of a steel bridge. Structural steel will corrode if left unprotected or inadequately protected from the natural environment. Applying a paint system to the structural steel is an effective way to protect the steel from the corrosive environment and needs to be removed and repainted to adequately protect the structure steel. Routine bridge inspections note signs of paint system deterioration and degrading with peeling paint and rust infiltrating through the paint existing system on the bridge.



Anticipated Benefits

The new paint system will preserve the structure integrity of the load steel members and extend the service life for the bridge along WIS 44. It will also reduce future maintenance costs.

Proposed improvements

Work will include removing the deteriorating paint system and repainting the structural steel members of the bridge. We will also replace the existing gate arms as part of the project.

Traffic impacts

Lane and sidewalk closures will be necessary throughout construction.

Schedule

- Construction is currently scheduled for the fall of 2026.
- Construction to be completed in spring 2027.

Real estate

No right of way is needed to construct this 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 businesses, 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. Businesses impacted by highway closures and detours will have an opportunity for temporary business signage during construction.

Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them by the comment date to be considered during design.

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

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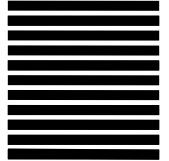
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