



# WIS 15 Improvement Project

## Project Newsletter

October 2013

### Outagamie County

#### Plans for an improved WIS 15 are moving forward

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) continues to develop the plans to expand 11 miles of WIS 15 (US 45 to Lily of the Valley Drive) to a 4-lane divided highway bypassing the village of Hortonville to the north. The proposed improvements to WIS 15 are needed to improve safety, reduce congestion, and minimize access to preserve the corridor for future transportation use.

In August of this year WisDOT announced that the start of construction for WIS 15 had been moved to 2018. WisDOT plans to continue moving ahead with the design according to the previous timeline. We are also working to maintain real estate and utility coordination on the previous schedule so we are in a position to begin construction if funding becomes available sooner than anticipated. WisDOT will continue to coordinate with the local communities, and will update them if there are any further changes to the construction schedule.

#### Contact information:

##### Bill Bertrand, PE

Project Manager  
WisDOT - Northeast Region  
Green Bay Office  
944 Vanderperren Way  
(920) 492-5708  
[william.bertrand@dot.wi.gov](mailto:william.bertrand@dot.wi.gov)

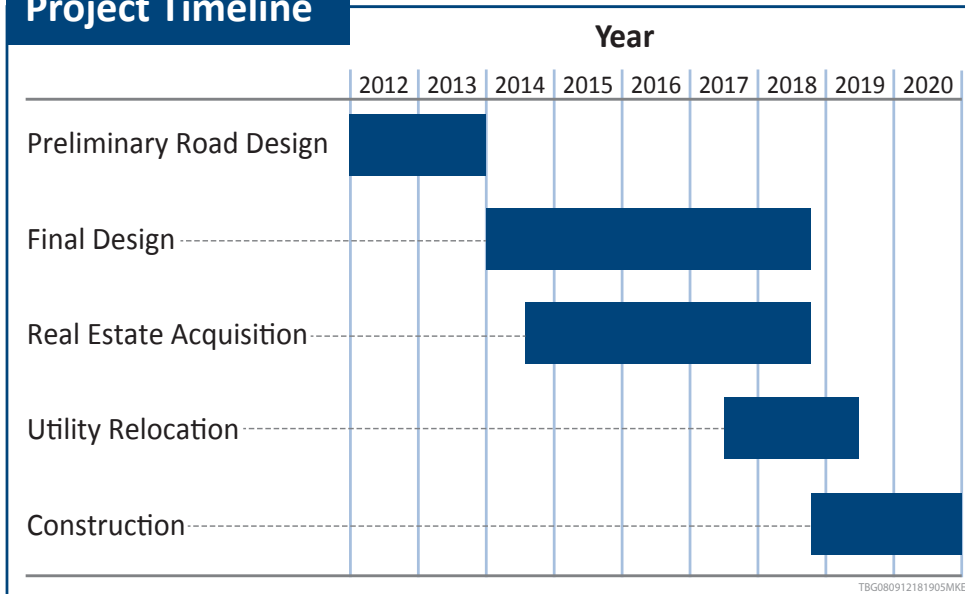
##### John Spielmacher, PE

Deputy Project Manager  
WisDOT - Northeast Region  
Green Bay Office  
944 Vanderperren Way  
(920) 492-0134  
[john.spielmacher@dot.wi.gov](mailto:john.spielmacher@dot.wi.gov)

##### Kim A. Rudat

WisDOT Northeast Region  
Communications Manager  
WisDOT - Northeast Region  
Green Bay Office  
944 Vanderperren Way  
(920) 492-5743  
[kim.rudat@dot.wi.gov](mailto:kim.rudat@dot.wi.gov)

#### Project Timeline



Wisconsin Department of Transportation - Dedicated people creating transportation solutions through innovation and exceptional service.

# WIS 15 Improvement Project

## We're making process and moving ahead

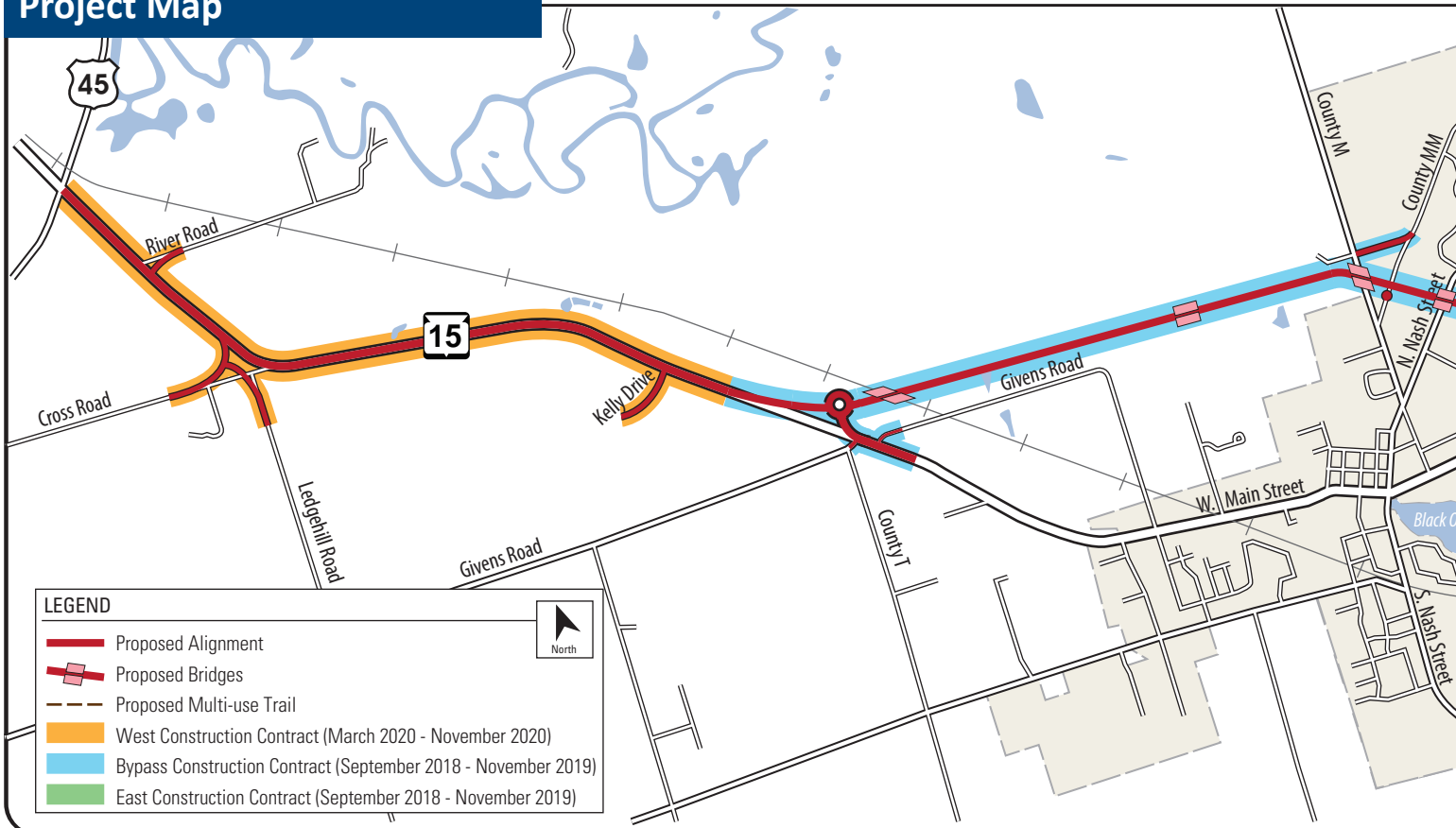
WisDOT is moving forward with the plan for expanding WIS 15 including the bypass of Hortonville. Decisions have been made regarding the various design refinement options that were presented at the last public meeting in November 2012.

## Here is a summary of our latest decisions and some things we have already accomplished:

- Completed intersection evaluations and decided to:
  - Upgrade the traffic signal at US 45
  - Proceed with roundabout at County T
  - Proceed with roundabout at County JJ
  - Add a traffic signal at Lily of the Valley Drive
  - Keep side roads at all other intersections controlled with stop signs

- Set the alignment and grade of the proposed roadway which includes more gradual curves allowing for safer travel
- Coordinated with Outagamie County on the multi-use trail from Hortonville to Greenville including extending trail down the west side of Julius Drive to connect to the existing trail
- Ongoing coordination with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on a variety of environmental related issues
- Determined the project will be broken into three construction contracts (West, Bypass and East) - see the project map below for the approximate limits of each contract and the current approximate timeline
- Met with property owners and the local snowmobile clubs to refine proposed access
- Determined WIS 15 will be concrete pavement and the majority of the side roads will be asphalt

## Project Map



- Developed preliminary bridge plans for these four locations:
  - WIS 15 over the Wisconsin Central Ltd. Railroad west of Hortonville
  - WIS 15 over Black Otter Creek
  - WIS 15 over County M
  - WIS 15 over Nash Street
- Analyzed drainage throughout the corridor and developed preliminary recommendations for all culvert crossings
- Completed roadway soil boring work to determine existing soil conditions along the corridor
- Determined the general construction limits and preliminary proposed right-of-way for the project (plan view exhibits that include this information will be available for review at the meeting)

## What's Next?

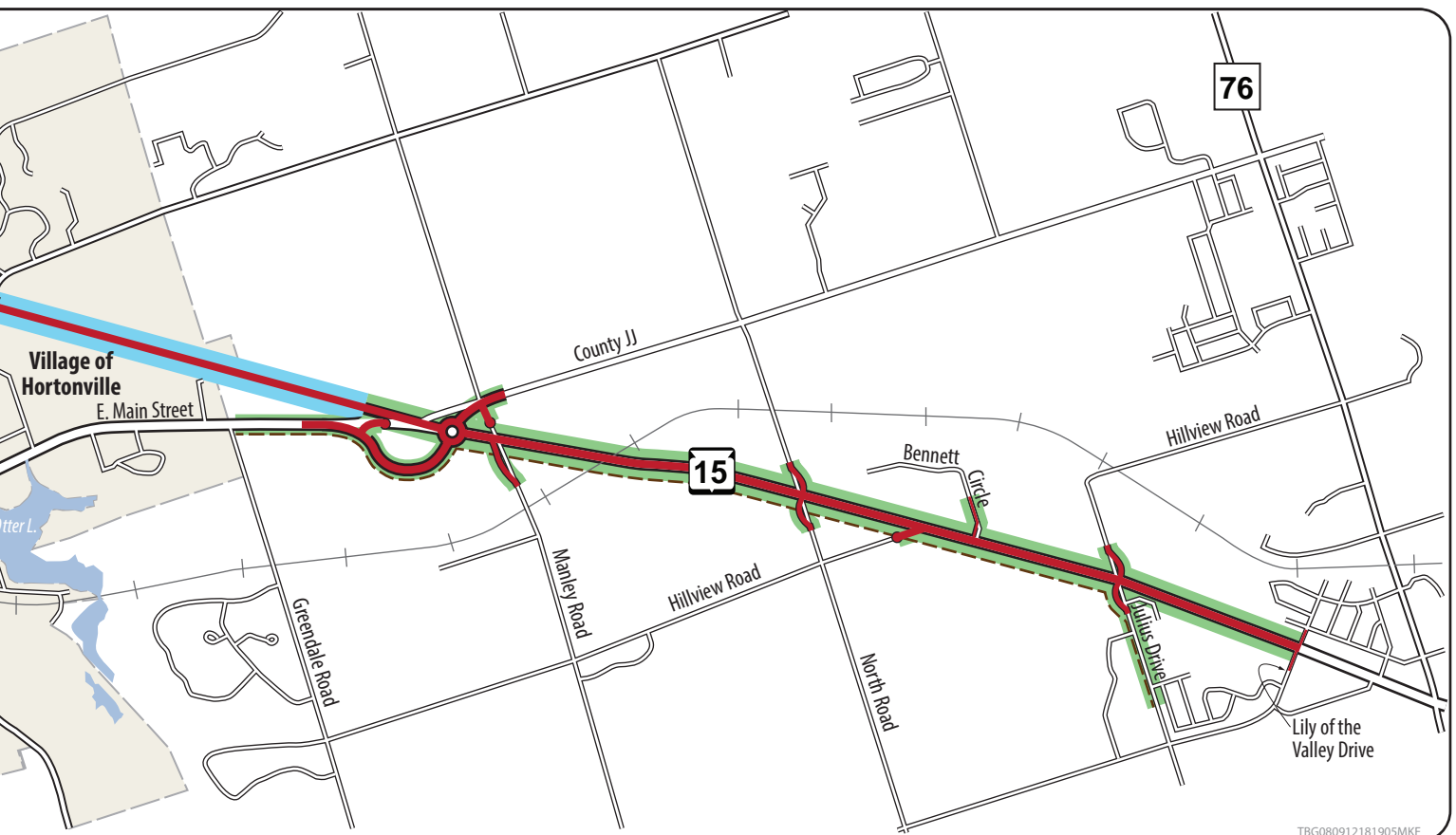
Upcoming project activities:

- Review input received at the November 12 public information meeting
- Complete preliminary design phase
- Continue to coordinate with local community leaders and impacted property owners
- Complete soil borings at proposed bridge locations
- Finalize and record right-of-way plat
- Coordinate with utility companies and identify necessary utility relocation work
- Coordinate with railroad
- Begin final design phase
- Begin real estate acquisition process

### For general project information



Find us online at:  
[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/neregion/15/index.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/neregion/15/index.htm)





WisDOT - Northeast Region  
944 Vanderperren Way  
Green Bay, WI 54304

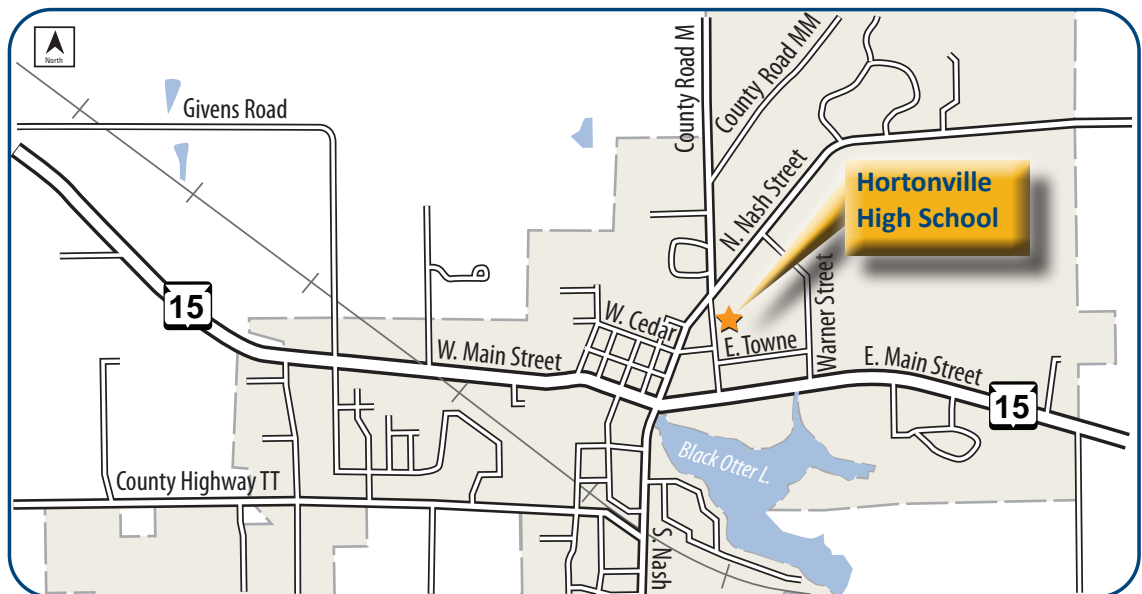
# WIS 15 Improvement Project Project Newsletter

**November 12  
Public Meeting**

October 2013

## Next Public Information Meeting November 12

The next public information meeting for the WIS 15 Improvement Project will be held on **Tuesday, November 12** from 5-7 p.m. in the Hortonville High School cafeteria located at 213 East Towne Drive, Hortonville, WI 54944. This meeting will be an open-house style meeting with a short presentation at 5:05 p.m. Interested individuals are welcome to visit anytime during the open house. Public input is very important for the success of this project as the team moves forward with the design.



TBG08091218 1905/ME