

This presentation is for the project on WIS 35 between Old WIS 35 and Indian Creek Road and the project on WIS 54 between the Minnesota/Wisconsin state line and WIS 35 in the town of Buffalo, city of Fountain City and town of Milton, Buffalo County.

An in-person meeting is not planned based on public health guidance to limit public gatherings.

All meeting materials, including the handout with a comment form, are posted on the design website for this project, which can be found at:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis35wis54buffalo/default.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please contact WisDOT Project Manager Kyle McLean at (715) 225-9442.



Public Involvement

WIS 35

Old WIS 35 to Indian Creek Road

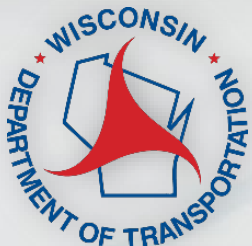
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WIS 54

Minnesota/Wisconsin State line to WIS 35

Buffalo County

July 23, 2020



Project team

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Event objectives

- Project location
- Project purpose and need
- Proposed improvements
- Traffic control
- Real estate needs
- Access modification
- Current project schedule
- Discussion

Project location



Purpose and need

- WIS 35 importance
 - Regional route for truck and passenger vehicles.
 - Primary north-south route along the Mississippi River in Buffalo County.
- WIS 54 importance
 - Regional route for truck and passenger vehicles.
 - Vital connector between many communities in Buffalo and Trempealeau counties in Wisconsin to the city of Winona, Minn.
- WisDOT's objective is to ensure the safe and efficient operations of the state's highway system while supporting local access.

Purpose and need

- WIS 35 Identified needs

- Deteriorating asphalt pavement.
- Culvert pipes along the corridor are showing signs of deterioration.
- Beam guard locations are in need of maintenance and repair.
- Drainage on WIS 35 just west of Lovers Lane requires improvements.
- Existing pedestrian curb ramps in Fountain City do not meet current standards.

- WIS 54 Identified needs

- Deteriorating asphalt pavement. Overlay by county in 2018.

WIS 35 & WIS 54 proposed improvements

- Pavement resurfacing with additional improvements best addresses the project needs.
 - Balances level of investment in the roadway system while achieving added pavement life.

WIS 35 proposed improvements

- Improvements recommended to keep traffic moving safely and efficiently.
 - Mill and overlay of the asphaltic pavement.
 - Repair or replace culverts to address deterioration.
 - Adjust, repair or replace beam guard.
 - Improve drainage along WIS 35 just west of Lovers Lane.
 - Upgrade curb ramps to meet ADA standards.
 - Install centerline and shoulder rumble strips.
 - Add new pavement markings.

WIS 54 proposed improvements

- Improvements recommended to keep traffic moving safely and efficiently.
 - Mill and overlay of the asphaltic pavement.
 - Install centerline and shoulder rumble strips.
 - Add new pavement markings.

Asphalt pavement improvements

- Mill and overlay the existing asphalt pavement to extend the service life.



Culvert improvements

- Deteriorating culverts will be repaired or replaced.



Beam guard improvements

- Existing beam guard will be adjusted, repaired or replaced.



Pedestrian ramp improvements

- Existing pedestrian curb ramps in Fountain City will be upgraded to meet ADA standards.



Proposed construction staging

- Maintaining safety and mobility are important during construction
- Proposed traffic impacts
 - Flagging operations
 - Shoulder closures
 - Pedestrian staging during curb ramp work
 - Local and emergency access will be maintained
- Work staged outside of area events

Real estate needs

- Minor permanent fee and temporary limited easements may be needed at the pedestrian ramp improvement locations.
- Acquisition process
 - WisDOT will acquire real estate
 - Individual property owner meetings will be held
 - Begin real estate acquisitions in 2021/2022
- Landowner rights brochure on the project website.

Access modifications

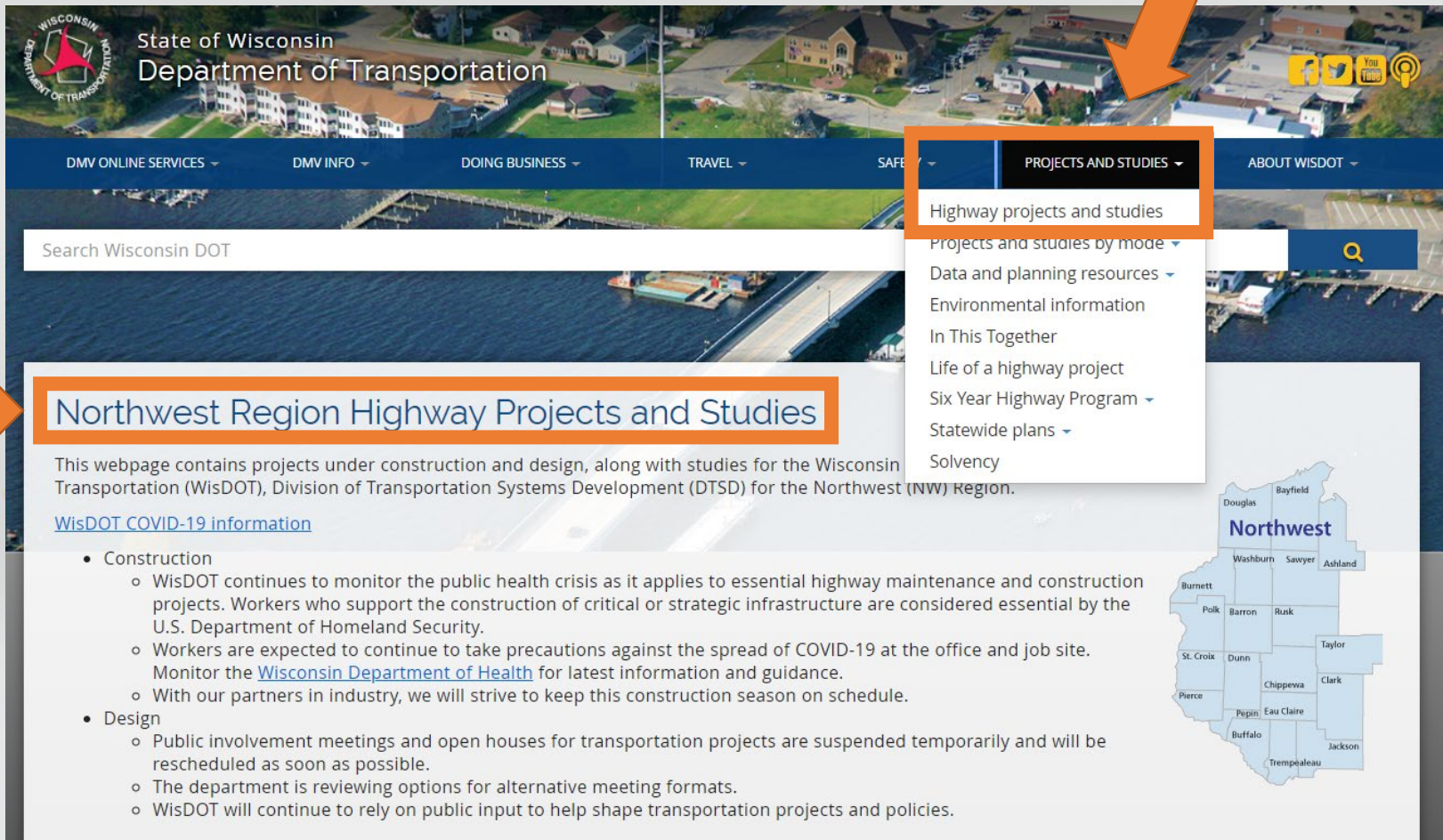
- One access modification is proposed at the property just west of Lovers Lane. It is proposed to remove one of the two property access driveways and add a ditch for drainage improvements.
- Slight access modifications to driveways to better accommodate drainage in Fountain City.
 - Direct mailings and coordination will occur with property owners.

Current project schedule

- Preliminary plans – April 2020
- Local official meeting – June 2020
- Public involvement – July 2020
- Final environmental document – October 2020
- Final right of way plat (if needed) – July 2021
- Right-of-way acquisition (if needed) – Fall 2021 to winter 2022
- Final plans – May 2022
- Construction – Scheduled for 2026; could occur as early as spring/summer 2023

Project Website

Visit: WisconsinDOT.gov



The screenshot shows the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website. The header includes the state logo and the text "State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation". A navigation bar contains links for "DMV ONLINE SERVICES", "DMV INFO", "DOING BUSINESS", "TRAVEL", "SAFETY", "PROJECTS AND STUDIES", and "ABOUT WISDOT". The "PROJECTS AND STUDIES" menu is open, listing options such as "Highway projects and studies", "Projects and studies by mode", "Data and planning resources", "Environmental information", "In This Together", "Life of a highway project", "Six Year Highway Program", "Statewide plans", and "Solvency". An orange arrow points to the "PROJECTS AND STUDIES" menu. Another orange arrow points to the "Northwest Region Highway Projects and Studies" section, which is highlighted with an orange border. Below this section, there is a search bar and a description of the page's content. A map of Wisconsin highlights the Northwest region, with counties labeled: Douglas, Bayfield, Washburn, Sawyer, Ashland, Burnett, Polk, Barron, Rusk, Taylor, St. Croix, Dunn, Chippewa, Clark, Pierce, Pepin, Eau Claire, Buffalo, Trempealeau, and Jackson.

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Northwest Region Highway Projects and Studies

This webpage contains projects under construction and design, along with studies for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Division of Transportation Systems Development (DTSD) for the Northwest (NW) Region.

[WisDOT COVID-19 information](#)

- Construction
 - WisDOT continues to monitor the public health crisis as it applies to essential highway maintenance and construction projects. Workers who support the construction of critical or strategic infrastructure are considered essential by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
 - Workers are expected to continue to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19 at the office and job site. Monitor the [Wisconsin Department of Health](#) for latest information and guidance.
 - With our partners in industry, we will strive to keep this construction season on schedule.
- Design
 - Public involvement meetings and open houses for transportation projects are suspended temporarily and will be rescheduled as soon as possible.
 - The department is reviewing options for alternative meeting formats.
 - WisDOT will continue to rely on public input to help shape transportation projects and policies.

Northwest

Douglas Bayfield Washburn Sawyer Ashland Burnett Polk Barron Rusk Taylor St. Croix Dunn Chippewa Clark Pierce Pepin Eau Claire Buffalo Trempealeau Jackson

Questions and input

➤ Provide comments by **Aug. 14, 2020**

- Via written comment form

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