

WIS 85 Proposed Improvements

Durand – Eau Claire

February - March 2024

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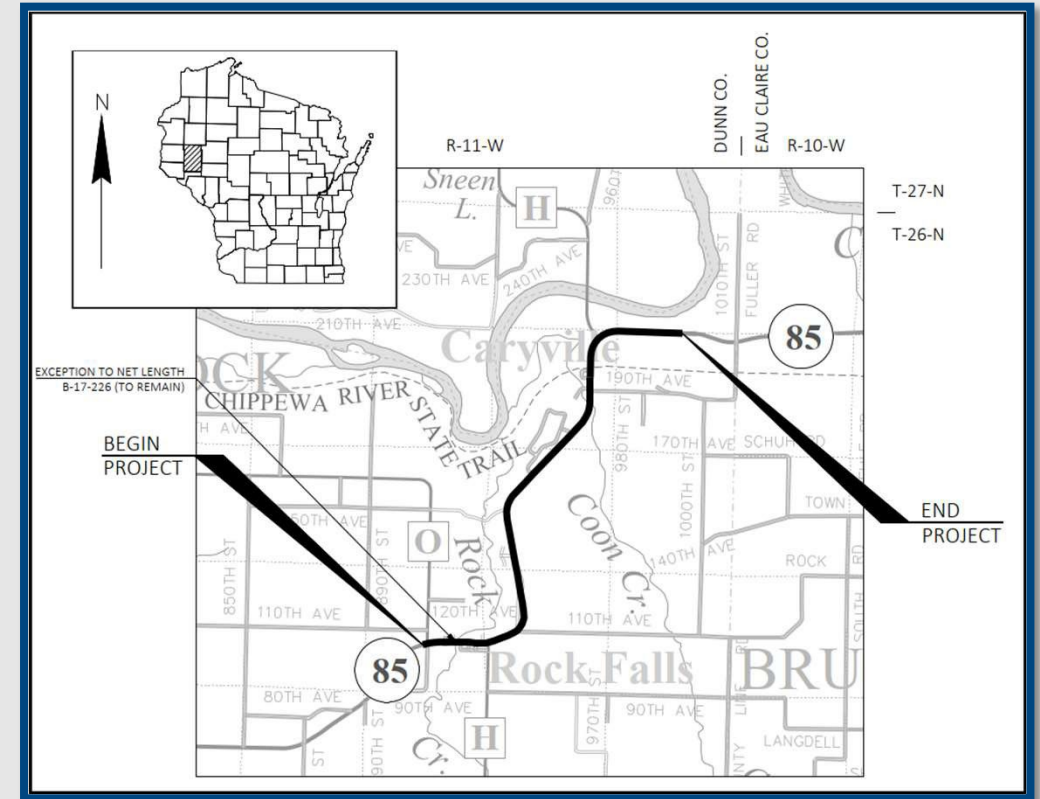
Project Location

- Limits

- Begins just west of the north junction of County O to approximately 2,100 feet west of 1010th Street
- Project gaps the 2021 construction of the Rock Creek Bridge in Rock Falls

- Length

- 4.21 miles



Purpose and Need

- Purpose

- The purpose of the project is to address several roadway deficiencies to preserve or improve the function, operation and safety of the WIS 85 route in the overall transportation system.

- Need

- The existing pavement is deteriorated with extensive alligator, transverse and longitudinal cracking and rutting, and the roadway has a poor ride.



Purpose and Need

- Need

- Drivers on WIS 85 have experienced a history of run-off-the-road crashes.
- Structure B-17-0131 east of County H has reached its useful life and needs to be replaced.
- Existing guardrail on WIS 85 has reached the end of its life.
- Cattle pass C-17-1395 is no longer used.
- The Chippewa River State Trail crossing does not meet Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.



Project Overview

- From the beginning of project limits to the south junction of County H:
 - Mill the existing pavement and overlay the roadway with asphalt.
 - Remove the cattle pass just west of County O and replace it with a culvert.



Project Overview

- From the south junction of County H to the end of project limits:
 - Mill and recycle existing pavement and overlay roadway.
 - Increase the paved shoulder width from 3 to 5 feet.
 - Install centerline and shoulder rumble strips.
 - Remove existing guardrail and regrade side slopes.
 - Upgrade Chippewa River State Trail crossing to meet ADA standards.
 - Extend box culvert carrying Coon Creek, regrade and remove the existing guardrail along WIS 85.
 - Replace the structure east of the north junction of County H with a dual box culvert.



Real Estate Needs

- Temporary limited easements will be needed for guardrail removal locations.
- Permanent right of way might be needed near the Coon Creek box culvert extension, the bridge replacement location and spot guardrail removal sites.



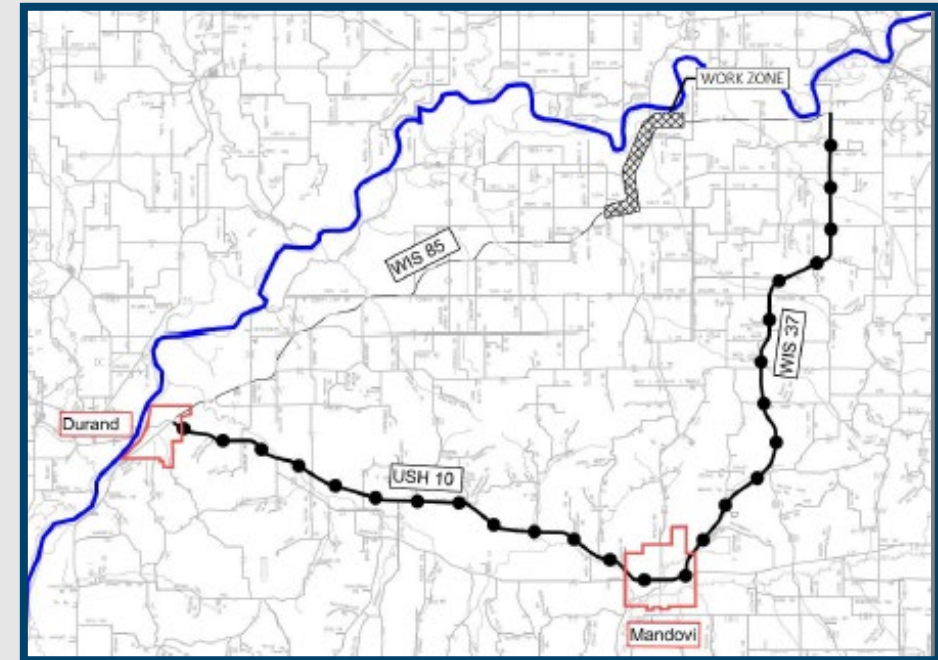
Real Estate Needs

- Temporary limited easements:
 - Needed for guardrail removal locations.
 - Needed for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources property for grading, detectable warning field installation and ADA compliance.
- Permanent right of way:
 - Might be needed near the Coon Creek box culvert extension, the bridge replacement location and spot guardrail removal sites.



Traffic Impacts

- During construction:
 - **WIS 85 closed to through traffic.**
 - Planned detour route to use US 10 and WIS 37.
 - Access to local properties, including businesses, to be maintained, but:
 - Temporary closure of driveways will be needed, but project staff will alert property owners before closure.
 - Local traffic might be subject to spot closures at the bridge and possibly near the Coon Creek culvert.



Project Schedule

- February and March 2024: Seek public input.
- June 2024: Complete environmental review process.
- November 2024: Begin real estate acquisition.
- November 2025: Finalize roadway design plans.
- 2026: Begin and complete construction.



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