

# Hoan Bridge (I-794) Safety Improvements

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Milwaukee County

## Public Involvement Meeting

### August 30, 2022



Project information can be viewed on this website:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/se/hoanbridge/default.aspx>

Thank you for your interest in this project; we look forward to your feedback.

## Introduction

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is evaluating alternatives to improve safety for pedestrians and structures below the Hoan Bridge (I-794). The bridge crosses Harbor Drive, the Kinnickinnic River, Summerfest grounds, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), and the Port of Milwaukee located in the City of Milwaukee in Milwaukee County. The Bridge was opened in 1977 with a length of 1.9-mile that carries I-794 over the Kinnickinnic River, connecting I-794 (an auxiliary route of I-94) in downtown Milwaukee to the Lake Freeway on the south side of the river and has AADT (2020) of 35,800. The objective of this meeting is to obtain your input on the identified needs and proposed improvements.

## Project Location



### LEGEND

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## Project Purpose and Need

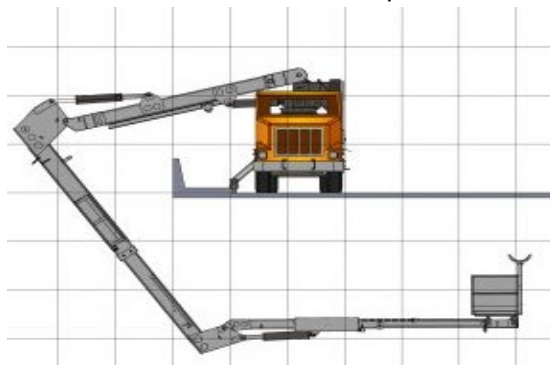
The purpose of the proposed project of the Daniel Hoan Memorial Bridge (Hoan Bridge), I-794 crossing Harbor Drive, the Kinnickinnic River, Summerfest grounds, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), and the Port of Milwaukee, located in the City of Milwaukee is to address safety concerns resulting from debris (such as snow, ice, tires and auto parts, and trash) falling from the bridge down below and to limit access to the railing. Located beneath the Hoan Bridge is the Summerfest grounds, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), and the Port of Milwaukee. Falling debris could result in worker and pedestrian safety concerns such as people below the bridge getting injured as well as property being damaged. Summerfest is one of the largest music festivals that hosts over 800 bands and 900,000 fans each year. MMSD is a regional government agency that provides water reclamation and flood management services. MMSD has reported at least 30 safety incidents in 2018 to 2019.

## Structure Improvement

The improvement includes a 6-foot back-mounted chain link fence installation along the Hoan Bridge. The proposed fence would help prevent debris from falling from the bridge which could pose a safety risk. The fencing will also limit access for persons that attempt to get to the edge of the bridge structure.

## Why a 6-Foot Tall Fence?

The department uses a snoopers truck to perform structure inspections to ensure that the bridge is in good working condition. Six feet is the maximum height that the fence can be to allow snoopers truck access.



## **Construction Staging**

- Construction begins early summer 2023.
- The construction will be long term work utilizing outside shoulder closure during the day.
- Outside lane closures will be used during the night as permitted.
- The project construction is anticipated to last for 4 months.

## **Real estate**

Acquisition of real estate is not anticipated for the project. Work is anticipated to occur within the existing right of way.

## **Public input/comments**

Public input is an important part of the project development process and your comments are encouraged. A comment sheet is provided with this handout for your use. This form can be completed today and dropped in the comment box at the meeting, e-mailed to the WisDOT project manager shown below, or mailed to the address on the back of the comment sheet.

Please forward your comments by September 30, 2022. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact:

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## Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form

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Please place this form in the comment box or mail by September 30, 2022 to the address on the back of this sheet. 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. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

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