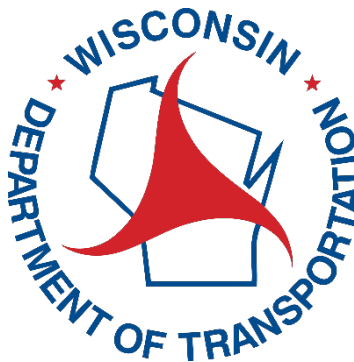


Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**US 12/18 and County W/Oak Park Road intersection
Deerfield, Dane County**

Project ID: 3080-01-08/78



**February 15, 2024
4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Deerfield High School, Commons Area
300 Simonson Blvd.
Deerfield, WI 53531**

Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning improvements to the US 12/18 and County W/Oak Park Road intersection near the Village of Deerfield in Dane County. The project will improve the safety and mobility of highway users in the area.

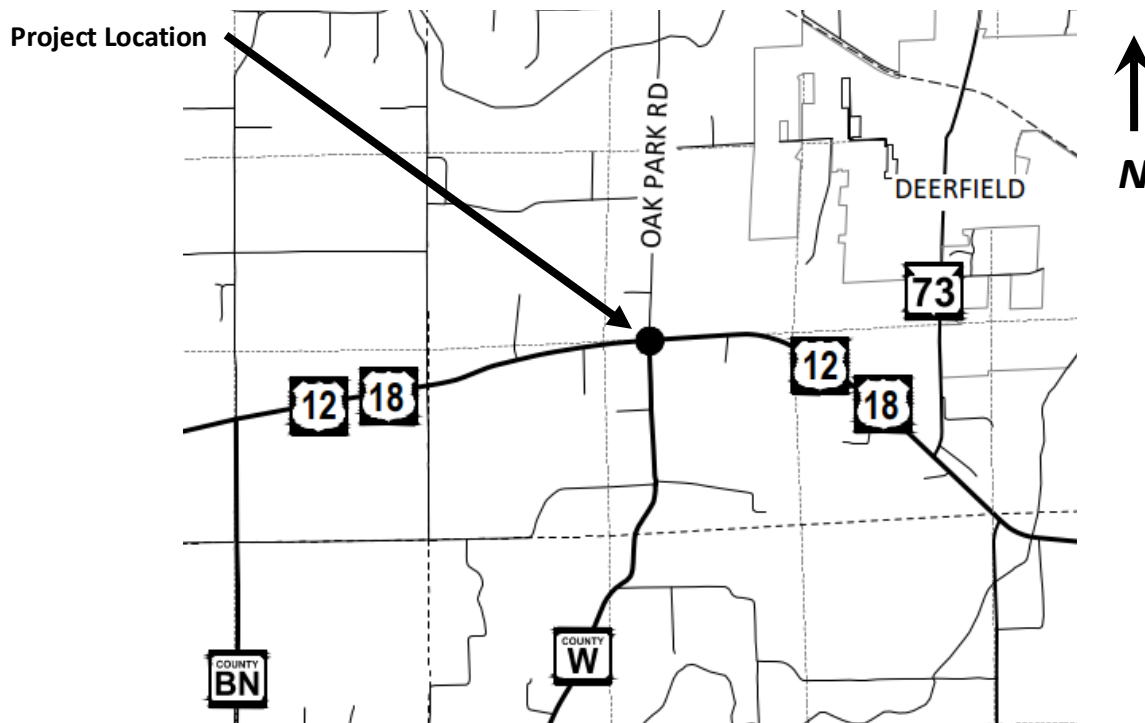
The purpose of this meeting is to familiarize you with the details of the project, answer questions, and listen to your comments, concerns, or suggestions. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open house format where representatives from WisDOT will be available to discuss the proposed project. We encourage you to talk to our project staff, view the exhibits, and discuss the proposed improvements.

The meeting materials are also available on the project website which can be viewed at www.wisconsin.gov under Projects and Studies, Southwest Region, *US 12/18 and County W/Oak Park Road intersection*, or by scanning the QR code.



Project information

WisDOT is developing final plans to improve the US 12/18 and County W/Oak Park Road intersection to address safety and operational concerns with the current intersection layout.



US 12/18 and County W/Oak Park Road Intersection Location Map

US 12/18 within the project limits is a rural highway that connects Madison with communities in the southeast area of the state. The intersection of US 12/18 and County W/Oak Park Road is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the Village of Deerfield. The intersection has experienced a history of severe crashes. Between 2015 and 2019, 16 crashes were recorded at the intersection, 10 of which resulted in injuries. The majority of the crashes were rear-end crashes with US 12/18 vehicles failing to stop for vehicles turning left onto the side roads. Contributing factors for the crashes include high speeds on US 12/18, failure to stop for left turning vehicles, and failure to yield on the side roads. The angle of Oak Park Road may also be a contributing factor.

Vehicles on County W and Oak Park Road also experience excessive delay at times, especially during the morning and evening peak hours. This could lead to drivers on side roads being tempted to make higher-risk decisions when turning onto US 12/18, which could contribute to the number of crashes as well.

A study completed in December 2021 reviewed alternatives for improving safety and operations at the intersection. The following alternatives were evaluated and presented to the public at a meeting in January 2022:

- No-Action
- Improved Two-Way Stop Control
- Traffic Signal
- Roundabout

A roundabout was identified as the preferred alternative because it will address the high rate of serious crashes as well as the existing and future traffic demands, at a lower cost than the traffic signal alternative. Proposed improvements for the single lane roundabout include:

- New concrete and asphalt pavement
- New storm sewer and culverts
- New pavement markings and signing
- Intersection lighting

Historical, archaeological, and hazardous materials surveys were conducted for the project; no adverse effects to resources or contaminated soil are anticipated. An environmental document for this project was signed in June 2022.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2026.

The project will be constructed in stages, with US 12/18 remaining open to through traffic throughout construction. Closures of County W and Oak Park Road are expected during some stages. A detour will be posted for County W utilizing County B, WIS 73, and US 12/18. No detour will be posted for Oak Park Road. Motorists can expect to encounter slower speeds, lane shifts, and temporary delays. Access to local residents and businesses will be maintained throughout the project duration.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in fall 2026.

Real estate

Strips of additional right of way and/or temporary grading easements will be required along all roadways for this project to accommodate the roundabout geometrics and grading. Right of way impacts are shown on the exhibit available on the project website. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in spring 2024.

Project update/next steps

Previous meetings:

- Local Officials Meeting #1 December 15, 2021
- Public Involvement Meeting #1 January 5, 2022
- Local Officials Meeting #2 January 31, 2024

Project update:

- Environmental Document signed June 28, 2022
- Design Study Report signed August 10, 2023
- Public Involvement Meeting #2 February 15, 2024
- Final plan submittal August 2025
- Project letting November 2025
- Construction Summer 2026

Utility work will occur prior to intersection construction.

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. There is a comment sheet available for your written comments and concerns about the project.

Please mail, email, or call with any comments and concerns about the project before March 1, 2024, or leave written comments in the comment box tonight.

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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