

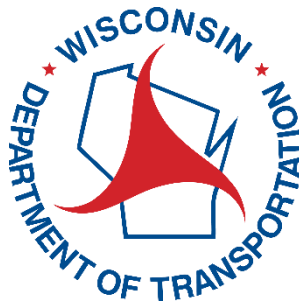
Public Involvement Meeting Handout

US 18

**Fennimore to Montfort
Grant County**

Design ID: 1662-02-00

Construction ID's: 1662-02-70/71



**January 10, 2024
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Fennimore Memorial Building**

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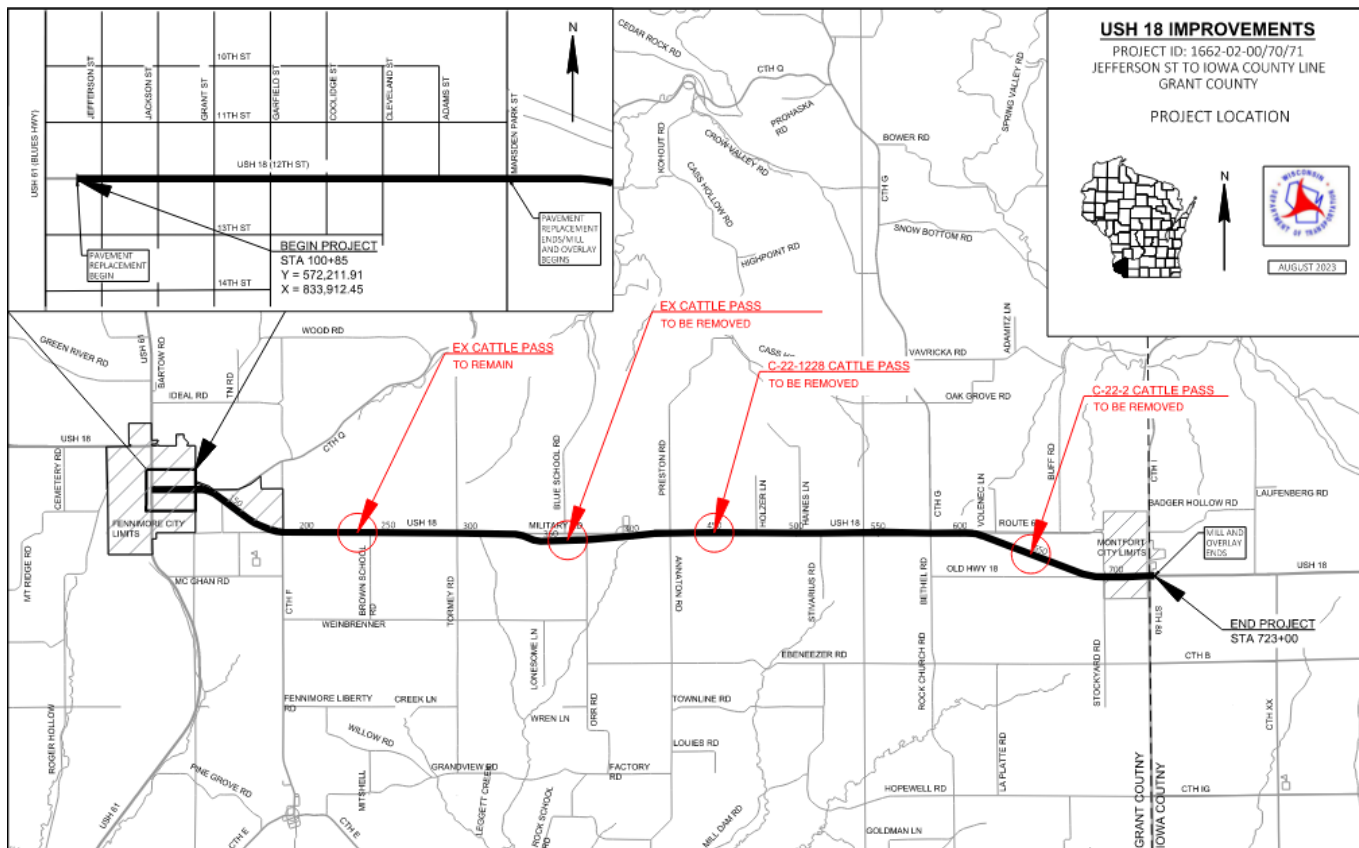
Purpose of the Meeting

Welcome to the public involvement meeting for US 18.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning improvements to US 18 from Fennimore to Montfort.

The purpose of public involvement is to:

- Present design concepts for the proposed improvements along US 18
- Address impacts to traffic during construction
- Obtain your input on the proposed improvements



Project Information

The project is along US 18 and begins at Jefferson Street in the City of Fennimore and runs 11.2 miles to Iowa County Line (WIS 80) in Montfort, Grant County.

The purpose of this project is to address the asphalt pavement that is aged and deteriorated with alligator cracking, and longitudinal and transverse cracking. Curb ramps are outdated and not to current ADA standards. Four existing cattle pass locations will also be evaluated.

Proposed improvements Urban portion (Fennimore, Jefferson Street to Marsden Park Street) include:

- Pavement replacement with subgrade improvements
- Curb and gutter replacement
- Storm sewer replacement
- Curb ramp updates to meet ADA standards
- Watermain and sanitary sewer replacement
- Replace streetlighting
- New pavement marking

Proposed improvements Rural portion (Marsden Park Street to WIS 80/Iowa County Line) include:

- Mill the existing pavement surface and place new asphalt
- Widen paved shoulders (Switzer Rd to Dale Dr/Stockyard Rd)
- New pavement marking
- Centerline and shoulder rumble strips (Switzer Rd to Dale Dr/Stockyard Rd)
- Remove 3 of the 4 cattle passes

An environmental document is being prepared to address potential impacts to environmental resources along the project corridor.

Proposed Traffic Impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for the spring - fall of 2028.

During some construction stages, US 18 will be detoured. The preliminary route being evaluated is US 61 to WIS 81 to WIS 80.

Urban portion: US 18 will be closed in Fennimore between WIS 61 and Marsden Park Street. The intersection of Marsden Park Street and US 18 will remain open a majority of the time to allow local traffic to reroute easier. During sidewalk construction sidewalks will be closed with pedestrian detours.

Rural portion: US 18 will be closed during the removal of the cattle passes. For the remainder of the improvements in the rural section a moving flagging operation will be utilized to guide traffic through the work zone.

Motorists can expect some delays to occur during these operations. Access to residences and businesses will be maintained except for short periods while construction operations are directly adjacent to the entrances.

Real Estate

The majority of the work will occur within the existing right-of-way. Minor amounts of Temporary Limited Easements (TLEs) and/or permanent right of way (FEE) will be required to accommodate curb ramp updates and grading at cattle pass locations. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in the summer of 2025.

Project update/next steps

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| Local Officials Meeting | December 7, 2023 |
| Public Involvement Meeting | January 10, 2024 |
| Environmental Document | September 2024 |
| Real Estate Negotiations | August 2025 – August 2027 |
| Final Plans | August 2027 |
| Construction | Spring - fall 2028 |

Public Input/Comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before **February 12, 2024**, or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below. Project information, including the comment form, is also available via the project website:

<https://tinyurl.com/453xey9y>



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.

For more information, please contact:

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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