



Public Involvement Presentation

US 18 Improvement Project

Fennimore to Montfort

Grant County

WisDOT Project ID: 1662-02-00/70/71

January 10, 2024

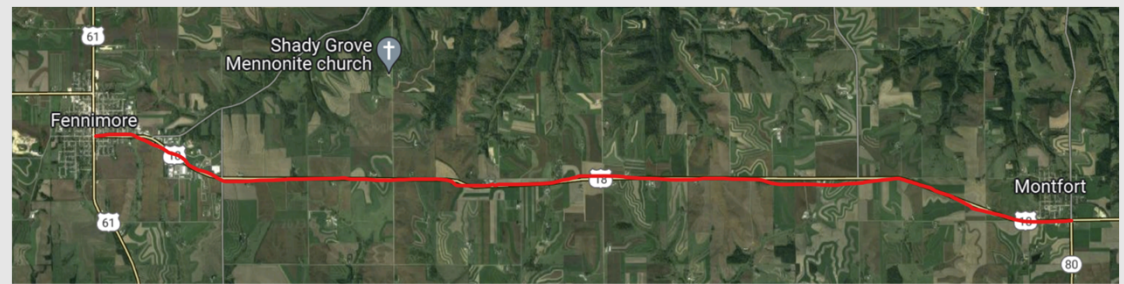
Presentation Agenda

- Project Location
- Project Information
 - Project Purpose and Need
 - Proposed Improvements
- Real Estate Impacts
- Anticipated Traffic Impacts
- Project Schedule
- Public Input and Comments



Project Location

WisDOT is proposing to improve the portion of US 18 beginning at Jefferson Street in the City of Fennimore and continuing 11.2 miles to the Iowa County Line (WIS 80) in Montfort, Grant County.



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Fennimore - Dodgeville
Jefferson St to Iowa County Line
USH 18
Grant County



PROJECT LOCATION MAP



Project Information

- Purpose and Need
 - Deteriorating 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 - Curb ramps are outdated and not to current ADA standards.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 be evaluated.



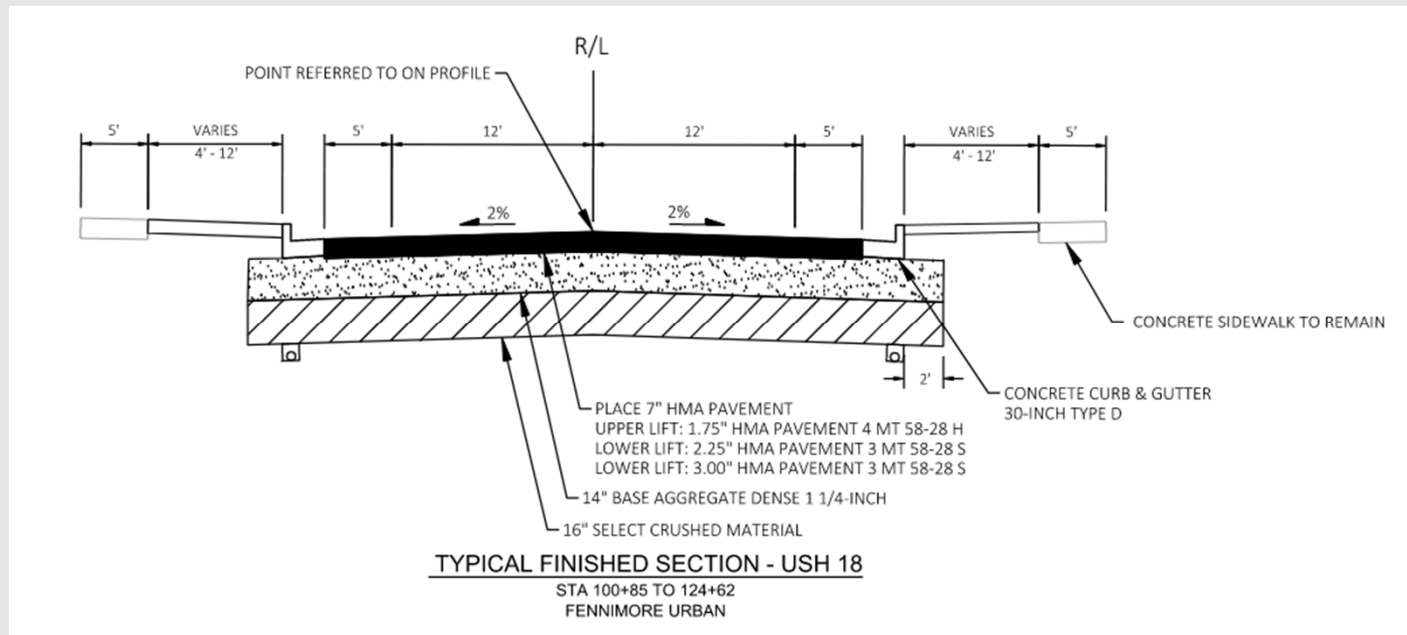
Project Information

- Proposed Improvements
 - Urban portion (Fennimore, Jefferson Street to Marsden Park Street)
 - Pavement replacement with subgrade improvements
 - Curb & gutter replacement
 - Storm sewer replacement
 - Curb ramp updates to meet ADA standards
 - Watermain and sanitary sewer replacement
 - Replace streetlighting
 - New pavement marking



Project Information

- Proposed Improvements – Typical Section
 - Urban portion (Fennimore, Jefferson Street to Marsden Park Street)



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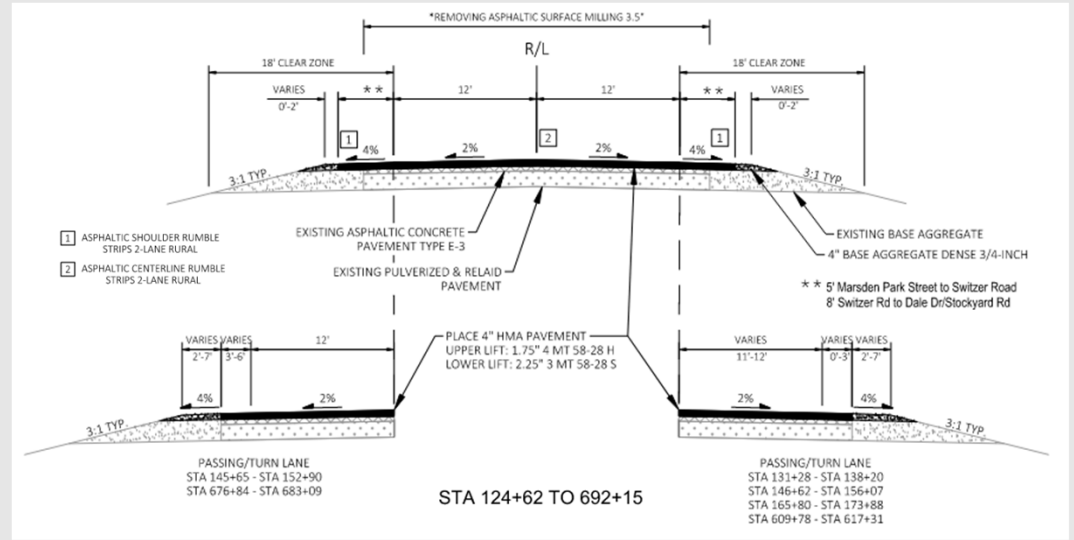
- Proposed Improvements
 - Rural portion (Marsden Park Street to WIS 80/Iowa County Line)
 - Mill the existing pavement surface and place new asphalt
 - Widen paved shoulders (Switzer Rd to Dale Dr/Stockyard Rd)
 - New pavement marking
 - Centerline and shoulder rumble strips (Switzer Rd to Dale Dr/Stockyard Rd)
 - Remove 3 of 4 cattle passes



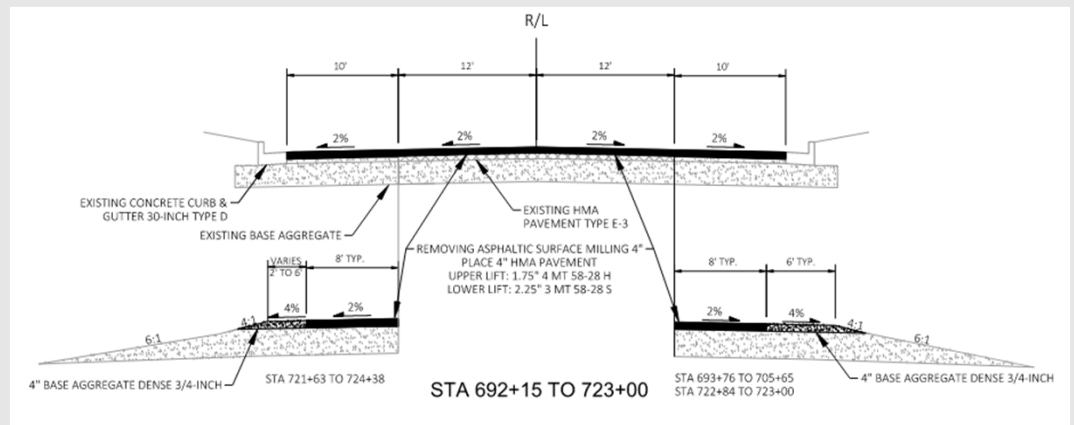
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- Proposed Improvements
Typical Section

- STA 124+62 to 692+15
- Rural portion

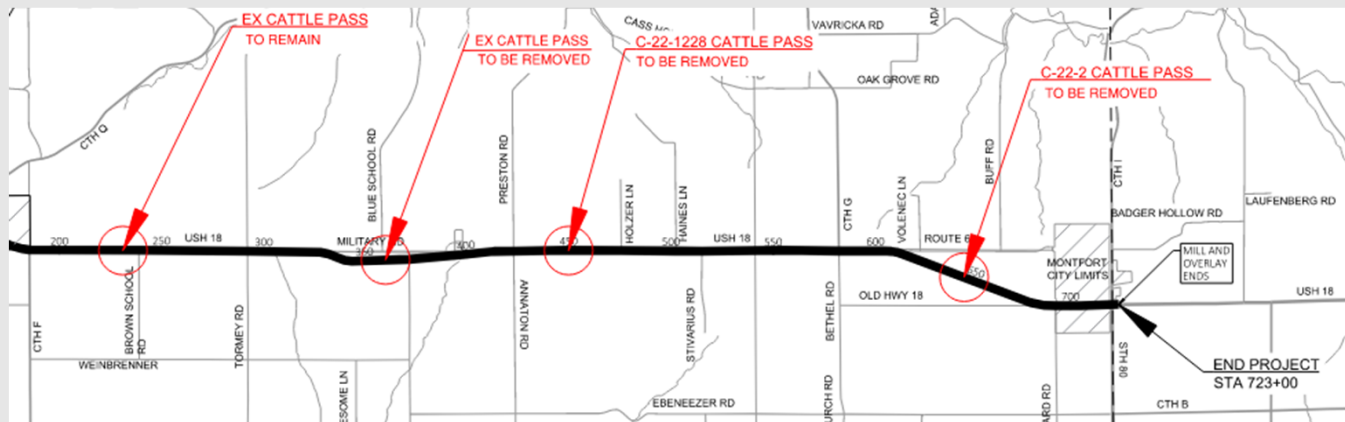


- STA 692+15 to 723+00
- Montfort Rural/Urban portion



Project Information

- Proposed Improvements
 - Rural portion - Cattle Pass locations
 - Four cattle pass locations have been evaluated
 - One will remain – still in use
 - Three locations will be removed – no longer in use



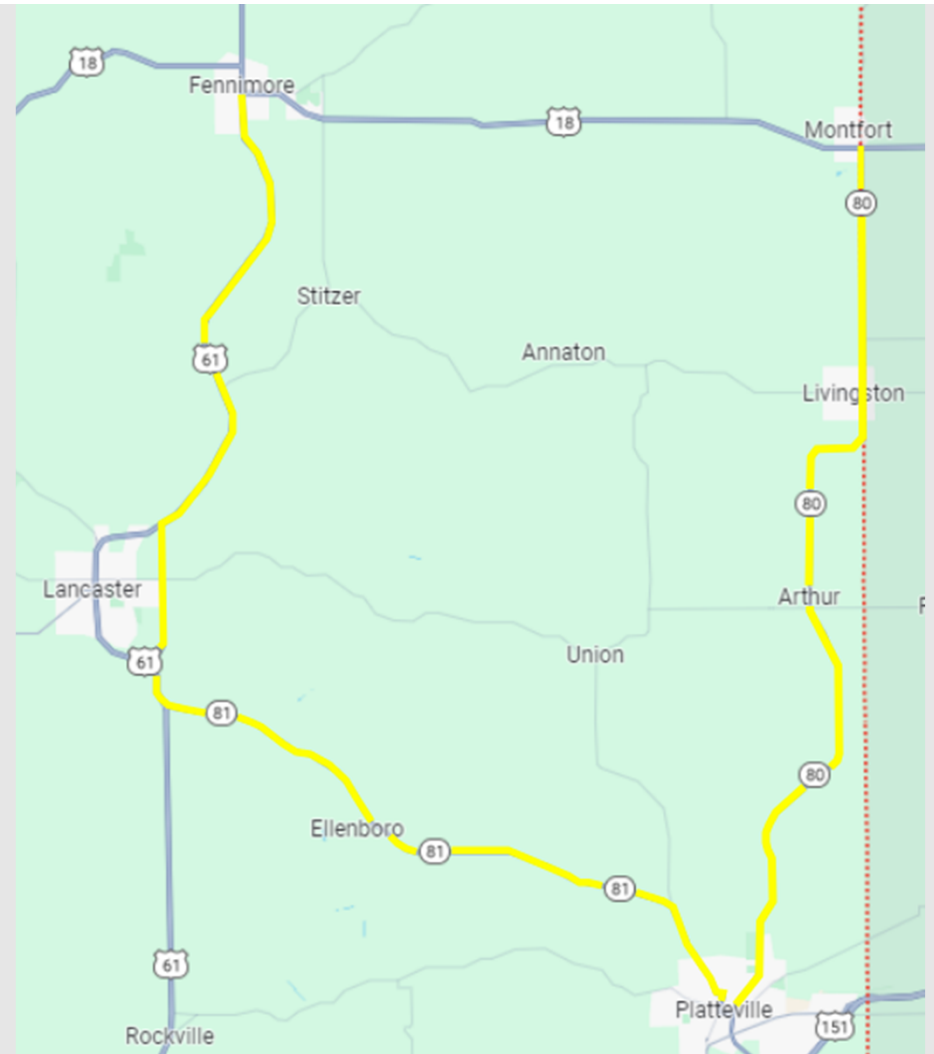
Proposed Traffic Impacts

- US 18 will be closed in Fennimore between WIS 61 and Marsden Park Street
- US 18 will be closed during the removal of the cattle passes in the rural section
- Detour route will be posted
 - Preliminary detour route is US 61 - WIS 81 - WIS 80
 - Further evaluation/coordination is needed
 - The intersection of US 18 & Marsden Park Street will remain open a majority of the time to allow local traffic to reroute easier.
- For the rest of the improvements in the rural section, flagging operations will be utilized
- Local and emergency access will be maintained
- Sidewalk closures
- Pedestrian detours



Proposed Traffic Impacts

- Preliminary detour route is:
 - US 61 – WIS 81 – WIS 80



Real Estate

- Majority of work will occur within existing right-of-way
- Minor amounts of permanent right of way (FEE) and Temporary Limited Easements (TLEs) will be required at curb ramp and cattle pass locations.
- Acquisition process
 - Real Estate staff will coordinate with property owners
 - Acquisition expected to begin in late 2025



Project Schedule

- Local Officials Meeting #1– December 6, 2023
- Public Involvement Meeting #1– January 10, 2024
- Environmental Document – September 2024
- Local Officials Meeting #2 – 2025
- Public Involvement Meeting #2 - 2025
- Real Estate Acquisition – August 2025 thru August 2027
- Final Plans – August 2027
- Construction – Spring thru Fall 2028



Public Input and Comments

- Ways to provide input
 - Complete and mail comment form found on project website by February 12, 2024

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



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