

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**US 51  
Exchange Street to Larson Beach Road  
Stoughton – Madison  
Dane County**

**Project ID: 5845-16-06/76**



**Public Involvement Meeting  
Wednesday, July 27, 2022  
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Village of McFarland Municipal Center,  
5915 Milwaukee St, McFarland, WI 53558**

**Project Website:**

[wisconsindot.gov/us51](https://wisconsindot.gov/us51)

## **Purpose of the meeting**

Welcome to the public involvement meeting for the proposed improvements to US 51 from Exchange Street to Larson Beach Road in the village of McFarland and town of Dunn.

The objective of this meeting is to provide you with updated information regarding the proposed improvements to the roadway. We are seeking your input on updates to the project design, particularly the intersection alternatives for the Larson Beach Road intersection. A brief presentation will occur at 5 pm.

Please take time to review the information presented. WisDOT project representatives are available to answer questions. A public comment form is also available for you to provide written comments. Please submit all comments by August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

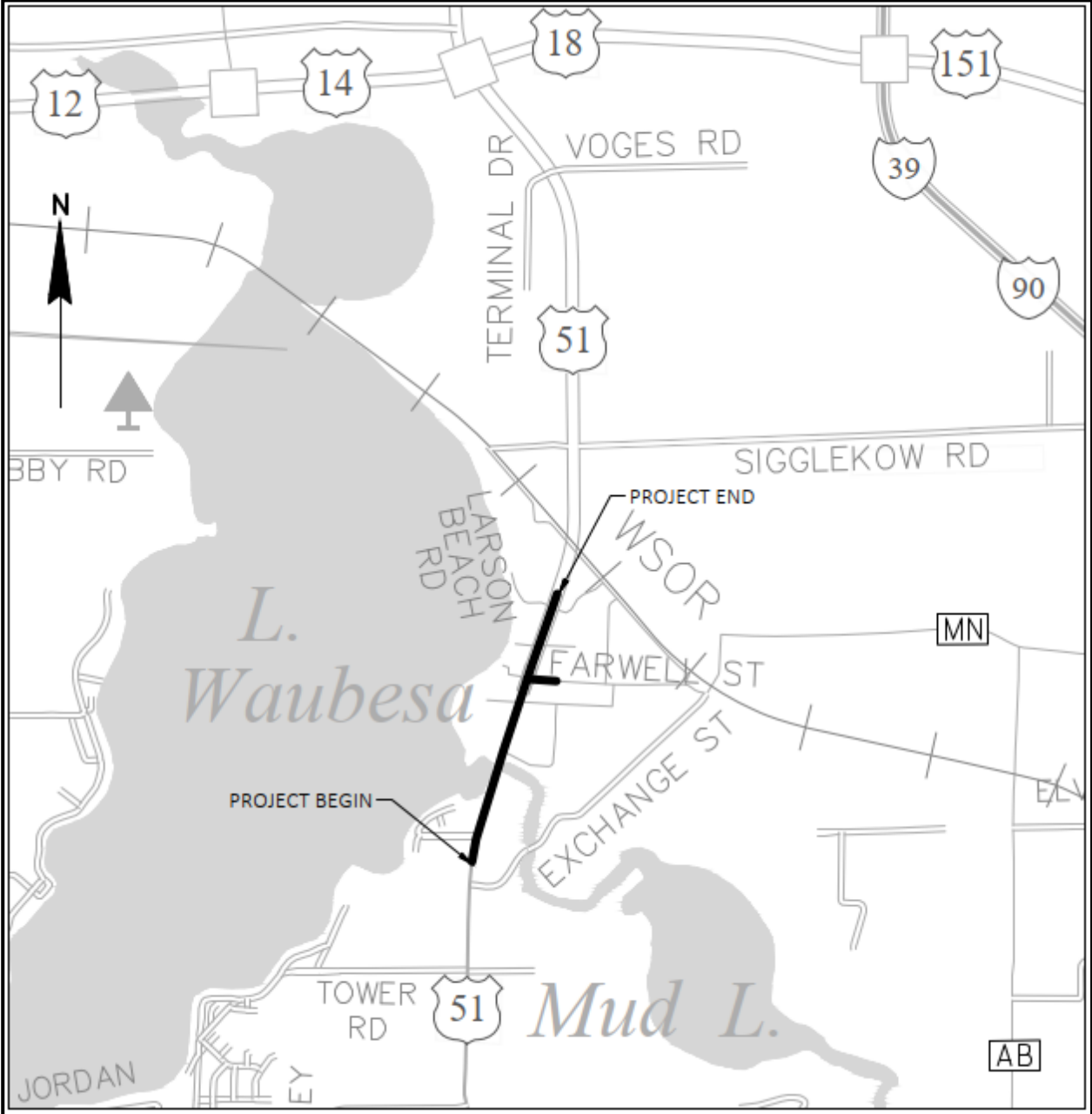
## **Project information**

The US 51 corridor project in Dane County is 18.1 miles from I-39/90 to Voges Road. The US 51 corridor project was split into 11 construction projects. US 51 from Exchange Street to Larson Beach Road is programmed for construction in 2028 but could be constructed as early as 2026 if funding becomes available. Construction of the 11 individual projects will occur between 2024 and 2029.

US 51 between Exchange Street and Larson Beach Road will include the following proposed improvements:

- Reconstructing the existing 4-lane urban roadway section.
- Constructing new sidewalk, curb ramps, and crosswalks which will meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) criteria.
- Reconstructing the Yahara River bridge, including a new pedestrian underpass to Babcock Park.
- Numerous improvements within Babcock Park.
- Reconstructing the Farwell Street intersection to include offset left turn lanes, increased left turn lane storage, and upgrading signal equipment.
- Proposed alternatives for the Larson Beach Road intersection include an improved signal or roundabout.
- Continuous street lighting between Burma Road and Larson Beach Road.

Figure 1: Project Location Map



## Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2028 but could be constructed as early as 2026 if funding becomes available.

The project will be constructed under staged traffic. US 51 will be reduced to single lanes in either direction. The contractor will maintain access to residents and businesses during construction. If closures are required for driveway work, this will be communicated with residents or businesses in advance.

Business coordination is available through the WisDOT In This Together program. These resources help businesses with tips and tools during construction, including temporary business signage recommendations and resources such as planning worksheets. More information on the program can be found at the following URL: <https://wisconsindot.gov/together>

## Real Estate

This project will require some right of way acquisition, but no relocations are expected. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in Fall 2023.

## Project update/next steps

PIM #1	July 27, 2022
Real Estate Begins	Fall 2023
Final Plans	May 1, 2025
Construction	Beginning in 2026 or 2028

The next steps for this project include the preliminary and final design of the corridor. Public meeting and outreach will continue for this project and others along the corridor. You can follow along and stay involved by checking for updates on the project website or join the project email sign up using Figures 2 and 3. You can also follow the Southwest Office of WisDOT on Twitter (@WisDOTsouthwest) to be informed about information from around the region.



Figure 2: Project Website



Figure 3: Project email sign up

## **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 August 24, 2022 or leave written comments in the comment box tonight. You can email your comments to the contacts listed below or use the online comment form on the project website shown on the cover page.

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