

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**Stoughton–Madison
Roby Road to County B/AB
US 51, Dane County**

Project IDs: 5845-16-04/74



**Thursday, January 12, 2023
5 to 6:30 P.M.**

**Good Shepherd by the Lake,
1860 US Highway 51, Stoughton, WI 53589**

Project Website:

<http://wisconsindot.gov/US51>



Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) welcomes you to this public involvement meeting (PIM) for the proposed improvements to United States Highway (US) 51 from Roby Road to County B/AB in the city of Stoughton and town of Dunn. Refer to Figure 1 for a project location map.

The objective of this meeting is to provide you with updated information regarding the proposed improvements to the roadway. WisDOT representatives will give a brief presentation starting at 5:30 P.M.

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 February 10, 2023.

Project information

The US 51 corridor project in Dane County is 18.1 miles in length and extends from Interstate (I)-39/90 to Voges Road. The US 51 corridor project was split into 11 individual construction projects, with construction occurring between 2024 and 2029. The project along US 51 from Roby Road to County B/AB is programmed for construction in 2026 and 2027.

The purpose of this project is to provide a safe and efficient transportation system along the US 51 corridor to serve present and long-term travel demand while minimizing disturbance to the environment. This will be obtained by working to address existing safety conditions, accommodating travel demand, addressing existing pavement conditions, improving bicycle accommodations, and considering corridor preservation and long-term planning measures.

US 51 from Roby Road to County B (east) will have the following improvements:

- Reconstruct the existing rural 2-lane undivided roadway to a 4-lane urban divided roadway with a raised median and 10-foot-wide sidewalk on both sides of US 51.
- Reconstruct the Rutland-Dunn Townline Road and County B (east) intersections to dual-lane roundabouts.
- Construct a pedestrian underpass just north of the Rutland-Dunn Townline Road intersection.
- Posted speed limit reduction from 55 miles per hour (mph) to 35 mph.
- Install a continuous lighting system in the median.

US 51 from County B (east) to County B/AB will have the following improvements:

- Reconstruct the existing undivided rural roadway to a 2-lane rural divided roadway with a continuous raised median, including intersection improvements.
- Reconstruct the existing pedestrian underpass just south of the Charles Lane intersection.

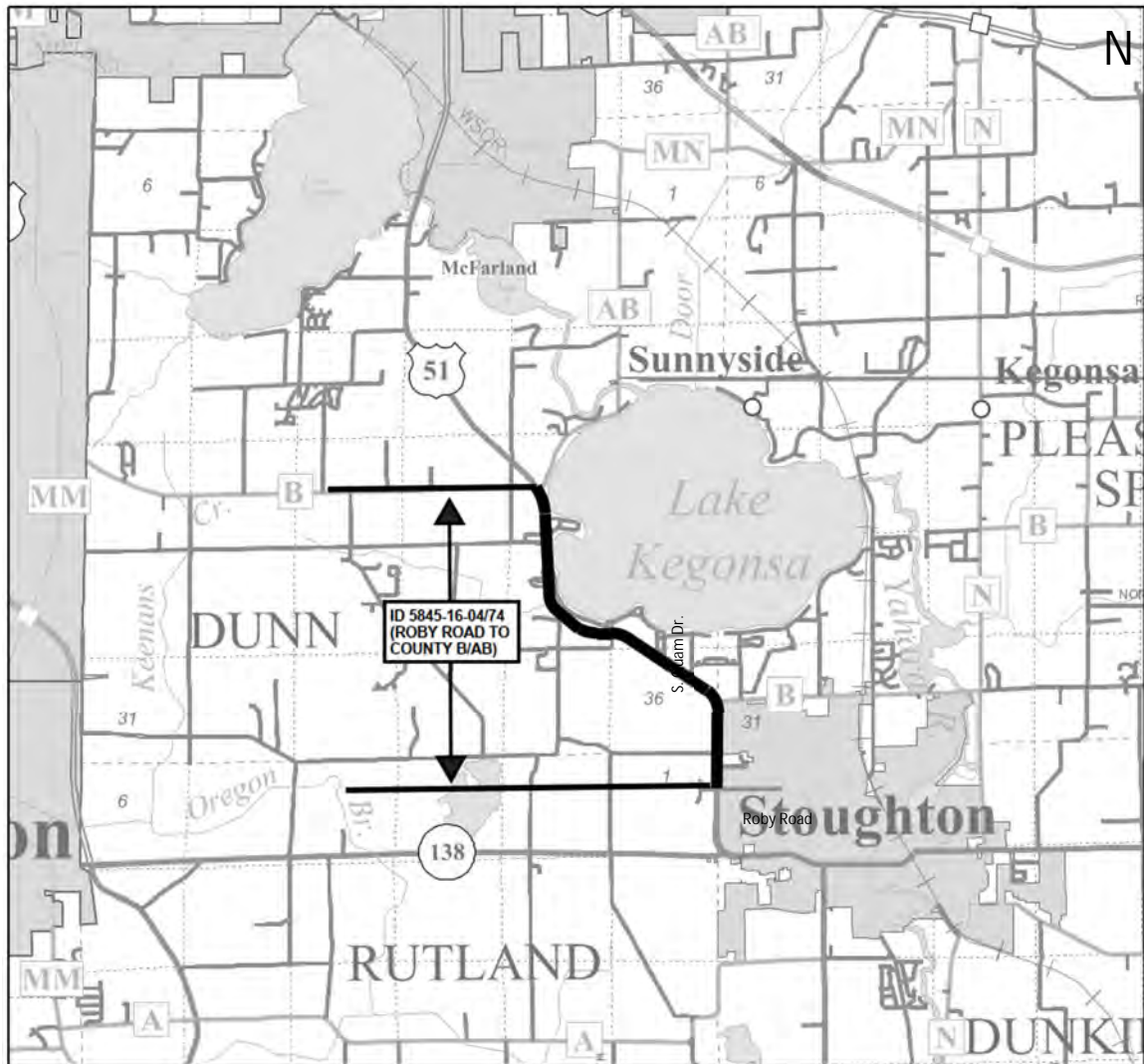


Figure 1: Project Location Map

Proposed traffic impacts

US 51 from Roby Road to South Quam Drive:

- Construction for this segment is currently scheduled to begin in 2026.
- This segment will be constructed under staged traffic conditions with one lane of traffic being maintained in each direction.

US 51 from South Quam Drive to County B/AB:

- Construction for this segment is currently scheduled to begin in 2027.
- This segment will be constructed under detoured conditions. US 51 will be closed to through traffic (local access only). The signed detour route will include I 39/90 and US 12/18 (Madison Beltline).

The contractor will be required to maintain access to local 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. This program includes tips, tools, and resources to help businesses plan for highway construction impacts, including temporary business signage recommendations and resources such as planning worksheets. Early coordination is recommended. More information on the program can be found at the following URL: <https://wisconsindot.gov/together>

Real estate

The project will require the purchase of right of way (fee, permanent limited easements, and temporary limited easements) for the proposed improvements, including purchases at Colladay Point Park [Section 4(f) property]. The real estate process is planned to begin in fall 2023.

Project schedule/next steps

The next steps for this project include the preliminary and final design. 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 corridor project website using the QR code in Figure 2 and/or join the project email sign up using the QR code in Figure 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 form available for your written comments and concerns about the project. Your project comments will assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community.

Please place your completed comment form in the provided comment box or mail by February 10, 2023, using the provided envelope. Comments can also be submitted to Kevin Drunasky, P.E., WisDOT Project Manager, by email at Kevin.Drunasky@dot.wi.gov or by phone at (608) 246-3811.

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