

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 16
0.5 miles E of I-90 to W. Hazel Ave
Sparta - Tomah
Monroe County**

Project ID: 5735-04-03



Virtual Public Involvement Meeting

Purpose of the meeting

The intention of these materials is to provide the residents, stakeholders and traveling public with an overview of the project need and purpose, proposed improvements, timelines, and impacts, while offering an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the project.

Project information

We are proposing to resurface 6.38 miles of WIS 16 between Sparta and Tomah in Monroe County. This project would extend from approximately 0.5 miles east of the I-90 ramps to West Hazel Avenue (Cinder Drive).

WIS 16 is a two-lane rural highway with an aged pavement surface, outdated guard rail, 3-foot paved shoulders and no centerline or shoulder rumble strips. A project is needed to treat pavement distresses, update the beam guard and incorporate elements of WisDOT's Highway Safety improvement program.

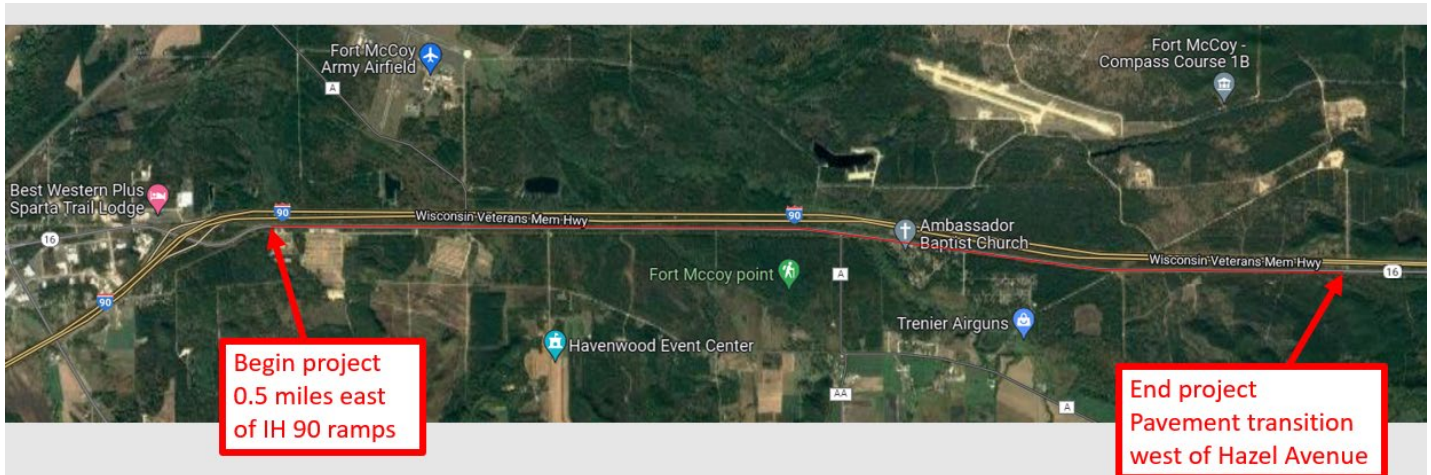
The proposed project is intended to extend the pavement's surface life and decrease the frequency and severity of crossing centerline and roadway departure crashes along this corridor. Proposed improvement include:

- Mill and relay 4 inches of existing pavement, then add a 3.5 inch overlay of new asphalt pavement. This would provide a more supportive pavement structure with greater longevity.
- Replacing the beam guard around the Silver Creek Bridge, to meet current standards.
- Increasing the paved shoulder width from 3 feet to 5 feet, to provide a wider uniform pavement surface.
- Add centerline and shoulder rumble strips, to alert drivers of lane departures.

The current estimated cost to construct this preferred alternative is \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000.

Environmental studies are in progress to minimize the effect of the project on surrounding natural resources. Historical and archaeological surveys have already been conducted, and it has been concluded that the project will have no impact on any sites that fall within the project area. Coordination with representatives of Fort McCoy is ongoing. Design of this project is expected to conclude in mid-2025, with no major changes anticipated.

WIS 16 Project Location

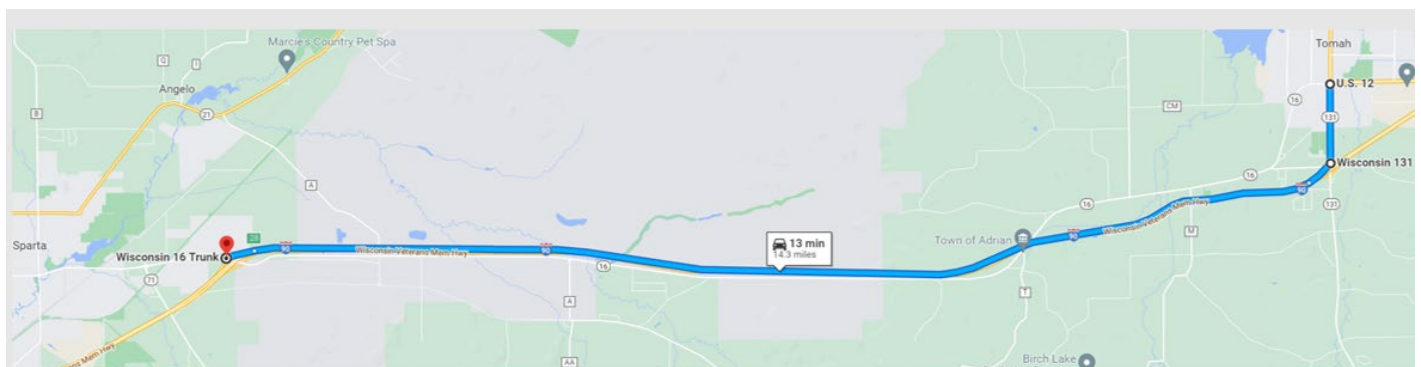


Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is anticipated for 2027 and could take up to several months to complete.

During the first phase of construction, this portion of WIS 16 will be closed to through traffic. A detour will be posted along I-90 from Sparta to Tomah. Access for residents and local businesses will be maintained. Once the first layer of pavement is placed, WIS 16 will re-open to single lane traffic under flagging operations until the work is concluded. Motorists should expect minor delays due to the detour route and construction activities while traveling through the work zone. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

Detour Route



WIS 16 (Sparta) to IH 90 to WIS 131 to WIS 16/US 12 (Tomah)

Real estate

No right of way acquisition is anticipated for this project. All work will take place within the existing roadway width, with the exception of minor grading on the slopes around the Silver Creek Bridge.

Project update/next steps

Additional information can be found on the project website at:
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis16-monroecounty/default.aspx>

The current schedule in place is as follows (note this schedule is subject to change):

- Spring 2023: complete the environmental process
- Summer 2023: submit design study report for review and approval
- Fall 2023 to winter 2024: develop project plans
- Spring 2025: submit project plans for review and approval
- 2026: advertise project for contractor bidding
- 2027: construction

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 by February 6th, 2023. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below.

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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Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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