



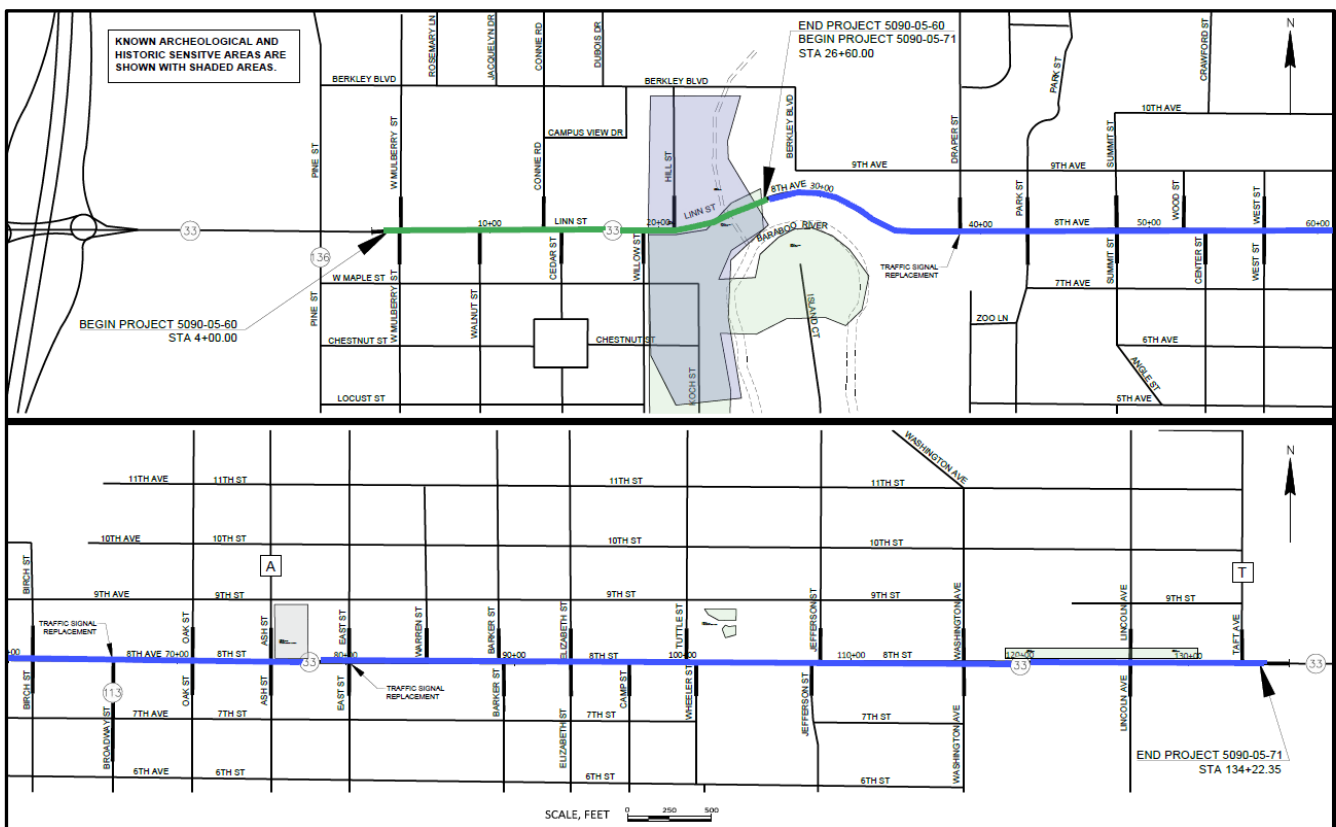
# Virtual Public Involvement Handout May 2021



**WIS 33 / Linn Street  
W Mulberry St to East Village Limits  
Village of West Baraboo  
Sauk County  
Project ID: 5090-05-30/60**

**WIS 33 / Eighth Avenue and Eighth Street  
West City Limits to County T  
City of Baraboo  
Sauk County  
Project ID: 5090-05-01/71**

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in collaboration with the Village of West Baraboo and the City of Baraboo, are planning improvements to Wisconsin (WIS) 33 from W Mulberry Street to County T (Taft Avenue) in the Village of West Baraboo and City of Baraboo. The project will address the deteriorated pavement, outdated utilities, and poor traffic operations.



WisDOT is using this mailing and the virtual presentation as a means to present the proposed WIS 33 improvements to the public and to ask for your input. The presentation with closed captioning and exhibits are available to view at: [wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis33-west-baraboo/](https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis33-west-baraboo/).

## Project purpose and need

The purpose of the WIS 33 project is to address the deteriorating pavement, substandard utilities, and pedestrian curb ramps that are not compliant with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements in the Village of West Baraboo and the City of Baraboo. The concrete roadway has extensive cracking and crumbling pavement in the outer lanes. Several intersections along WIS 33 have inefficient traffic operations. Traffic making left turns from the highway onto side roads and driveways cause queuing and delays. The existing sidewalk in the Village of West Baraboo is in poor condition; only spot locations of sidewalk are in poor condition in the City of Baraboo.

## **Project information**

The project proposes to reconfigure WIS 33 from a 4-lane roadway to a 2-lane roadway with a 2-way left turn lane in the center of the roadway to improve the safety and operations of the highway. Removing the left turn lanes from the through lane of traffic is expected to decrease the number of rear end collisions and improve traffic flow. At key intersections, the 2-way left turn lane will become dedicated left or right turn lanes.

For the majority of the project, the roadway width and location of the sidewalk will remain the same. The Village of West Baraboo and City of Baraboo are planning to replace water and sanitary facilities during the proposed project as well. Additional proposed improvements include:

- Addressing drainage issues and replacing storm sewer facilities.
- Replacing traffic signals and making improvements at the Draper Street, Broadway Street, and East Street (County A) intersections.
- Constructing pedestrian refuge medians at select locations along WIS 33.
- Replacing all of the sidewalk along WIS 33 within the Village, and replacing sidewalk only as needed in the City.
- Installing new street lighting in the Village of West Baraboo and City of Baraboo.

Intersections that currently have traffic signals will continue to have traffic signals; no new signalized intersections are proposed.

Existing mailboxes located in the terrace between the curb and sidewalk along WIS 33 will be either moved to the houses or to cluster boxes that will be installed at common locations. Moving the mailboxes out of the terrace is expected to improve safety and traffic flow by reducing the need for a postal service vehicle to continuously stop along WIS 33.

## **Traffic impacts**

WIS 33 will be closed and detoured during construction to allow for more efficient and faster construction, and a better overall product.

Local and emergency access to businesses and residences will be maintained during construction. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary for limited times during construction; homeowners and business will be notified in advance of the closures.

Pedestrian access for sidewalk users will be provided using a combination of marked sidewalk detours, staged closing of intersection crosswalks, and temporary curb ramps as needed during construction.

## **Real estate**

Real estate acquisitions will be needed at various locations along the project corridor. Temporary easements will be needed during construction for sidewalk replacement. Minor permanent fee acquisitions may also be needed from a few properties.

Displays on the project website show where temporary easements and permanent fee acquisitions are anticipated. Property improvements (shrubs, landscaping, etc.) within a temporary easement may be impacted during construction. A WisDOT Real Estate representative will begin contacting property owners in summer 2021 to discuss needed acquisitions and potential impacts.

## **Website information**

Information from the video presentation, as well as past and future public meetings, is available to view on the WisDOT project website at: [wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis33-west-baraboo/](https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis33-west-baraboo/).

## In This Together program

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones have special needs. It's critical that customers have access to businesses and that they continue to visit them, regardless of any road work inconvenience.

WisDOT's **Business Coordination Guide** includes tips, tools and resources to help businesses plan for highway construction impacts.



The **In This Together** program includes:

- Workbook and case studies that demonstrate techniques that have been successfully used in communities throughout Wisconsin.
- Promotional samples showing a variety of examples of how businesses have promoted their businesses during construction.

This program is offered to business and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. Through communication and cooperation, businesses can not only survive, but thrive, when road construction comes to town. Additional information on the **Business Coordination Guide** and **In This Together** program can be found at: [wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/in-together/](https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/in-together/).

WisDOT will create a web page at the beginning of the calendar year that construction is scheduled to begin to provide a brief overview with basic information most commonly sought by the public, along with contact information for additional assistance. The link below should be shared with businesses along the project corridor: [wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/in-together/swregion/](https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/in-together/swregion/).

### Project schedule (subject to change)

#### 2021

Spring – Complete the environmental process and preliminary design  
Summer – Begin final roadway design plans and real estate acquisitions

#### 2022-2023

Complete real estate acquisitions, finalize roadway design plans

#### 2024

Early Spring – Construction begins  
Late Fall – Construction completed

### Public input/comments

All persons having an interest in the project are encouraged to view the website and provide input using the online comment form. Your 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. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. Included with this handout is a form to provide written comments about the proposed improvements. You can also call or e-mail your comments to the project leaders listed below.

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