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Darlington to Argyle
WIS 81, WIS 23 to Wildcat Road
Lafayette County

Greetings:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is seeking public input on proposed improvements to WIS 81 between WIS 23 and Wildcat Road in Lafayette County. An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2026 (with possible advancement of one or two years).

We invite you to view the project presentation at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis81-darlington/default.aspx>. The presentation provides details on the purpose and need for the project, and the preliminary design proposal.

The following needs have been identified on this section of WIS 81:

- The pavement is deteriorating and has extensive cracking and rutting.
- Existing guardrail does not meet current safety standards.
- Existing curb ramps located in the city of Darlington do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The proposed improvements include the following:

- Remove 4-inches of the existing surface and pave 4-inches of new asphaltic material.
- Improve curb ramps along WIS 81 in the city of Darlington to meet ADA standards to the maximum extent possible at the following intersections: Wells Street, Keep Street, Ohio Street, Division Street, Clay Street, East Street, and Arthur Street.
- Install centerline rumble strips in the rural portion of the project.
- Replace the existing guardrail and end terminals with Energy Absorbing Terminals to provide safer conditions for motorists.

WIS 81 is expected to remain open to traffic during construction. Shoulder closures will be needed for curb ramp and guardrail improvements. Milling and paving operations will utilize one lane of traffic in each direction with flaggers.

We invite you to provide your input on this project. Questions and comments can be made by phone, email or mail at the addresses provided below by **July 15, 2020**. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Project Overview