

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

WIS 81, School Street to County Y, Cassville

Project ID: 5215-03-31/61



August 9, 2021

**Comments received by Sept. 12, 2021 will be reviewed for
inclusion in the environmental document**

Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing to improve WIS 81 in Grant County from School Street in the Village of Cassville to County Y. This project will address aged pavement that is beginning to deteriorate and will improve safety on the corridor through guardrail upgrades and rumble strips.

The objective of this public involvement meeting is to explain the project, and to obtain any feedback you may have on the proposed improvements to WIS 81.

A coordination meeting with local community officials was held on July 29, 2021.

A presentation providing an overview of the proposed design along with maps and a comment card, can be found on the project website: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis81-grantcounty/default.aspx>

Project information

WisDOT is proposing to improve 2.5 miles of WIS 81. Proposed improvements include milling and repaving 2.5-inches of asphalt, upgrading guard rail to current standards, adding centerline rumble strips, and refreshing pavement markings.

The milling and repaving of WIS 81 will extend the pavement life, reduce maintenance costs, and deter a more costly project from becoming necessary. Additionally, the existing guardrail ends are substandard, and will not protect a driver in the event of a head-on collision, such as vehicles crossing over the opposing travel lane. This project will replace these features with end treatments that meet current design standards.

A draft environmental document has been completed, with final approval expected in September 2021.

WIS 81 location map



Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is scheduled for Summer 2028; however, construction could occur as early as Summer 2023 if funding becomes available.

During construction, WIS 81 will remain open to traffic. Work will be performed under temporary lane closures utilizing flagging for traffic control.

Access to residences and businesses along WIS 81 will be maintained throughout construction.

Real estate

Real estate acquisitions are not anticipated for this project. All construction activities are expected to be completed within the existing right-of-way.

Project update/next steps

- Local Officials Meeting: July 29, 2021
- Public Comment Period: August 9, 2021 to September 12, 2021
- Environmental Document Approval: September 2021
- Preliminary Plans: November 2021
- Final Plans: November 2022
- Construction: 2028 (advanceable to 2023)

Public input/comments

We encourage you to provide comments on the proposed design. Any comments you may have can be mailed using the enclosed form or can be emailed to the contact listed below. Please provide any written comments about the project before September 12, 2021.

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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