# **Public Involvement**

**I-39** 

Portage – Coloma
Columbia County line to Waushara County line, Southbound
Marquette County

Project ID: 1166-04-14/84/85



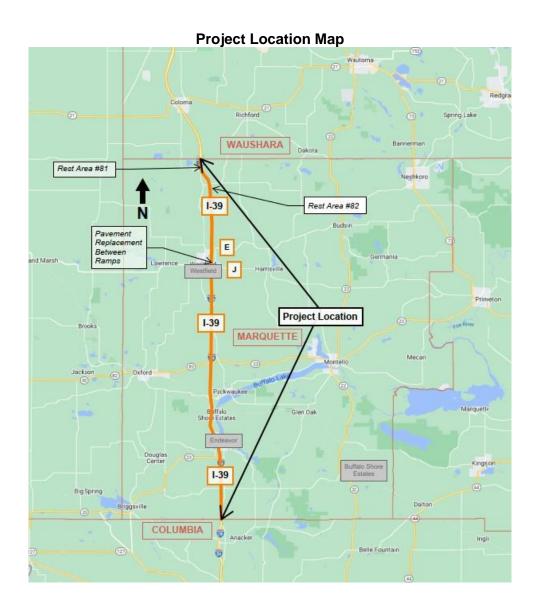
Public Comment Period November 27 to December 19, 2023

## **Purpose**

Our objective is to update you on the project scope and schedule and to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements and traffic impacts along I-39 between Columbia County line and Waushara County line (southbound) in Marquette County.

A meeting with local officials was held on Nov. 14, 2023.

The purpose of the proposed action is to address the pavement deterioration in the driving lanes, entrance/exit ramps, and interchanges along I-39 southbound. The need for the proposed improvements can be accomplished by addressing the deteriorating pavement.



### **Project Information**



**Existing Pavement on I-39** 

We are proposing to resurface approximately 24 miles of existing pavement on I-39 by milling the existing asphalt surface layer and overlaying it with new asphalt. The underlaying concrete and aggregate base layers will remain in place.

Other proposed improvements include:

- Resurface or replace portions of I-39 on ramp pavement.
- Replace existing guardrail and repair or replace select culverts.
- Repair deterioration and perform preventative maintenance on bridges.
- Replace portions of the pavement along WIS 23 and County E/J at the I-39 interchanges.
- Replace portions of the pavement on County D and replace joints on portions of WIS 23 and County P
- Replace portions of the concrete pavement at the I-39 southbound rest area. Additional
  work includes improving curb and gutter, sidewalks, street lighting, and upgrading curb
  ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- Assess drainage and washouts at I-39 northbound rest area.

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is currently scheduled for 2026 and is estimated to take six months to complete.

Motorists on I-39 can expect bidirectional traffic in the barrier wall section and single lane closures in the vicinity of the construction operations and a temporary speed reduction from 70 mph to 55 mph in construction areas. Motorists can also expect reduced lane widths at some locations for brief periods. In addition, ramp impacts are expected as follows:

- I-39 southbound and northbound entrance/exit ramps at WIS 23/County P will have full ramp closures and detour for WIS 23 via WIS 82 to WIS 13.
- WIS 23 and County P will be closed for up to 2 weeks from County CX to County P (North)
- I-39 southbound and northbound entrance and exit ramps at County E/J will have full ramp closures and detour via the adjacent interchanges of WIS 23/82 to the south and WIS 21 to the north.

- I-39 southbound entrance and exit ramps at WIS 82 will be constructed under flagging operations with no detour.
- I-39 southbound entrance ramp at County D will have a full ramp closure.
- County D will be constructed under flagging operations.

#### Real estate

No real estate acquisition needs are expected.

#### **Access Modifications**

I-39 is an access controlled interstate highway and all access is via interchanges. There will not be any changes to the existing interchanges.

## Project update/next steps

Preliminary plans	September 2023
Local officials meeting	Nov. 14, 2023
Public involvement	November/December 2023
Environmental document	February 2024
Final plans	August 2025
Construction currently scheduled	2026

## **Public input/comments**

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.

There are several ways to submit your input by **Dec. 19, 2023**:

- 1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT.
- Complete the comment form on the project website <a href="https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/i39marquette/default.aspx">https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/i39marquette/default.aspx</a> -- and mail it to WisDOT.
- 3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below.

Deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, and speech-disabled persons should contact the Wisconsin Relay Service by dialing 711.

For more information, please contact:

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#### **Public Involvement Comment Form**

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Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)	

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