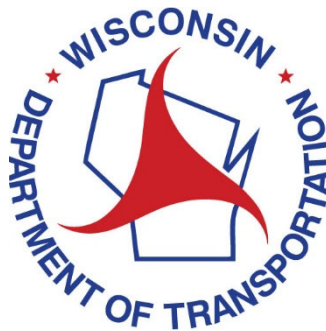


Public Involvement

**US 51
Oneida Street to Manitou Park Drive
Oneida County
Project ID: 1170-19-03/73**



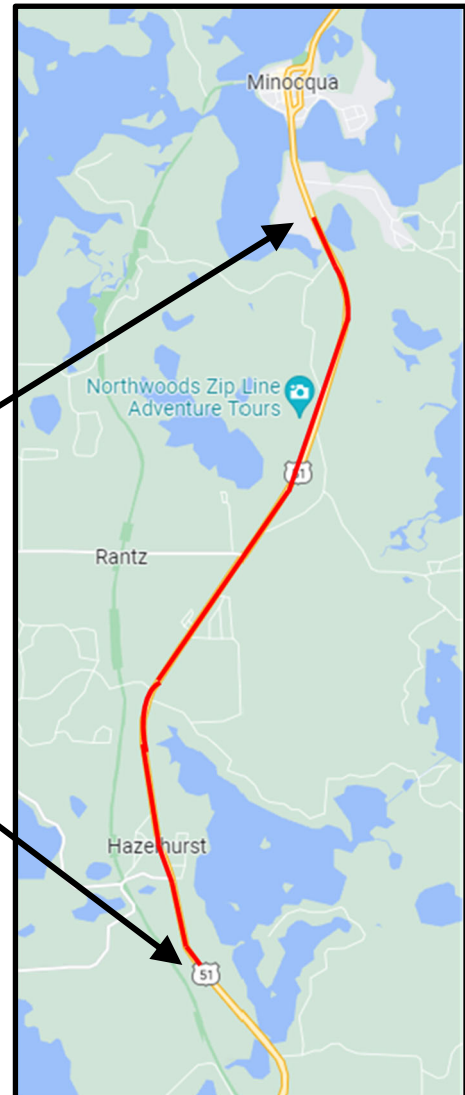
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Purpose

We are proposing to improve 4.7 miles of US 51 from Oneida Street to Manitou Park Drive in Oneida County.

Project ID: 1170-19-03/73
Tomahawk – Minocqua
Oneida Street to Manitou Park Drive
US 51, Oneida County



The US 51 pavement is showing signs of deterioration.

Needs identified along this section of US 51 include:

- Deteriorating pavement
- Guardrail improvements
- Curb and gutter replacement
- Deteriorating culvert pipes

Proposed improvements include the following:

- Replace asphalt pavement
- Replace culverts
- Replace guardrail
- Replace curb and gutter
- Replace sidewalk ramps at Oneida Street and Yawkey Street
- Regrade slopes and ditches
- Widen shoulders
- Install new pavement markings and signing

Proposed traffic impacts

During construction, US 51 will remain open to through traffic. Traffic on US 51 will be reduced to one lane open in each direction accompanied by a two-way left-turn lane throughout the length of the project. Motorists can also expect to encounter flagging operations during construction.

Access will be maintained at all intersections. Access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in 2030.

Real estate

Real estate acquisition is anticipated. Approximately 55 temporary easements will be required for grading and ditching along the project corridor. A small number of parcels (Approximately five) will require permanent Right-of-way acquisition for construction of a culvert pipe or curb and gutter. Acquisitions are scheduled to begin in fall 2024.

Project update/next steps

Local Officials Meeting	October 4, 2023
Public Involvement	November 13, 2023
Environmental Document	Spring 2024
Final Right-of-way Plat	Summer 2024
Real Estate Negotiations	Fall 2024
Final Plans	Spring 2029
Construction	2030

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 **December 15, 2023**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
2. Complete the fillable online survey on the project website
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/us51oneidahaze/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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In This Together Program

A quick guide to help your business prepare for road construction

1 ORGANIZE EARLY



- Learn more about the project and its timeline
- Develop questions for WisDOT staff
- Check in with neighboring businesses and/or local business organization



- *Can you partner on promotions, events or materials?*
- *Establish a point of contact for the business community?*

2 STAY ENGAGED WITH THE PROJECT



- Attend public involvement meeting(s)
- Make note of contact information for the project team, and voice the unique needs of your business
- Learn more about project resources



- *Is there a construction website?*
- *Is there a mailing list?*
- *Is there an email distribution?*

3 HELP CUSTOMERS FIND YOU



- Consult with project staff to determine when and where there may be closures or detours
- Ask about temporary signage options
- Consider how best to inform customers



- *Maybe a joint communication with neighboring businesses for employees and customers about traffic and parking?*
- *Maybe a feature article in a customer-facing newsletter?*
- *Maybe a social media post shared by businesses and local community pages?*

4 DEVELOP AND ACTIVATE YOUR GAME PLAN



- Check out case studies at wisconsindot.gov/together
- Connect with project contacts to discuss any potential obstacles specific to your business such as deliveries, operational hours, employee parking, etc.
- Check in with employees



- *Is there a consistent message for customers?*
- *Are there temporary changes to shift times, parking, or deliveries?*

5 END OF CONSTRUCTION



- Stay positive, be flexible and know that WisDOT staff are available to help
- Collect any temporary signage
- Let customers know!



- *Consider working with other businesses on a special event?*
- *Share social media about the project's benefits?*
- *Ask customers to help spread the word?*



Remember, we are In This Together! For more planning ideas, tips and resources: wisconsindot.gov/together

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