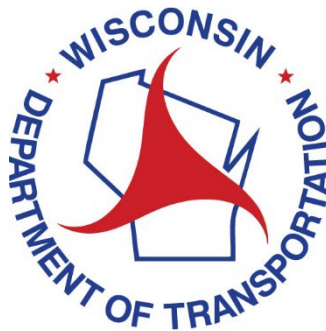


# Public Involvement

**City of Stevens Point, Various Streets  
US 10 / WIS 66 Curb Ramp Improvements  
Portage County  
Project ID: 6998-15-00**



**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
Portage County Library  
1001 Main St, Stevens Point, WI 54481

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## **Purpose**

The objective of this meeting is to inform the public of the proposed improvements along US 10 & WIS 66. It is also to provide a forum for interested parties and stakeholders to interact with project staff in an informal setting and discuss the project as well as provide feedback.

## **Project Information**

We are proposing to improve curb ramps along 9.22 miles of US 10 and WIS 66.

There is a statewide initiative and transition plan to bring existing curb ramps on state facilities into compliance with standards outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This project is needed because most of the existing curb ramps within the project limits do not meet current ADA standards. The purpose of the project is to address curb ramp deficiencies along 9.22 miles of US 10 and WIS 66 by installing and updating curb ramps to meet ADA compliance when possible. This will remove or reduce obstacles and barriers for pedestrian travel.

Each curb ramp location will be investigated to verify if the curb ramps meet current ADA standards. Any curb ramps included in the project not meeting ADA standards will be evaluated and if possible, will be removed and replaced so they are compliant with ADA standards. The existing ramps that cannot be made compliant will be designed and constructed to be as compliant as possible.

The proposed action will address the following:

- Lack of detectable warning fields
- Flares, level landing areas, longitudinal and cross slopes, and curb ramp geometry that does not meet current ADA requirements.

Final concurrence has been received from the Department on Natural Resources (DNR) and environmental documentation has begun. There are several Section 4(f) properties on the project corridor. Section 4(f) properties are publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife or waterfowl refuges and any significant historical or archeological sites. These properties are being evaluated.

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2026.

During construction, there may be temporary lane closures that are short in length and needed near the curb ramp that is being constructed. Sidewalk closures and detours will be required. Pedestrian detour lengths will be minimized by not allowing construction at adjacent intersections to take place at the same time. Temporary pedestrian sidewalks and curb ramps may be utilized to allow for pedestrian access at all times.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in 2026.

## **Real estate**

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Temporary limited easements (TLEs) will be necessary at most of the curb ramp locations to accommodate construction of the new curb ramps. TLEs will be needed to allow for minor grading to blend slopes and match the work into existing yards. TLEs may also be acquired to allow room for temporary pedestrian accommodations during construction. A smaller number of curb ramp locations will require

some minor fee title acquisition. In these areas it may be necessary to place new sidewalk outside the existing right of way to complete the new curb ramp construction. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits.

WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in Fall 2023.

## Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	March 30, 2023
Public involvement meeting and open houses	April 18, 2023
Preliminary plans	Spring 2023
Environmental document	Summer 2023
Final right of way plat	Fall 2023
Real estate negotiations	Fall 2023 – Fall 2025
Final plans	Fall 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 **May 18, 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://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis66ramps/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contacts listed below

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