Public Involvement

WIS 73
White River Bridge to WIS 21
Marquette/Waushara County
Project ID: 6530-01-00

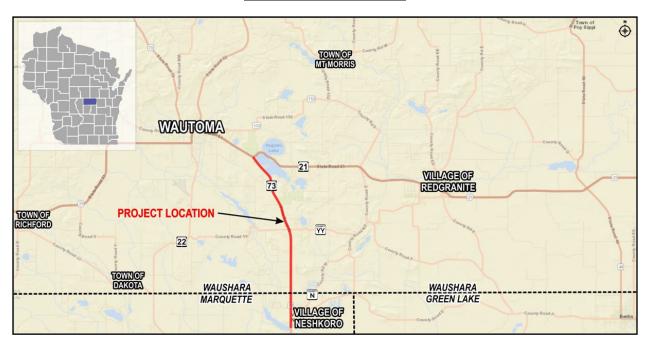


Sept. 7, 2023 to Oct. 7, 2023

Purpose

Our objective is to obtain your input on the proposed improvements along WIS 73 and address impacts to traffic during construction.

Project Location Map



Project Information

We are proposing to improve 7.1 miles of WIS 73 from the White River Bridge in Neshkoro to WIS 21 near Wautoma, in Waushara and Marquette County.

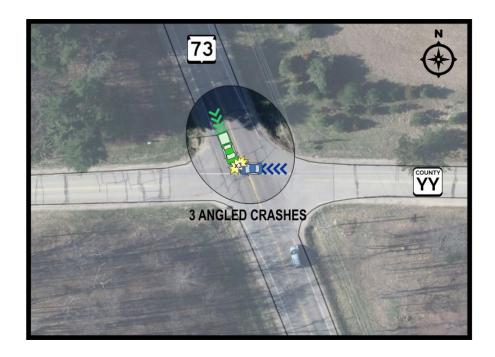
The purpose of the project is to address the existing asphalt pavement deterioration. The pavement is showing signs of distress including longitudinal and transverse cracking as well as alligator cracking. These cracks allow water to enter the pavement structure and accelerates the pavement deterioration and increase maintenance costs and intervals. The County YY intersection has also been identified as having safety issues.

Proposed improvements include:

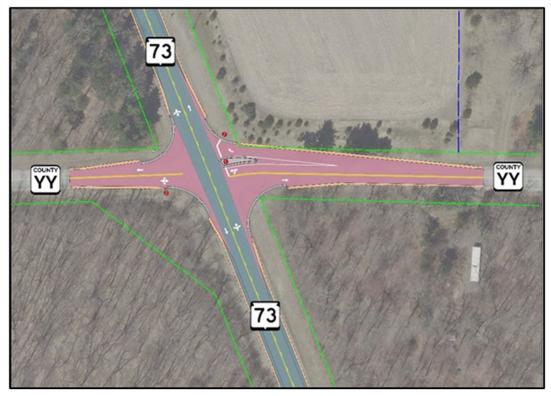
- Removing and replacing 1-2 inches of the existing asphaltic pavement
 - 2-inch mill and overlay from the White River Bridge to Bluff Street in Neshkoro and from County F to WIS 21.
 - 1-inch mill and 2-inch overlay from Bluff Street to County F
- Modifying the County YY intersection to address safety concerns
- Replacing one deteriorated culvert under WIS 73 near Silver Lake
- Extend or replace cross road culvert at Cottonville Drive
- Upgrading curb ramps in Neshkoro to meet current standards
- Addressing drainage concerns in the NW quadrant of the White River Bridge in Neshkoro

County YY Improvements:

The County YY intersection has a history of crashes involving westbound vehicles on County YY failing to yield to southbound vehicles on WIS 73. There has been three crashes from 2016-2020 involving this crash pattern.



To address the identified crash pattern, a minor realignment of County YY on the east leg was selected as the preferred alternative for the intersection improvements as it addresses the crash pattern with low impacts and cost. This solution will realign the east leg of County YY to reduce the skew angle of the intersection improving sight lines for vehicles at the intersection.



An environmental document is being prepared to address potential impacts to environmental resources along the project corridor. As part of the environmental process, archaeological surveys will be performed. The surveys may require project representatives to access private property to perform the survey. The surveys are anticipated to begin in September or October of 2023. Notice will be provided to landowners prior to any surveys being performed.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in the spring of 2026.

During construction, WIS 73 will remain open to traffic using flagging operations. The east leg of the County YY intersection is planned to be closed for 3-4 weeks with no posted detour and the west leg will remain open with staged construction. Motorists can expect some delays to occur, but delays will be managed through limiting contractor operations at critical times.

Temporary pedestrian facilities may be provided while the curb ramps in Neshkoro are under construction.

Access to business and residential driveways will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways while construction occurs in the immediate area.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion by fall of 2026.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Permanent fee and temporary limited easement right of way are anticipated at the County YY intersection reconstruction and for the drainage improvements at the NW quadrant of White River Bridge in Neshkoro. Temporary limited easements may be required at the curb ramp upgrades to accommodate grading and construction of the ramps. The real estate acquisition process is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2024.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	August 2023
Public involvement	September to October 2023
Preliminary plans	Winter 2023
Environmental document	Winter 2023
Final right of way plat	Spring 2024
Real estate negotiations	Spring 2024 to Fall 2025
Final plans	November 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 Oct. 7, 2023:

- 1. Fill out the comment form located on the project website and mail/email it to WisDOT
- 2. Complete the fillable online survey on the project website: https://tinyurl.com/NC-Region-Projects under WIS 73, Waushara and Marquette Counties
- 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.

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