



# WIS 29 preservation plan

## Wittenberg to Green Bay

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### Included in this issue:

#### Shawano County update:

- Preferred alternative identified
- Next steps

#### Brown County update:

- Preservation plan complete

# Preferred alternative identified for Shawano County segment



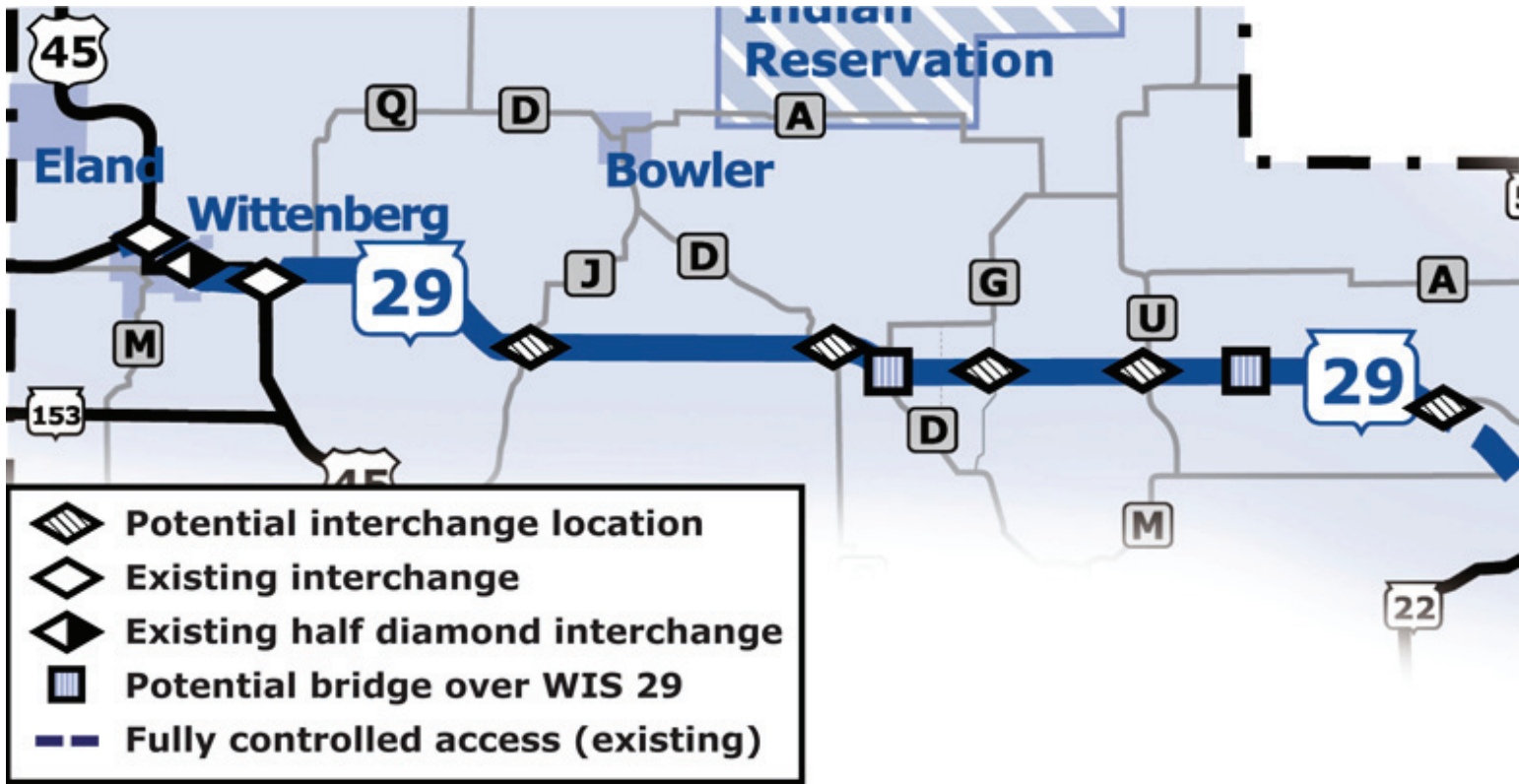
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has selected a preferred alternative for the Shawano County segment of the WIS 29 Right of Way Preservation Plan. The plan reflects the input from more than 100 meetings with residents, businesses, farmers and elected officials. The preferred alternative best meets the objectives of the study, which were to balance the need to preserve the safety and mobility of WIS 29 with the need for local access and minimal environmental impacts. WisDOT is completing the study with an Environmental Assessment that fully evaluates the impacts of the recommended plan on the natural environment and surrounding communities. The EA is due out for public review in spring 2010.

The recommended plan identifies and maps the right of way required for the

eventual conversion of WIS 29 from an expressway to a freeway. This means access to WIS 29 in the future will only be provided at interchanges; all other public and private access points will be removed.

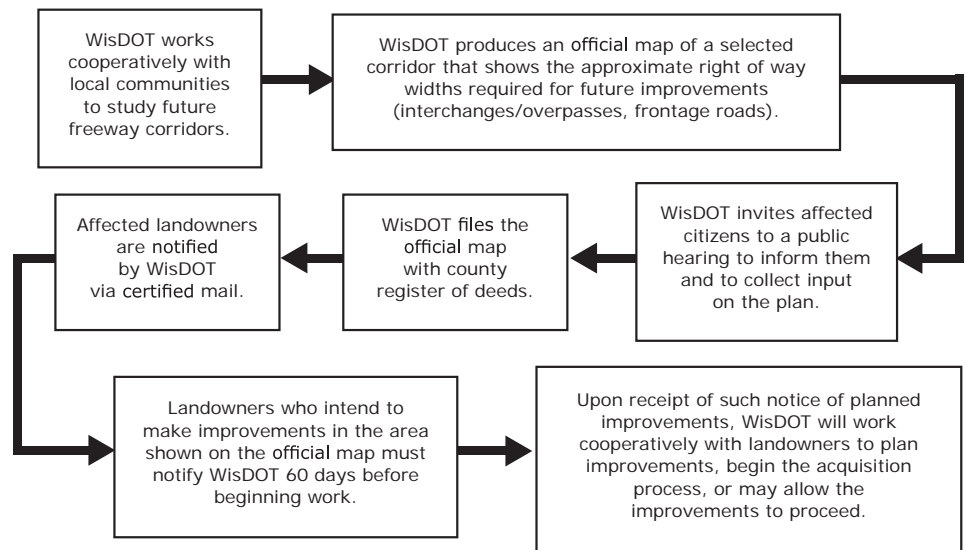
The recommended right of way plan for Shawano County identifies future interchanges at County J, County G, Leopolis Road, County U, County MMM and County F. Overpasses are recommended at Rock Road, Range Line Road, Broadway Road, Main Laney Drive and St. Augustine Street. In select areas throughout the corridor, local road modifications are also recommended to restore local access and circulation (map inside).

No funds are programmed at this time to begin the conversion of WIS 29 into a freeway.



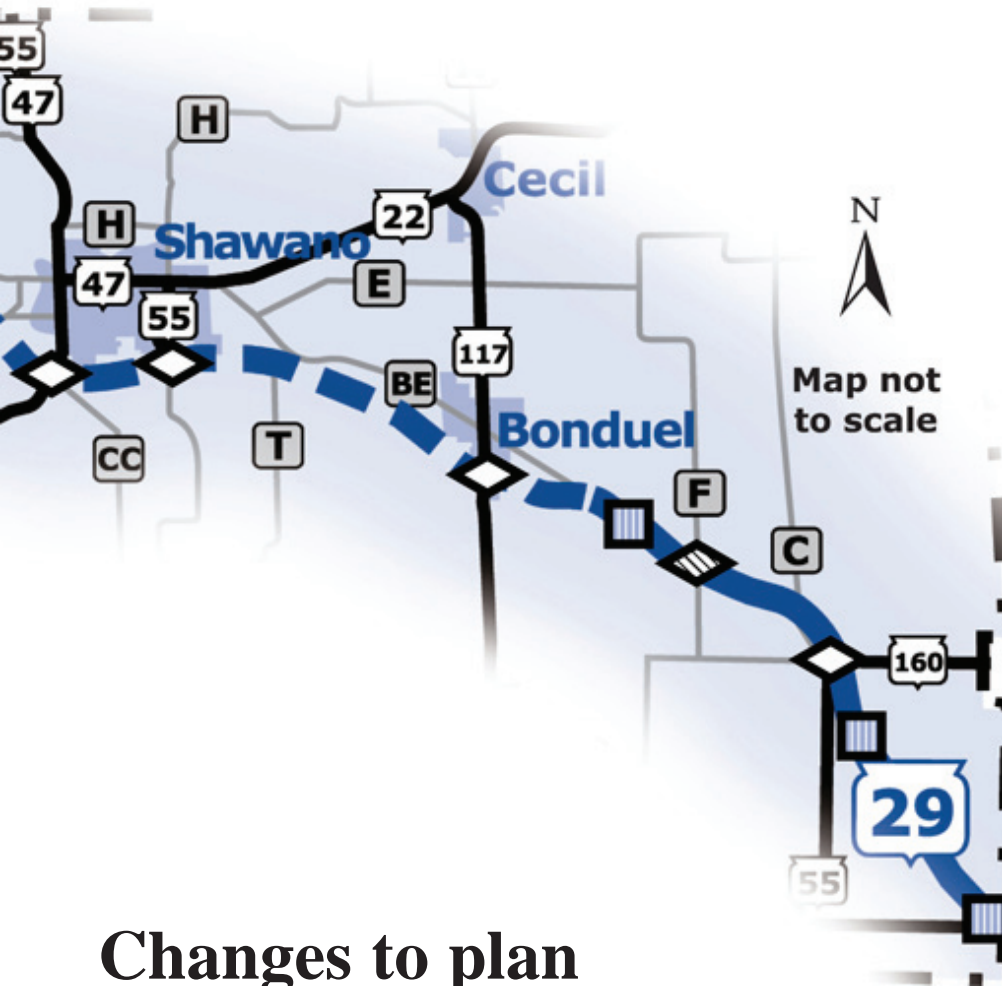
## Establishing right of way widths under Wisconsin State Statute 84.295

Wisconsin State Statute 84.295 gives WisDOT the authority to map right of way needs for freeways and expressways. This tool helps WisDOT preserve the long term mobility and safety of the state's most important routes. The process also informs local governments of future access locations so they can plan local development accordingly. The diagram to the right shows the official right of way mapping process.



*The Wisconsin State Statute 84.295 process, as illustrated above, gives WisDOT the authority to map right of way needs for freeways and expressways.*

## Interchange and overpass locations in Shawano County



## Changes to plan since last public meeting

The team received many positive and constructive comments about local access at the last public meeting in Shawano County in summer 2008. After the meeting, the project team evaluated each comment and met with towns and property owners to refine the

plan. As a result, the team made changes that were cost effective, minimized environmental impacts and preserved local access. The changes are included on the preferred alternative maps that will be available for review and comment later this spring.

## Preservation plan in Brown County is complete

The Brown County preservation plan is completed. WIS 29 is officially recorded as a freeway in Brown and Outagamie counties, along with the official right of way map.

WisDOT has formally notified affected property owners. See the section on Wisconsin State Statute 84.295 for more information about the mapping process.

## Next steps in preservation plan process

After the Environmental Assessment is out for public review in spring 2010, WisDOT will conduct a public hearing to present a summary of the impact evaluation and a map of the preferred alternative that preserves WIS 29 right of way in Shawano County.

The EA addresses issues such as right of way and relocation impacts, and wetland and noise impacts.

The public will also have an opportunity to review preliminary engineering drawings and a draft right of way map.

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## Schedule

After the public hearing in early summer 2010, WisDOT will review and respond to public comments and make a final decision about the recommended right of way plan for Shawano County. The final right of way map will be filed with Shawano County and affected property owners will be notified. The draft schedule shows approximate dates when WisDOT will complete the mapping process.

PROJECT SCHEDULE - 2010	Summer	Fall	Winter
Public hearing	★		
Finalize environmental assessment	■		
Finalize right of way map and record with Shawano County		■	
Notify affected property owners			■