

Public Involvement

**US 51
County K/Swamp Lake Road Intersection
Oneida County
Project ID: 1170-16-02(72)**



Winter 2025

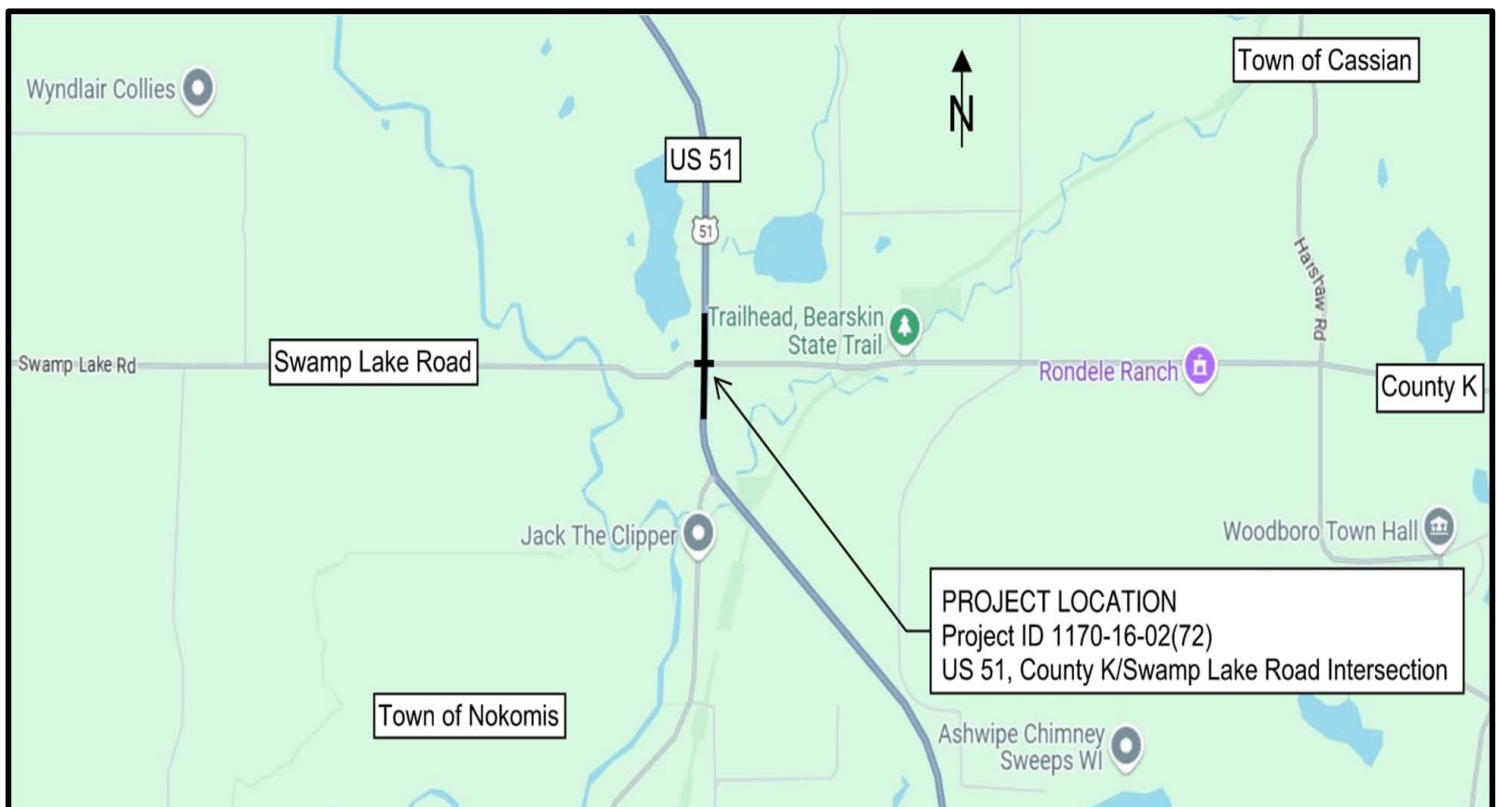
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Purpose

Our objective is to update you on the project scope and schedule and obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed alternatives, traffic impacts and real estate needs on US 51 at the County K/Swamp Lake Road intersection in the Oneida County towns of Nokomis and Cassian.

The purpose of the proposed action is to improve safety at the US 51 intersection at County K/Swamp Lake Road while maintaining acceptable traffic operations.

The need for the proposed improvements is to reduce the number and severity of crashes at the intersection and maintain the traffic operations at the intersection. The primary crash type at this intersection includes southbound rear-end and angle collisions associated with the left-turn movements from US 51 to County K or the driveway to the gas station in the northeast quadrant of the intersection. The US 51 and County K/Swamp Lake Road intersection has had 12 crashes from 2019 to 2023; two resulted in fatalities and three in injuries. Of the 12 crashes, six were right-angle crashes, and two were rear-end crashes.



Project Location Map

Project Information

The following alternatives are proposed to improve safety at the US 51 and County K/Swamp Lake Road intersection:

- Alternative #1: Constructing north- and southbound left-turn lanes and a northbound right-turn lane.
- Alternative #2: Constructing north- and southbound left-turn lanes; a northbound off- set right-turn lane; and a raised median on the County K approach.
- Alternative #3: Constructing a multilane roundabout with two-lane approaches on north- and southbound US 51. Single-lane approaches would be used for the County K and Swamp Lake Road approaches.

Proposed Traffic Impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to occur in spring/summer 2027.

US 51 is anticipated to remain open to traffic during construction. Traffic control will depend on the alternative selected and is anticipated to consist of flagging operations, staged construction, single-lane and shoulder closures and/or the possible closure of side roads.

Local, business and emergency access will be maintained throughout construction. However, temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. Project staff will contact property owners in advance of closing a driveway.

Real Estate

Temporary and permanent real estate acquisition might be necessary for making intersection improvements depending on the alternative chosen. If needed, WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in the summer/fall of 2025.

Access Modifications

During the design process, driveway access will be assessed for potential modifications during construction. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with property owners.

In This Together

WisDOT understands its projects can impact businesses. The agency's In This Together program provides tips and tricks to help business owners navigate them. The In This Together Quick Guide can be found on the last page of the handout. The full guide – the Road Construction Guide for Business -- can be viewed at <https://wisconsin.gov/pages/projects/in-together/default.aspx>.

Project Schedule

Local officials meeting	Dec. 9, 2024
Public involvement meeting #1	Jan. 22, 2025
Public comment period	Jan. 22 to Feb. 19, 2025
Preliminary plan submittal	February 2025
Environmental document submittal	May 2025
Final right-of-way plat submittal (if needed)	August 2025
Public involvement Meeting #2	September 2025
Final plan submittal	Aug. 1, 2026
Construction currently scheduled	Spring/summer 2027

Public Input

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 **Feb. 19, 2025**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT.
2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.

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For more information, please contact:

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Location: Tomahawk to Minocqua
Highway: US 51
Title: County K/Swamp Lake Road Intersection
County: Oneida

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional):

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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Attn.: Stacy Hagenbucher

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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