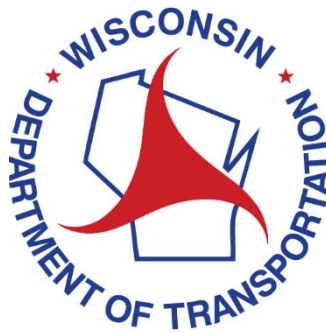


Public Involvement

**US 8
South Junction WIS 32 to Peshtigo River Bridge
Forest County
Project ID: 1590-19-70**



July 24, 2024

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Purpose

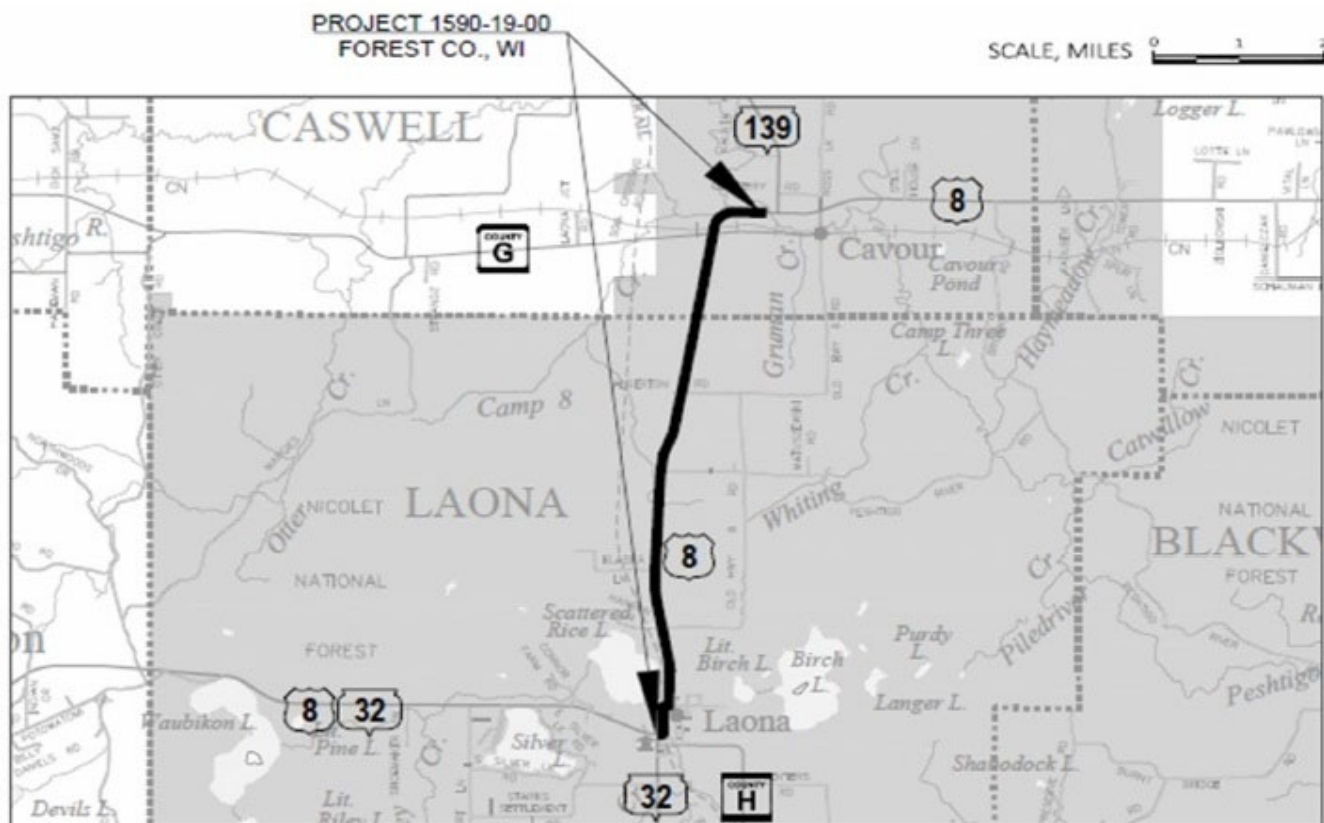
Welcome to the public involvement meeting to discuss proposed improvements to US 8 between South Junction WIS 32 and the Peshtigo River Bridge in Forest County.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Present information regarding the current condition of the roadway
- Provide information about the proposed improvements
- Obtain your input
- Answer your questions

A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open-house format with displays of the improvements available for viewing. WisDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer your questions.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) appreciates your participation and comments regarding this project. Public input will be incorporated into our design as much as possible and all comments will be documented as a part of our design process.



Location Map

Project Information

We are proposing to improve 7.4 miles of US 8.

The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the pavement, enhance safety, and maintain acceptable drainage along US 8 from South Junction WIS 32 to the Peshtigo River Bridge in the towns of Laona and Caswell.

The following needs have been identified on this section of US 8:

- The pavement is deteriorating
- Curb ramp & sidewalk deficiencies
- Drainage deficiencies
- Guardrail deficiencies

Proposed improvements include:

- Milling and resurfacing of US 8
- Upgrading guardrail to meet current standards
- Spot replacement of deteriorated curb and gutter and retaining wall
- Spot replacement of curb ramps and sidewalk sections that are deteriorated or do not meet current Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards
- Replacement or repair of deteriorated culverts and replacement or repair of deteriorated storm structures

An environmental document is being prepared to evaluate and mitigate potential impacts to environmental resources along the project corridor. Historical and archaeological studies have been completed within the project area. Additional potential investigations and coordination that are upcoming include endangered species review, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE).

Proposed Traffic Impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for the summer of 2028.

During construction, US 8 will remain open to traffic utilizing daytime single lane closures, managed by flagging operations. There may be instances where staged construction or short-term closures at intersections are required. Motorists can expect some delays to occur, but delays will be managed through limiting contractor operations at critical times. Access to residences and businesses will be maintained except for short periods while construction operations are directly adjacent to the entrances. Temporary pedestrian facilities will be in place during the replacement of sidewalk curb ramps.

Real Estate

Areas of permanent right-of-way acquisition and temporary easements may be required to accommodate the proposed improvements. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in the winter of 2025.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	October 2023
Public involvement	July 2024
Environmental document	Fall 2024
Final right of way plat	July 2025
Real estate negotiations	Winter 2025 – Spring 2026
Final plans	May 2027

Construction	Summer 2028
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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 August 16, 2024:

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
 - a. <https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below

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Open for
Business

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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