

Public Involvement

WIS 13, WIS 54, and WIS 73 Curb Ramp Improvements
City of Wisconsin Rapids Various Streets
Wood County

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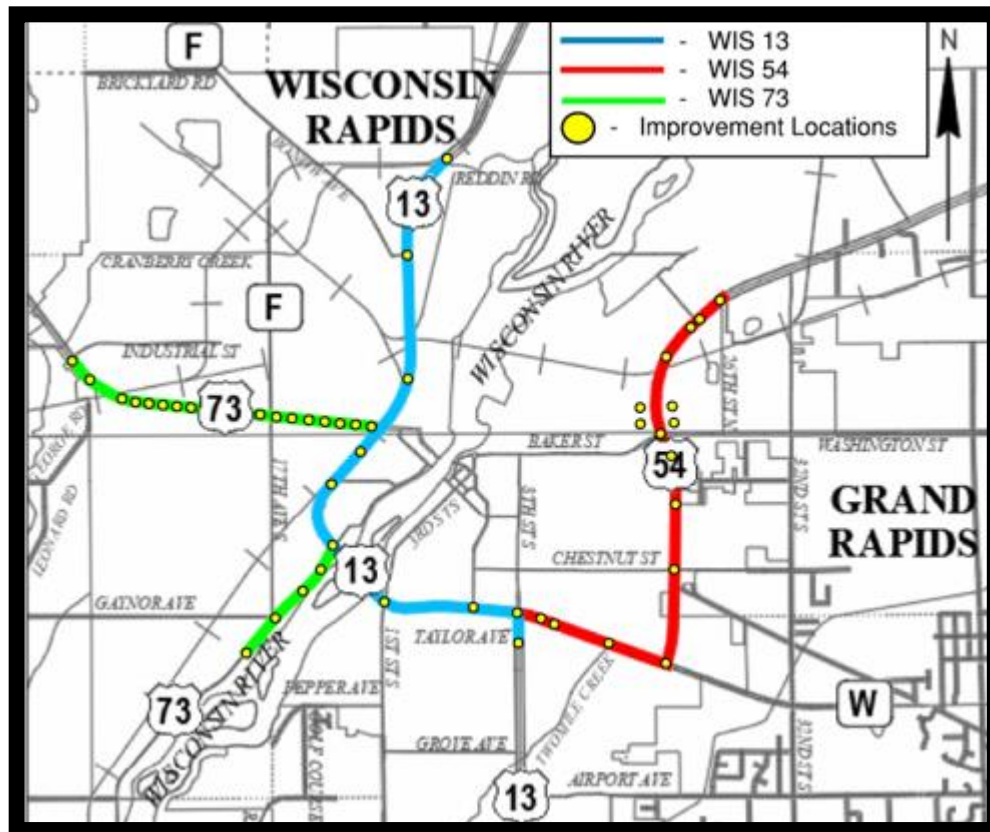


August 16, 2024 – September 13, 2024

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Purpose

The purpose of public involvement is to present design concepts for the proposed curb ramp improvements along WIS 13, WIS 54, and WIS 73, address impacts to traffic and pedestrian routes during construction and to obtain your input.



Project Information

We are proposing to improve curb ramps along WIS 13, WIS 54 and WIS 73 at the intersections shown above.

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 19.06 miles of WIS 13, WIS 54, and WIS 73 by installing and updating curb ramps to meet ADA compliance to the greatest extent feasible. This will remove or reduce obstacles and barriers for pedestrian travel. This standalone effort supports WisDOT meeting federal requirements implemented through the ADA Transition Plan and ensures accessible curb ramp facilities are being provided to persons with disabilities.

Each curb ramp will be investigated to verify if the curb ramp meets ADA standards. Ramps will then be updated to meet ADA compliance to the maximum extent feasible. Existing ramps that cannot be made compliant for various reasons, will be constructed to be as compliant as possible.

The proposed action will address the following:

- Lack of detectable warning fields
- Flares, level landing areas, longitudinal slopes, cross slopes, and curb ramp geometry

Non-compliant curb ramp



Compliant curb ramp



Non-compliant curb ramp



Compliant curb ramp



An environmental document is being prepared to address potential impacts to environmental resources along the project corridor. There are several 4(f) properties on the project corridor, these properties are publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife or waterfowl refuges, and any significant historical or archaeological sites. These properties are being evaluated.

Proposed Traffic Impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for 2029, but could be as early as 2028 if an advanceable date is selected.

WIS 13, WIS 54, and WIS 73 will remain open during construction with temporary lane closures near the curb ramp being constructed. Pedestrians can expect short term detours and temporary pedestrian accommodations.

No work will be performed during the following Holidays:

- Memorial Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving

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 permanent real estate acquisition (FEE). In these areas it may be necessary to place new sidewalk outside the existing right of way to complete the new curb ramp construction.

Project update/next steps

Local Officials Meeting	June 2024 and to be determined
Public Involvement	Summer 2024 and to be determined
Environmental Document	Fall 2024
Final right of way plat	Winter 2024
Real estate negotiations	Winter 2024 – Winter 2026
Final Plans	Currently scheduled for May 2028, but could be as early as May 2027 if an advanceable date is selected.
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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 **September 13, 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
<https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wirapidscurbramps/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below

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For more information, please contact:

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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?*

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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?*

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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?*

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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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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Would you like a response to your comments? Yes ____ No ____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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