

# **Public Involvement**

**WIS 17  
WIS 64 to Big Hay Meadow Creek  
Lincoln County  
Project ID: 9030-07-02/72/82**

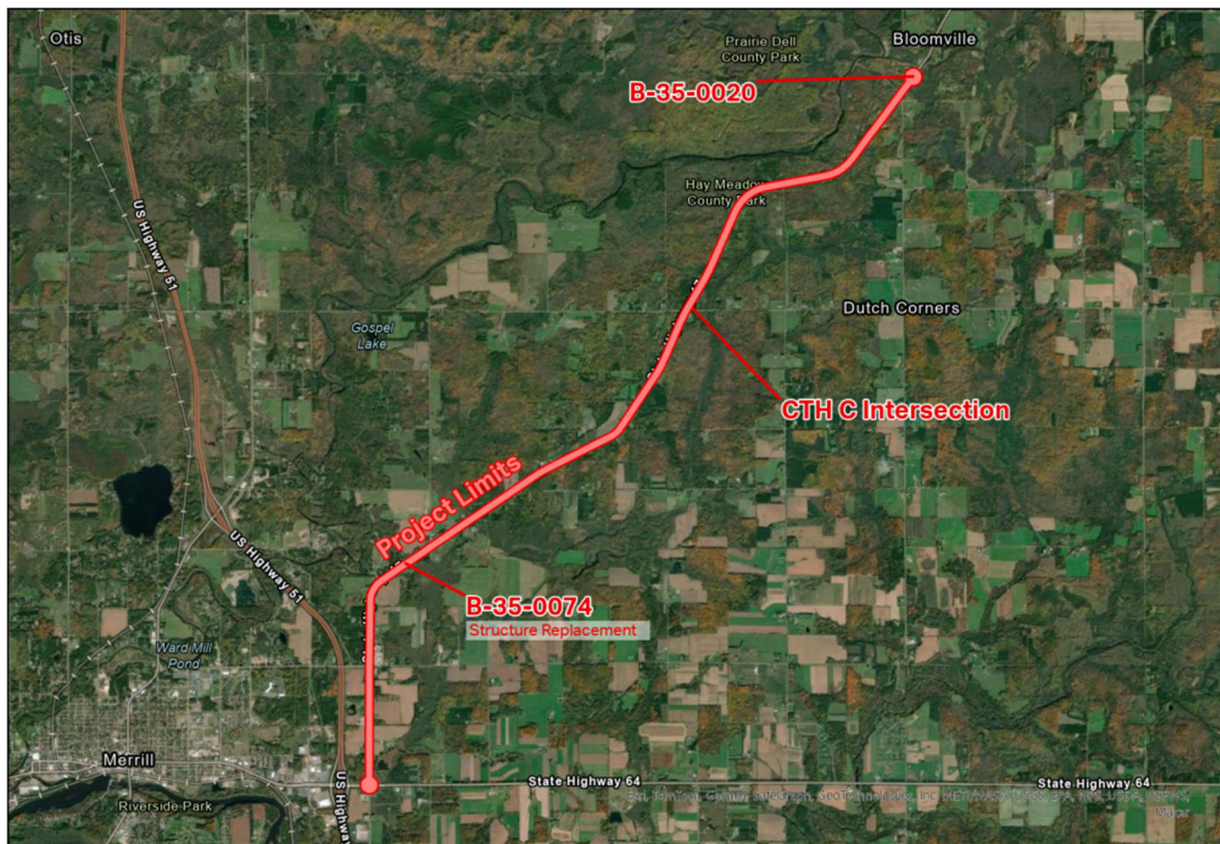


**Aug. 20, 2024 to Sept. 10, 2024**

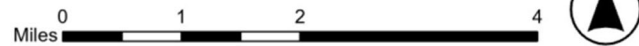
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## Project Information

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing to improve 8.19 miles of WIS 17 from WIS 64 to Big Hay Meadow Creek near Bloomville, located in the towns of Merrill, Pine River and Schley in Lincoln County.



Location Map  
WisDOT 9030-07-02  
WIS 17 - Lincoln County



WIS 17 is a two-lane rural highway with one 12-foot lane in each direction and 6-foot shoulders, of which 3 feet are paved. There is one culvert crossing the corridor at Barnes Creek, approximately 1.9 miles north of WIS 64. The road carries 2,600 vehicles on an average day, of which 17% are heavy trucks.

The purpose of the proposed action is to preserve the roadway asset and to maintain the utility of WIS 17 for agricultural, recreational, residential, and commercial travel. The project needs include pavement deterioration, culvert deterioration, and safety improvements for motor vehicle and bicycle traffic.

### Proposed improvements include:

- 9030-07-82
  - Remove and replace existing pavement with new asphalt pavement on WIS 17 between WIS 64 and Big Hay Meadow Creek
- 9030-07-72
  - Where the existing base course is no longer sufficient, replace with new base course.
  - Expand the paved shoulder from 3-feet wide to 5-feet wide from WIS 64 to County G to improve bicycle safety.

- Intersection geometry modifications, including safety islands, at the County C intersection to improve safety.
- Curb and gutter repair or replacement as necessary.
- Flume replacement at intersections as necessary.
- Guardrail repair or replacement as necessary.
- Replace thermoplastic snowmobile crossings.

An environmental document is currently being prepared. Archaeological and historic surveys were conducted, and no sites of concern were found.

## Proposed traffic impacts

- 9030-07-82 Culvert Replacement:
  - Construction is currently scheduled to begin in spring 2026. The project will require full closure and detour of WIS 17, utilizing County G. Access for private residents and businesses will be maintained during construction. School bus routes may be affected during construction.
- 9030-07-72 Pavement Replacement:
  - Construction is currently scheduled to begin in spring 2029 but could occur as early as 2027. The project will require full closure and detour of WIS 17, utilizing WIS 64, US 51, and US 8. Access for private residents and businesses will be maintained during construction. School bus routes may be affected during construction.

## Real estate

No right of way acquisition is anticipated as part of this project. No changes to property access are anticipated.

## Project update/next steps

<b>9030-07-02/72/82 Project Initiation</b>	
Preliminary plans	Spring 2022
Environmental document	Fall 2024
Local officials meeting	August 2024
Public involvement	August 2024 through September 2024
<b>Project 9030-07-82 Culvert Replacement</b>	
Final plans	Fall 2025
Construction	2026
<b>Project 9030-07-72 Pavement Replacement</b>	
Final Plans (early)	Summer 2026
Final Plans (programmed)	Summer 2028
Construction	2029

## 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 **Sept. 10, 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://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis17lincoln64/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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For more information, please contact:

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# Public Involvement Comment Form

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