



# Public Involvement

## WIS 186

**WIS 73 to US 10**  
Wood County

**August 26, 2025**

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# Purpose of Public Involvement

- Notify residents and business owners about WIS 186 improvements
- Review improvement scope
- Review traffic impacts
- Review real estate needs and schedule
- Review project schedule and next steps
- Receive feedback



# Meeting Format

- Short presentation
- Followed by open house
- See displays available showing proposed improvements
- Project representatives available to answer questions



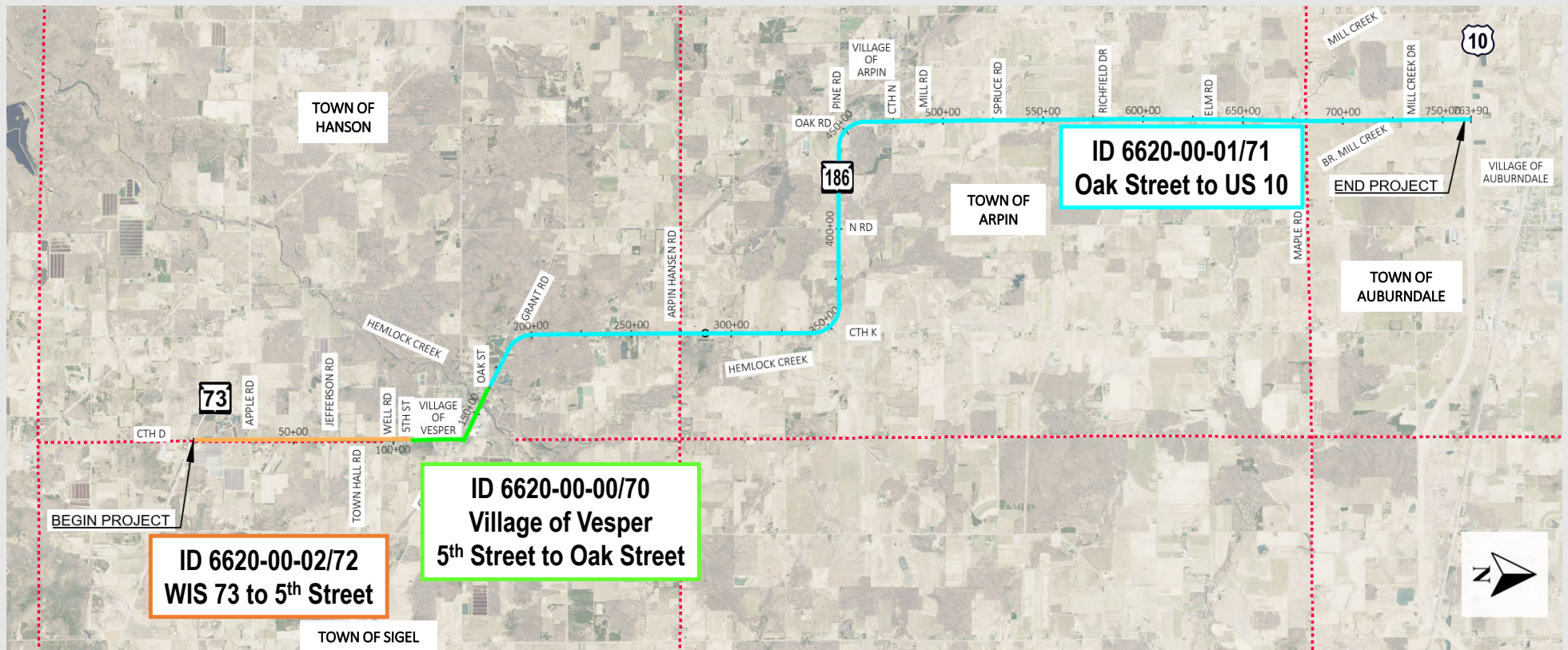
# Meeting General Information

- Handouts with comment form available near entrance
  - Fill out prior to leaving and leave in comment box
  - Or mail in by Sept. 26, 2025
  - Or email to a project contact by Sept. 26, 2025
- Please sign in



# Project Location

## WIS 73 to US 10, Wood County



# Project Purpose and Need

- The purpose of the proposed project is to address the following needs:
  - Deteriorating pavement
  - Unwarranted pavement width in Vesper
  - Crash trends north of Vesper
  - Deteriorating cross culverts
  - Substandard curb ramps
  - Bike and pedestrian accommodations
  - Substandard or missing guardrail



# Project Purpose and Need

## Deteriorating Pavement

- Pavement approaching end of service life
- Medium-level cracking, weathering and rutting
- Water and deicing chemicals enter pavement and accelerate the deterioration of the roadway



# Project Purpose and Need

## Unwarranted Pavement Width in Vesper

- 3rd Street to Cameron Ave
  - Parking prohibited
  - Existing pavement width = 44 feet
  - Standard pavement width for major collector w/out parking = 36 feet



# Project Purpose and Need

## Crash Trends North of Vesper

- Run off road crash trends north of Vesper



# Project Purpose and Need

## Deteriorating Cross Culverts

- 17 locations between WIS 73 and US 10
- Cross Culvert/Pipe deterioration cause major roadway issues such as:
  - Pothole formation
  - Localized flooding
  - Pavement collapse
- Replacement of failing culvert infrastructure minimizes future disruptions



# Project Purpose and Need

## Substandard Curb Ramps

- Existing curb ramps in Vesper do not meet current standards
  - Lack of raised detectable warning fields
  - Grades
  - Cracked/Damaged
  - Some do not align user with opposite side of street

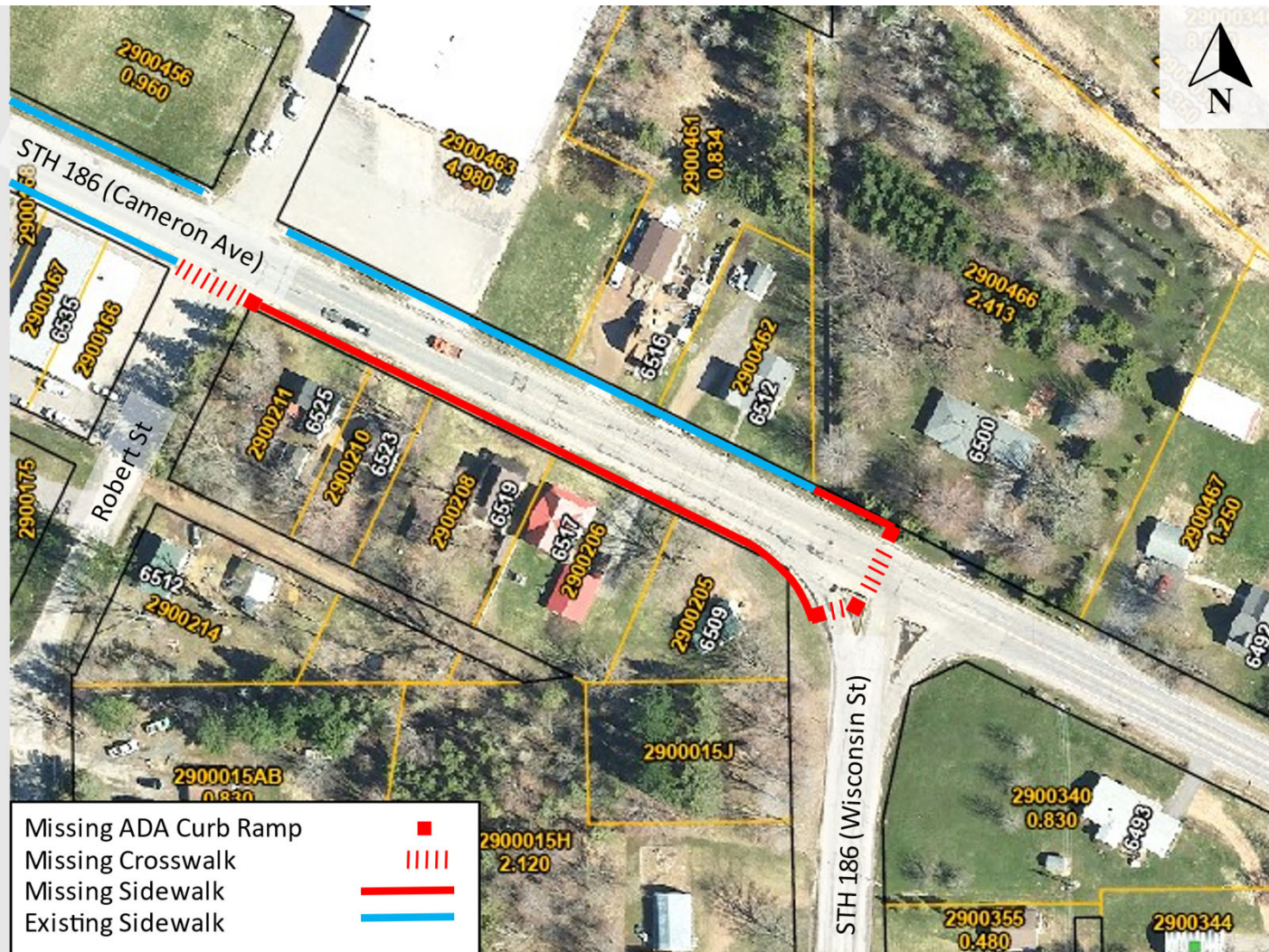


# Project Purpose and Need

## Bike and Pedestrian Accommodations

- Existing shoulder width between Well Road and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
  - Important connection between residential neighborhood and Vesper development
- Missing sidewalk between Wisconsin Street and Robert Street in Vesper





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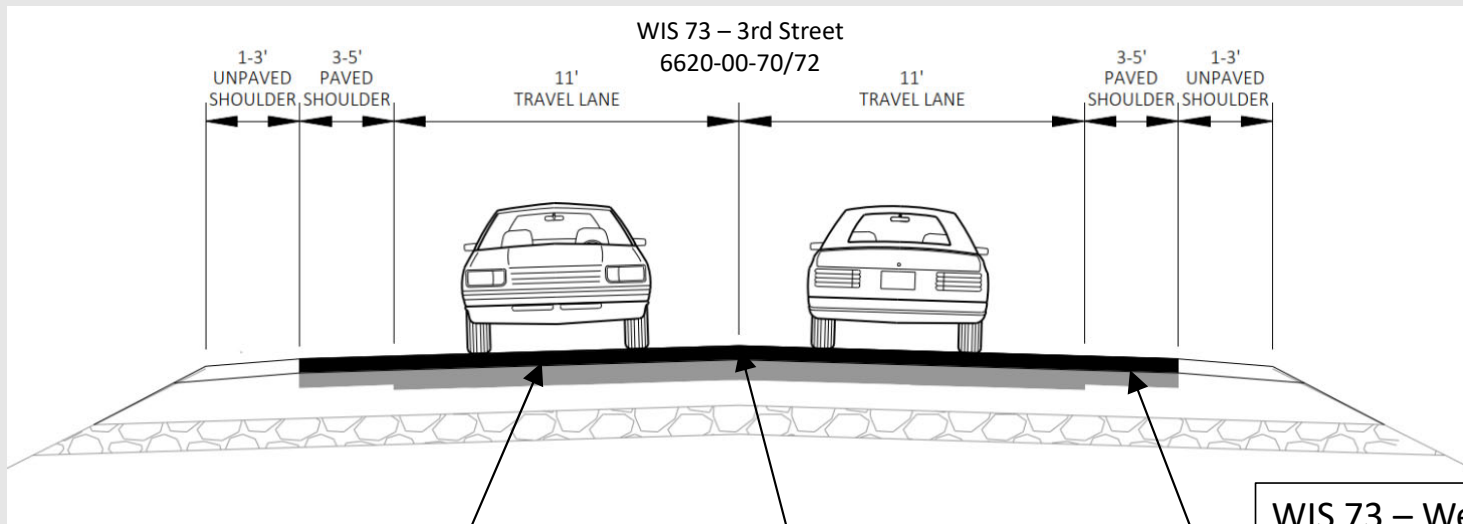
## Substandard or Missing Guardrail

- Substandard existing guardrail
  - Over Mill Creek (South of Mill Creek Road)
  - Over Mill Creek (South of Maple Road)
  - NW Quadrant of Hemlock Creek
- Missing guardrail in NE quadrant of Hemlock Creek bridge



# Proposed Improvements

## WIS 186 – Rural (WIS 73 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street)



Mill 1.5 inches - 2 inches asphalt  
Overlay 2 inches – 2.25 inches asphalt

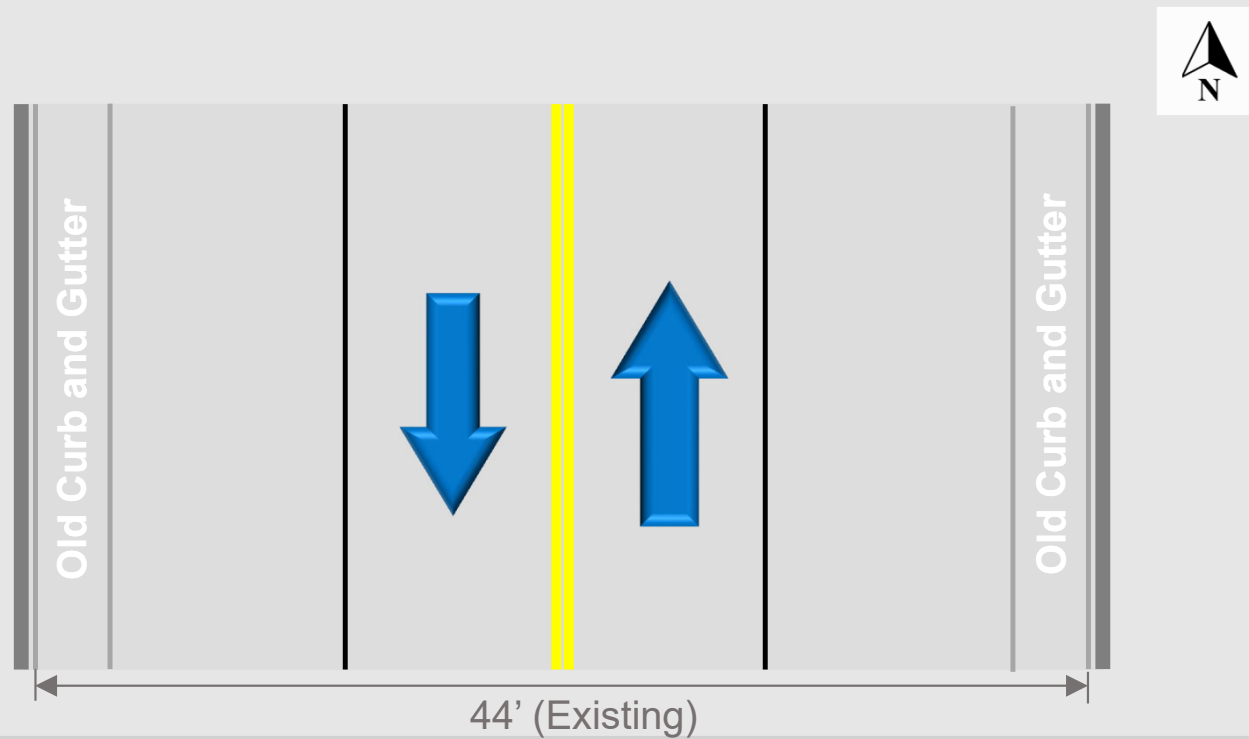
Asphalt centerline  
rumble strips  
(posted speed  
50 mph or more)

WIS 73 – Well Road =  
3-foot paved  
Well Road – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street =  
5-foot paved for bike/ped  
connection



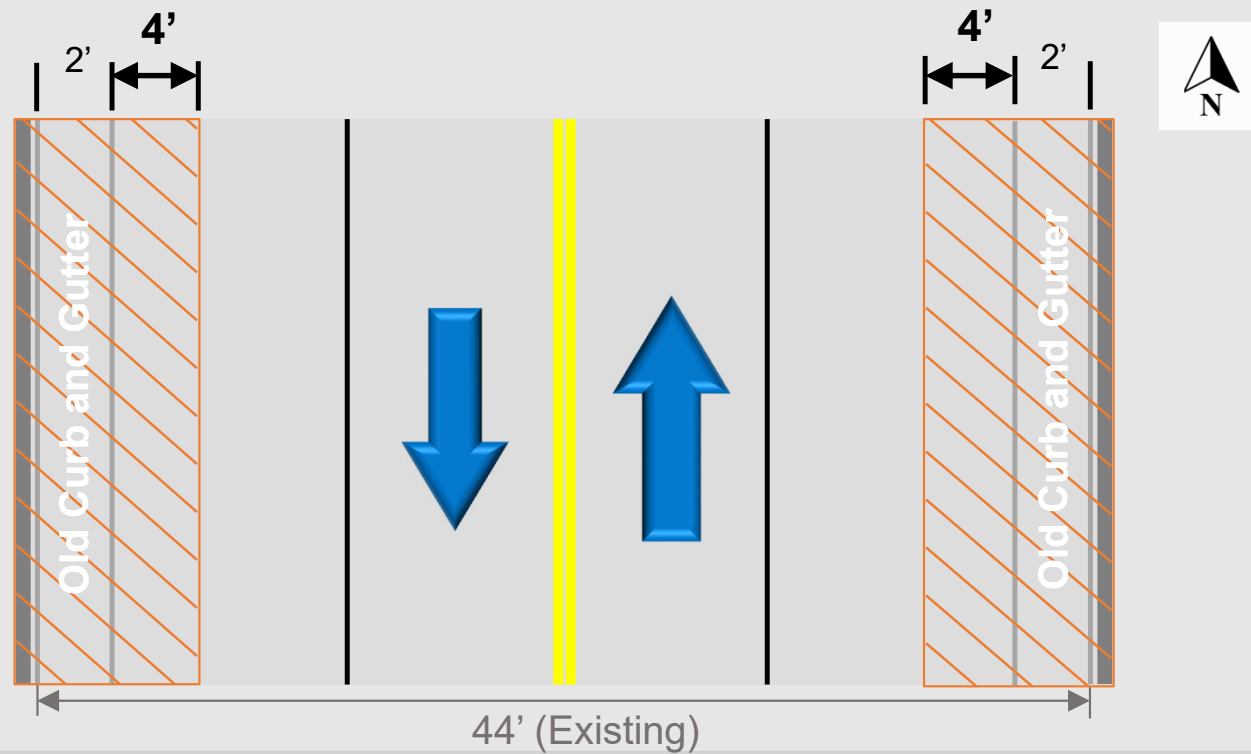
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## WIS 186 – Village of Vesper (Wis St Narrowing)



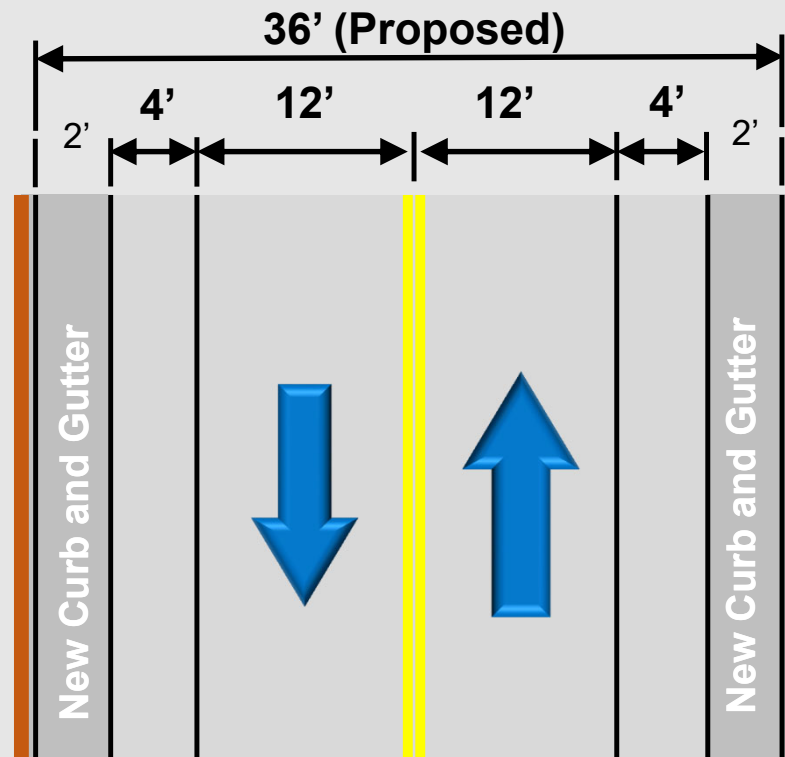
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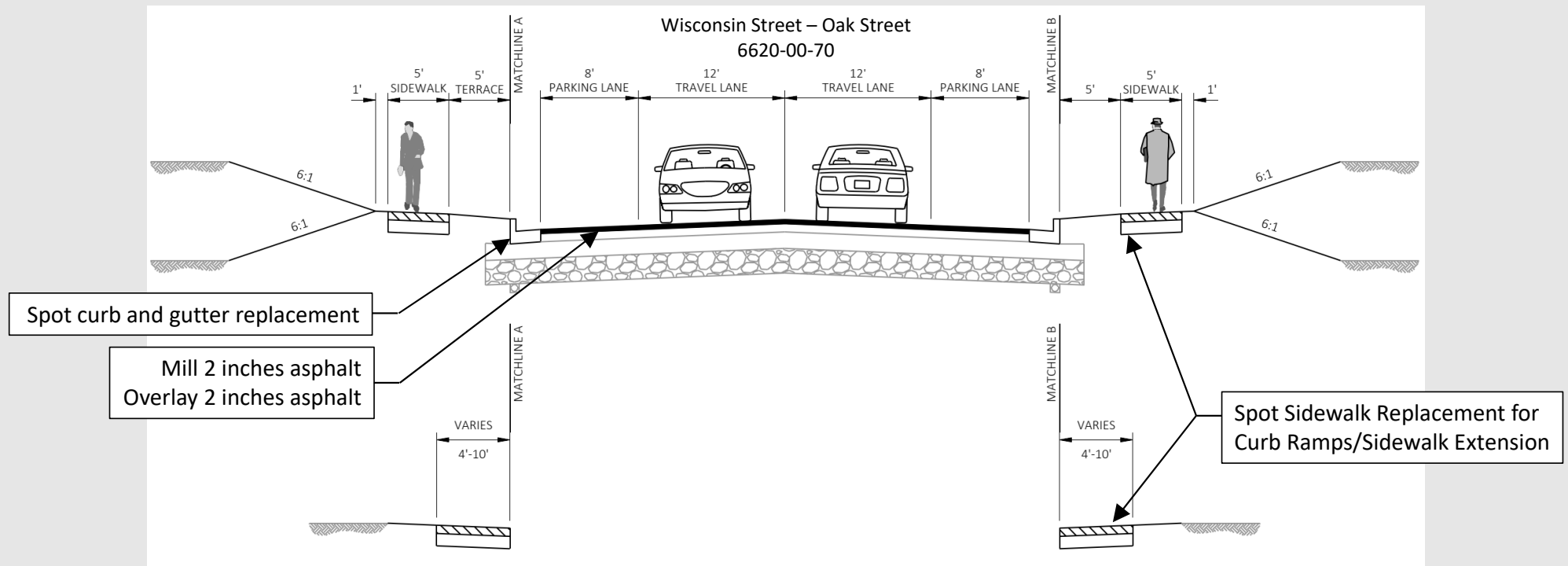
## WIS 186 – Village of Vesper (Wis St Narrowing)

- New curb and gutter
- In-kind storm sewer replacement
- Temporary Limited Easements (TLE) anticipated for grading at select properties



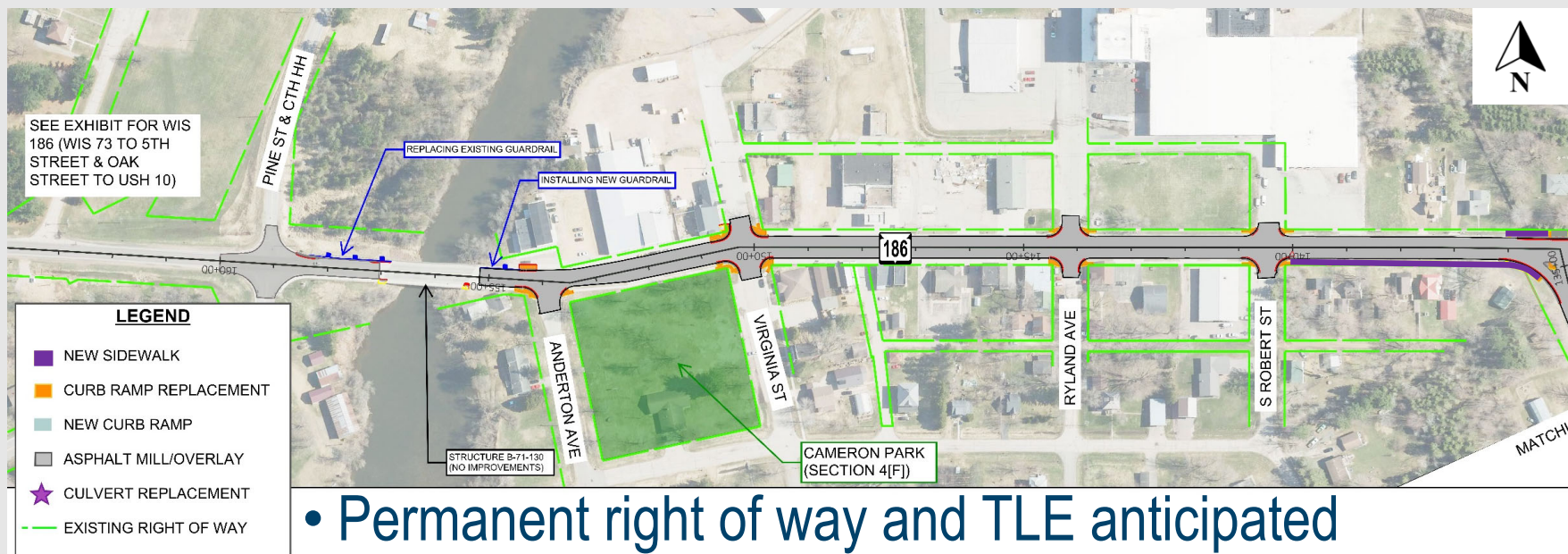
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## WIS 186 – Village of Vesper (Cameron Ave)



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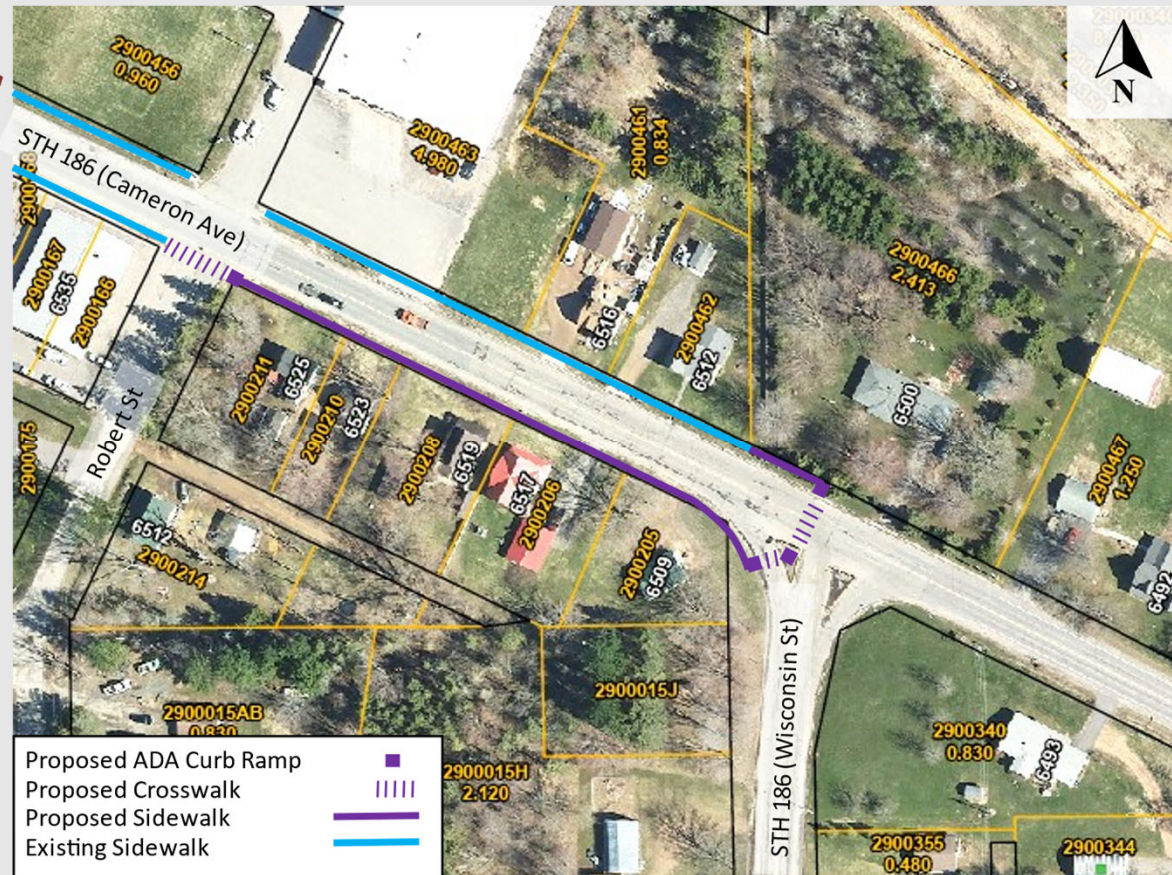
## WIS 186 – Village of Vesper (Curb Ramp Replacements)



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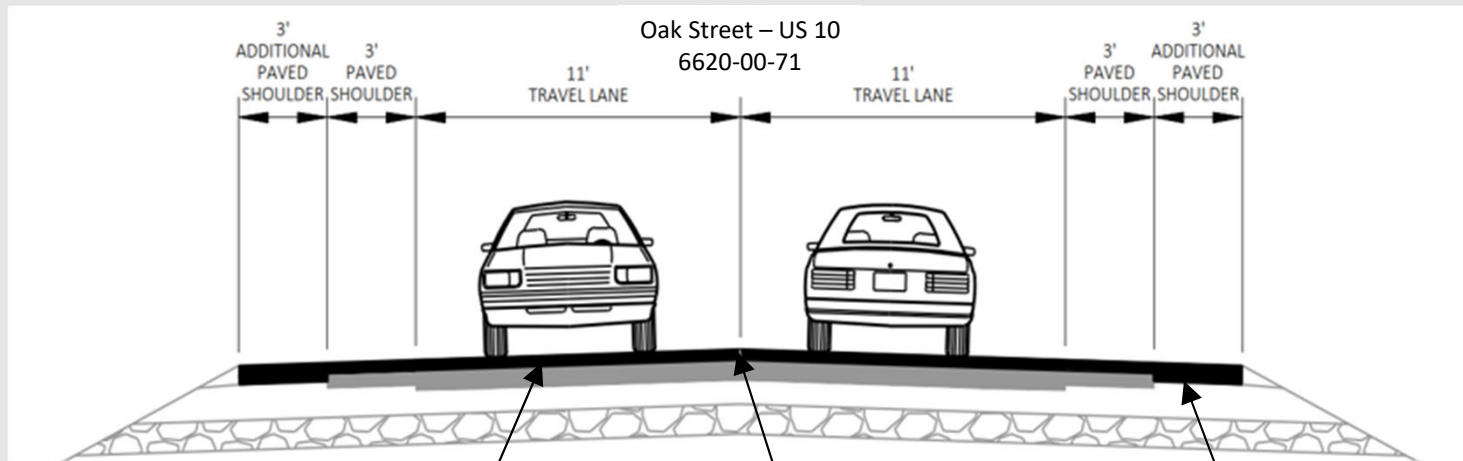
## WIS 186 – Village of Vesper (Sidewalk Extension)

- Permanent right of way and TLE anticipated near intersection corners with curb ramps



# Proposed Improvements

## WIS 186 – Rural (Oak Street – US 10)



Mill 2 inches asphalt  
Overlay 2 inches asphalt

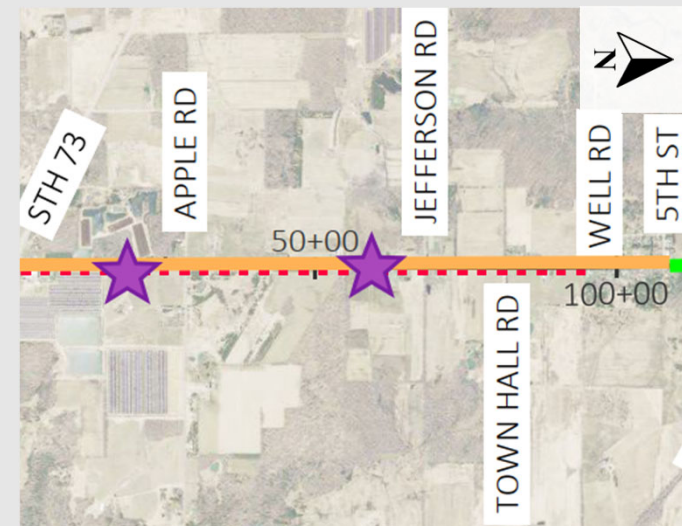
Asphalt centerline  
rumble strips

Widen paved shoulder  
width by 3 feet (pave  
entire 6 feet of  
shoulder width) to  
address crash trends

# Proposed Improvements

## Cross Culvert Replacements – WIS 73 to 5<sup>th</sup> Street

- ID: 6620-00-02 (72)
- 2 Locations



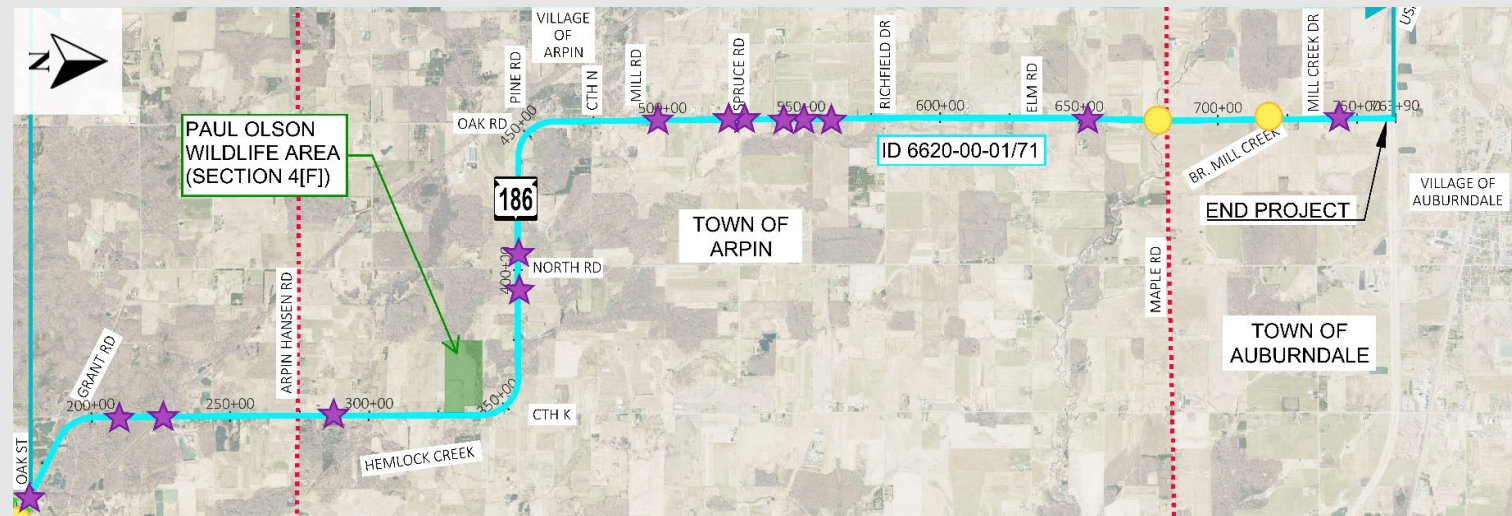
★ - Culvert/Pipe Replacement



# Proposed Improvements

## Cross Culvert Replacements – Oak Street to US 10

- 6620-00-01 (71)
- 14 Locations



★ - Culvert/Pipe Replacement



# Proposed Improvements

## Cross Culvert Replacements – 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Oak Street

- ID: 6620-00-00 (70)
- 1 Location

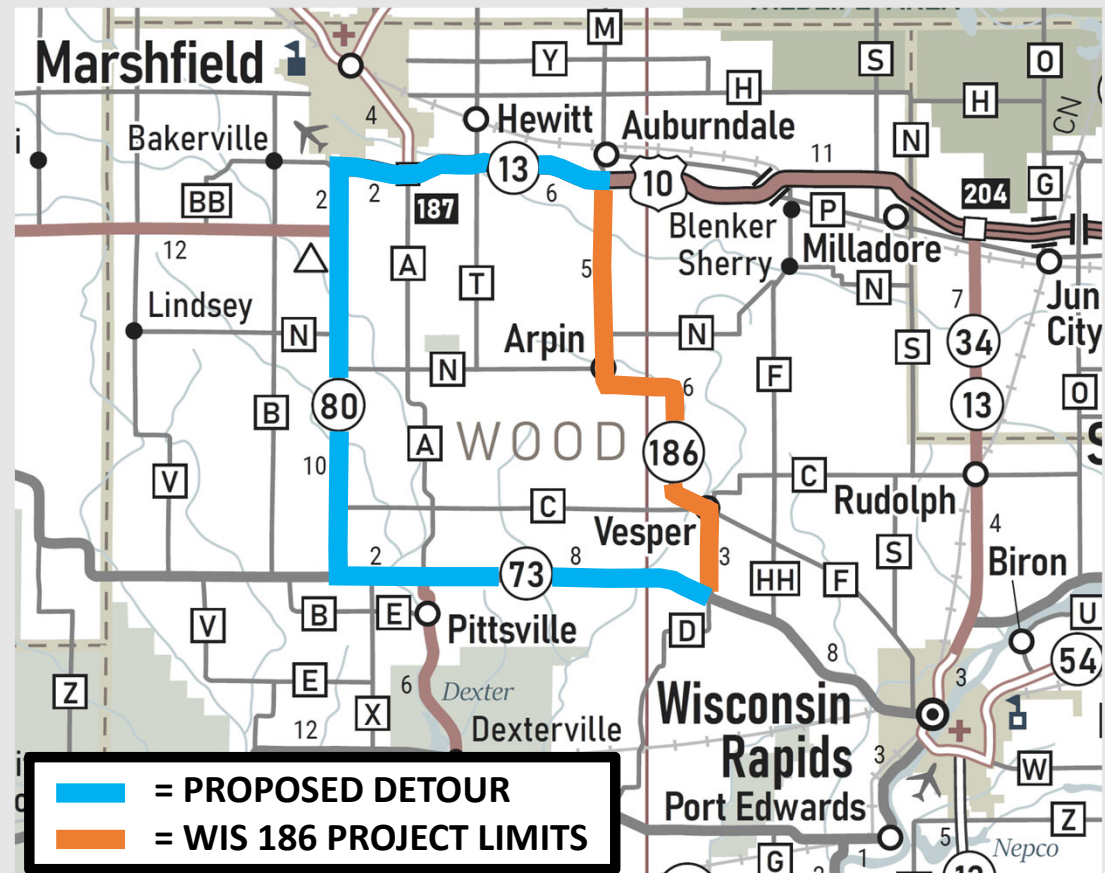


★ - Culvert/Pipe Replacement



# Anticipated Traffic Control / Traffic Impacts

- 2028 anticipated construction
- WIS 186 proposed to be closed to through traffic with posted detour
- Local and emergency access maintained at all times
- Temporary pedestrian accommodations and staging provided in areas with existing sidewalk



# Real Estate

- Permanent right of way and TLE for curb ramp updates anticipated
- Temporary limited easements at guardrail and pipe locations are anticipated
- WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition Summer of 2026
- WisDOT will be coordinating with property owners for any permanent or temporary real estate needs.



# WIS 186 Project Next Steps

	V Vesper – 6620-00-00 (70)	North/South of Vesper – 6620-00-01(71) / 6620-00-02 (72)
Preliminary Plans Completed	March 2026	September 2025
Environmental Document	April 2026	October 2025
Right of Way Plat	June 2026	November 2025
Final Plans	December 2027	February 2027
Construction Scheduled	2028	



# Business Coordination

## We're In This Together!

- Visit [wisconsindot.gov/together](https://wisconsindot.gov/together)
  - Tips, tools and resources
  - New (2021) business coordination guide
- Project team is here to help
- What information would help you...
  - Inform customers about the project?
  - Coordinate with suppliers?
  - Communicate with employees?



# Public Input

- Provide input by Sept. 26, 2025
  - Complete comment form found in handout and add to comment box or mail
  - Via email or phone to the following contacts

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