# **Public Involvement**

WIS 187
Outagamie County Line to WIS 156
Shawano County
Project ID: 6116-00-00



Public comment period: Aug. 14, 2024 to Aug. 28, 2024

### **Purpose**

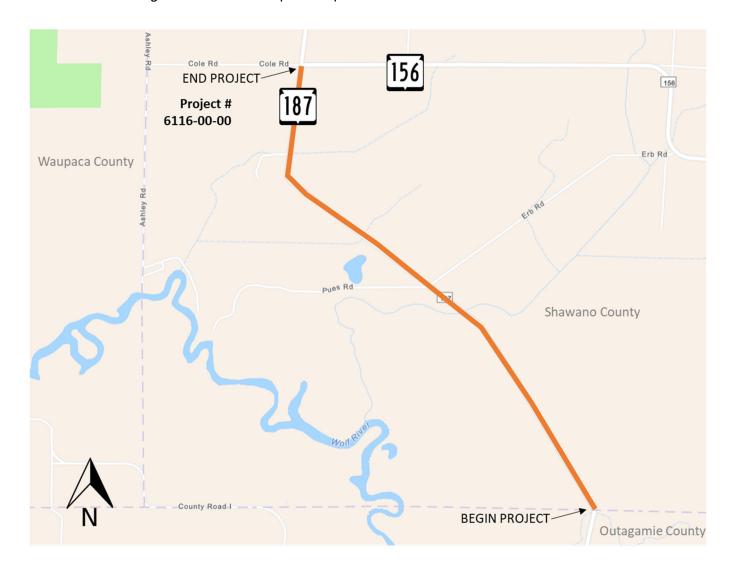
Our objective is to update you on the project scope and schedule and to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, traffic impacts and real estate needs along WIS 187 between Outagamie County Line and WIS 156 in the town of Navarino, Shawano County.

A meeting with local officials was held on July 31, 2024.

The WIS 187 pavement is showing signs of deterioration. Pavement maintenance is required to ensure that the taxpayers' investment continues to be maximized.

Other project needs have been identified as follows:

- Pavement markings have faded over time, decreasing safe visibility for motorists.
- Corrugated metal culvert pipes have moderate to severe corrosion.
- Narrow gravel shoulders require frequent maintenance.



# **Project Information**

We are proposing to improve 3.2 miles of WIS 187.

The purpose of the proposed project is to address the deteriorating pavement and culvert conditions and decreased ride quality along WIS 187.

The existing pavement is showing signs of distress in the form of low-level alligator cracking, transverse and longitudinal cracking, and rutting. The existing gravel shoulders are difficult to maintain. The existing corrugated metal culvert pipes have moderate to severe corrosion.

Proposed improvements include:

- 2-inch asphalt mill and overlay
- Culvert replacements
- Pave existing gravel shoulders with asphalt
- Pavement marking

### **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is currently scheduled to begin Spring 2028 and estimated to take 6 months to complete.

During construction, WIS 187 will be open under single lane closures with flaggers. Culvert replacement will require full closure with a detour using WIS 54 to WIS 47 to WIS 156.

Local, business, and emergency access will be maintained. However, temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

#### Real estate

Minor real estate in the form of temporary easements, permanent easements or fee may be required for culvert replacements throughout the project limits.

## Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	July 31, 2024
Public involvement	Aug. 14 – 28, 2024
Environmental document	September 2024
Preliminary plans	November 2024
Final right of way plat	TBD
Real estate negotiations	TBD
Final plans	February 2027
Construction currently scheduled	Spring 2028

# **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 Aug. 28, 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/wis187shawano/default.aspx
- 3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

Deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, and speech-disabled persons should contact the Wisconsin Relay Service by dialing 711.

For more information, please contact:

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# In This Together Program

A quick guide to help your business prepare for road construction



# **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?



# 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?*



### **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?



# Check out case studies at wisconsindot.gov/together

**DEVELOP AND** 

**GAME PLAN** 

**ACTIVATE YOUR** 

- 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?



# **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

### **Public Involvement Comment Form**

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Please mail by **August 28, 2024** to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be emailed to <a href="mailto:andrew.casper@dot.wi.gov">andrew.casper@dot.wi.gov</a>. 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.

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number (optional):	
Email Address (optional):	
Would you like someone to contact you about this project: Yes No	
Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)	

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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Attn: Andrew Casper, P.E. WisDOT North Central Region – Wisconsin Rapids 1681 Second Avenue South Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

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