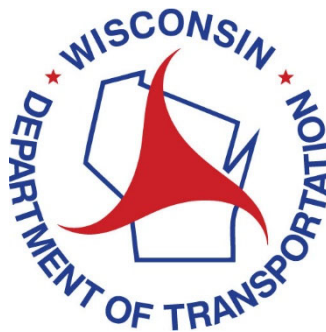


# Public Involvement Meeting

**WIS 22  
City of Manawa, Bridge Street  
County B (south) to County N (north)  
Waupaca County**

**Project ID 6590-01-06**



**Oct. 3, 2024**

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at  
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis22waupacaman/default.aspx>

*Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback.*

## Purpose

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on approximately 2 miles of WIS 22 in Waupaca County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

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 and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process.

Included at the end of this handout, as well as on the project website, is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the proposed improvements. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the pre-paid mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to the contact listed below.

## Project location

The project is located on WIS 22 in the city of Manawa and town of Little Wolf.

*(WIS 22 Project Limits)*



## **Project purpose and need**

The existing pavement was last reconstructed in 2000 (south of Little Wolf River) and 2002 (north of Little Wolf River). The existing pavement is deteriorating with cracking and rutting throughout. Additional needs include:

- Existing curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- No pedestrian connectivity on the west side of WIS 22 near Roberts Street
- Spot curb and gutter deterioration
- Deteriorating storm drains
- Erosion at culvert and inlets near County N/Progress Road

## **Proposed improvements**

The following improvements are proposed to address the project needs.

- Resurfacing the asphalt pavement
- Curb ramps upgrades for ADA compliance, where feasible
- Adding sidewalk from Roberts Street to the auto parts store (approximately 350-feet) on the west side of WIS 22
- Replacing spot curb and gutter sections
- Repairing storm drains
- Erosion repair at the culverts and inlets near County N/Progress Road
- Installing new pavement marking including shoulder edge lines throughout the project

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

- Crews will manage traffic using single lane closures with flagging operations and lane shifts. Motorists can expect some delays to occur.
- Pedestrian traffic will also be maintained using temporary routes near each work location.
- Parking will be restricted in work areas.

Construction is currently scheduled for 2028. The work is anticipated to take four to five months.

## **Real estate**

Minor new right of way and temporary easements are required for the project for curb ramps, temporary pedestrian accommodations, and inlet repairs. Preliminary real estate needs are shown on the exhibits.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available and WisDOT will contact any impacted property owners directly during the design process. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in summer 2025.

### ***Triangle Park***

To improve the curb ramps, a temporary easement is proposed within the city's Triangle Park to accommodate a temporary pedestrian route. Coordination is ongoing with the city and acquisition of right of way from parklands is subject to agency review and approval of the environmental document.

Please offer any specific comments you may have related to the potential use of parklands along with your other project comments.

## Project update/next steps

- Initial public notifications – Sept. 2023
- Local officials meeting – Sept. 9, 2024
- Public involvement meeting – Oct. 3, 2024\*
- Environmental document – fall 2024
- Preliminary plans – spring 2025
- Right of way acquisition – summer 2025 to spring 2027
- Final plans – May 1, 2027
- Construction – 2028

\*Additional public meetings will be held, as required, during the design and construction process.

## 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 **Oct. 17, 2024**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
2. 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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**\*\*SCROLL DOWN FOR THE COMMENT FORM\*\***



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](http://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](http://wisconsindot.gov/together)

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WisDOT North Central Region – Wisconsin Rapids  
1681 Second Avenue South  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

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