

# Public Involvement

**WIS 54**  
**West Jeanne Street to Outagamie County S**  
**Waupaca and Outagamie Counties**  
Project ID: 6220-04-06

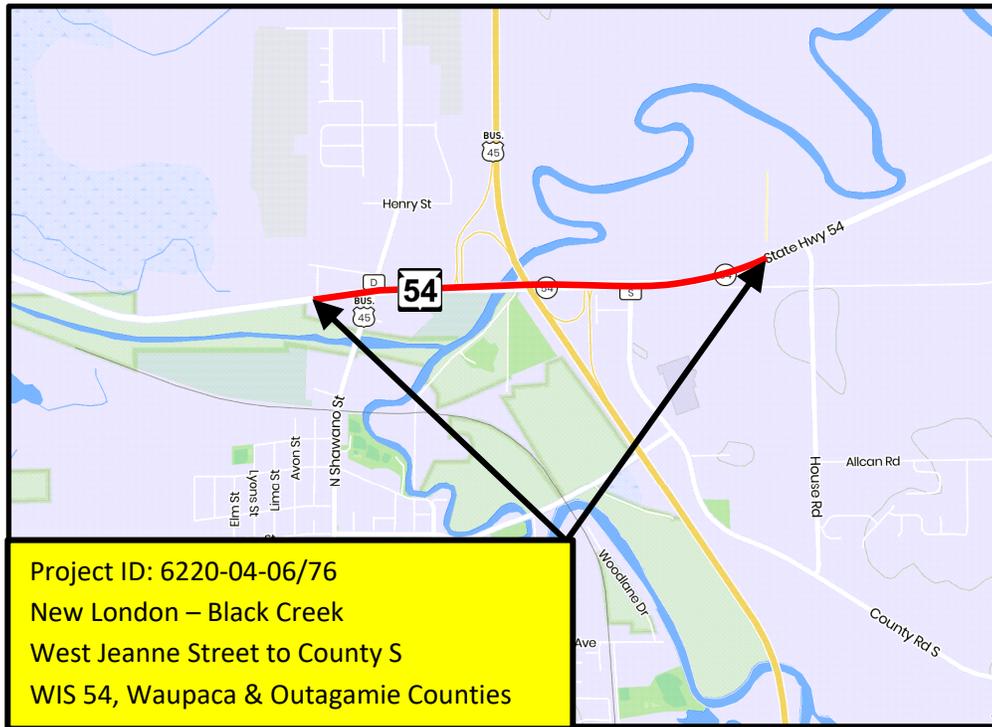


**October 24, 2023**

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## Purpose

We are proposing to improve 1.29 miles of WIS 54 from West Jeanne Street to east of Outagamie County S, in Waupaca and Outagamie counties.



The WIS 54 pavement is showing signs of deterioration. The pavement was originally constructed in the mid 1990s.

Needs identified along this section of WIS 54 include:

- Deteriorating pavement surface.
- The roadway has settled at the approaches to the Embarras River
- Storm sewer inlets are deteriorating and in need of rehabilitation and pipe outfalls require cleaning.
- Existing sidewalk ramps do not meet current ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.
- The existing traffic signal layout at the County D intersection is nearing the end of its service life.
- The proximity of the westbound WIS 54 lane drop to the County D intersection has contributed to crashes.

Proposed improvements include the following:

- Remove and replace the existing asphalt.
- Construct approach slabs and restore roadway profile at approaches to Embarras River bridge.
- Replace all curb and gutter west of County D and spot locations east of County D.
- Repair various storm sewer inlets and clean outfalls and ditches.
- Installation of a new traffic signal at County D.
- Reconstruct sidewalk ramps at County D to meet current ADA standards.

As part of the proposed improvements, and to address the operational and safety concerns, we are proposing an enhanced two-lane configuration for WIS 54. This concept reduces the two-lane roadway on either side of the median to a single lane with paved shoulders between the travel lane and the curbs. It also allows for intersection modifications to be made at intersections along the corridor to better accommodate turning movements. The proposed enhanced two-lane concept predominantly fits within the current roadway footprint and is designed to handle traffic volumes in the current and design year.

## Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2026.

During construction, WIS 54 will remain open to through traffic. Traffic on WIS 54 will be reduced to one lane open in each direction on either side of the median. Motorists can also expect to encounter flagging operations during construction. County D will be reduced to one lane in each direction to construct the intersection. The US 45 interchange ramps will be closed in conjunction with the closures on the US 45 project.

Access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in fall 2026.

## Real estate

Minor temporary easements will be required at the intersection of WIS 54 and County D to accommodate the construction of sidewalk and curb ramps. Acquisitions are scheduled to begin in spring 2024. No other real estate is anticipated elsewhere on the corridor.

## Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	September 2023
Public involvement	October 2023
Preliminary plans	November 2023
Environmental document	November 2023
Final right of way plat	January 2024
Real estate negotiations	Spring 2024-Fall 2025
Final plans	November 2025
Construction currently scheduled	2026

## 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 **Nov. 24, 2023**:

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/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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