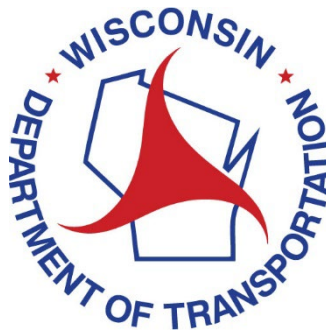


Public Involvement Handout

**WIS 64
Zima Road to US 45
Langlade County
Project ID: 9015-12-01**



Winter 2024-25

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Purpose

The DOT is seeking public comment and input for a proposed project on WIS 64 between Merrill in Lincoln County to Antigo in Langlade County. Due to the straightforward nature of the project, the public involvement process will consist only of a public comment period, running from Jan. 12-27, 2025.

Project Information

WisDOT is proposing to improve 3.5 miles of WIS 64, from approximately Zima Road west of the city of Antigo to US 45 in the city.

The purpose of this project is to address the deteriorated condition of WIS. The current pavement along WIS 64 is exhibiting signs of distress in the form of longitudinal and transverse cracking and rutting. If you have any input, comments or any other relevant information, please submit a comment form so that we can consider them as part of this project.

Proposed improvements include:

- Milling 3.75 inches of existing asphalt pavement
- Paving 3.75 inches of asphalt pavement
- Making minor shoulder improvements
- Completing pavement marking

This project primarily seeks to address the cracking, rutting and the overall deterioration of the roadway. The proposed project will not change the current layout of the roadway; however, milling off the top layer of the existing asphalt and replacing it with new asphalt will extend the service life of the roadway in a cost-effective manner and provide motorists with a smoother ride.

An environmental study is underway for the project, but due to the limited scope of the project, the study is not expected to have a significant impact on project outcomes.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for 2029, with work beginning in spring/summer and ending by that fall.

During construction, WIS 64 will be open to traffic between Zima Road and US 45; however, motorists can expect to encounter lane closures controlled by flagging operations. Access to homes and businesses in the work zone will be maintained throughout the construction process, but there might be minor delays as the milling machine or asphalt paver passes.

Real estate

No real estate acquisition is included in this project.

Project update/next steps

Preliminary Plans	June 6, 2024
Local officials meeting	Nov. 12, 2024
Public involvement	Jan. 13-27, 2025
Environmental document	February 2025
Final plans	Aug. 1, 2026
Final plans – Final submittal	May 1, 2028
Construction currently scheduled	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 **Jan. 6, 2025**:

- Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
- Print the comment form attached to the handout posted on the project website:
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis64antigo/default.aspx>
- Provide comments or questions by email, mail or phone to the contact listed below:

Stacy Hagenbucher
WisDOT Project Manager
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
510 Hanson Lake Road
Rhinelander, WI 54501
(715) 365-5770



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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
- 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

Public Involvement Comment Form

Project ID 9015-12-01
Merrill - Antigo
Zima Road to US 45
WIS 64
Langlade County

Please mail by **Jan. 6, 2025**, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be emailed to **Stacy.Hagenbucher@dot.wi.gov**. 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)

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Rhinelander, WI 54501
Attn: Stacy Hagenbucher, P.E.

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