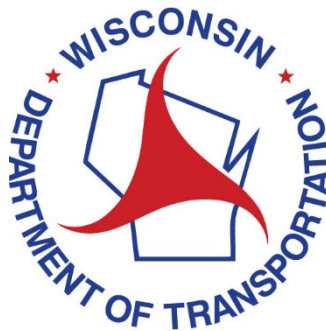


# Public Involvement

**WIS 70  
WIS 155 to County O  
Vilas & Oneida Counties  
Project ID: 9080-14-06(76)**



**November 14, 2024 to December 13, 2024**

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## Purpose

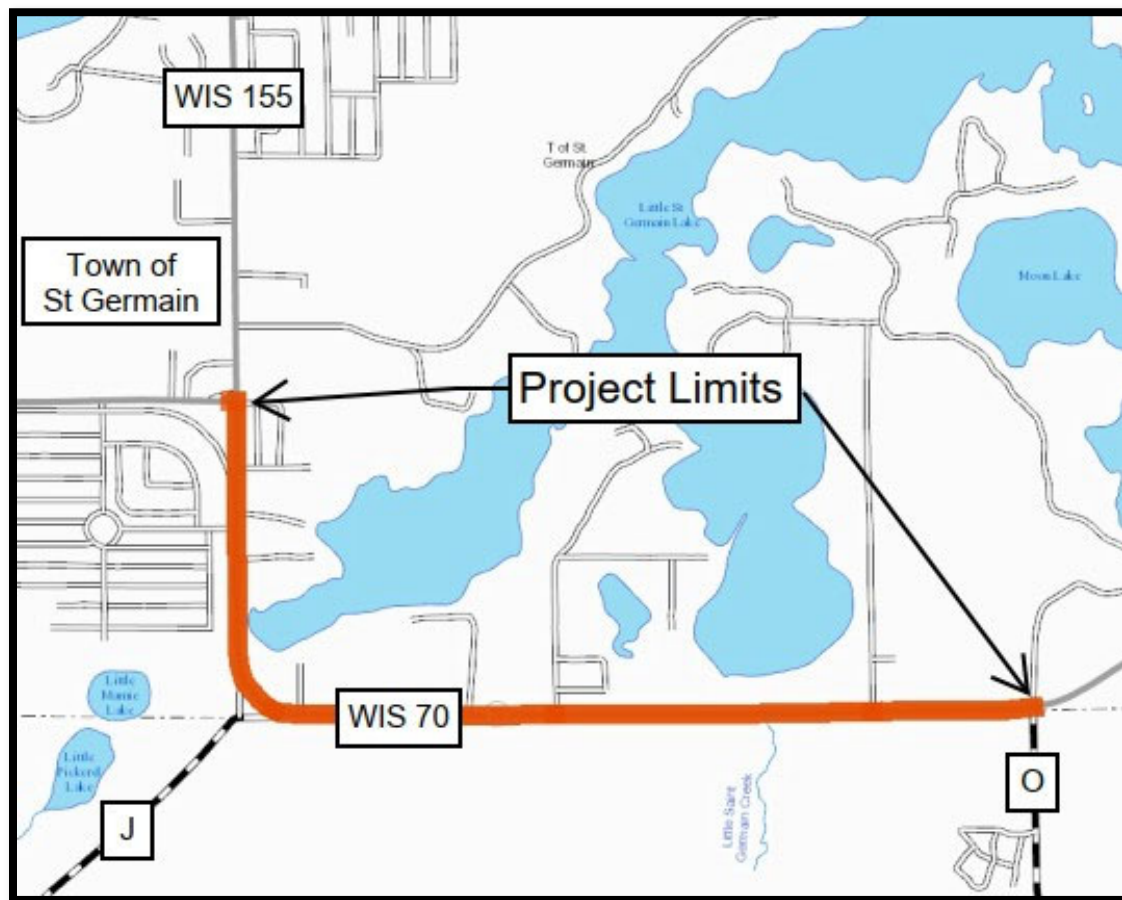
Our objective is to update you on the project scope and schedule and to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, traffic impacts, and real estate needs along WIS 70 between WIS 155 and County O in Vilas and Oneida Counties.

Meetings with local officials were held on Sept. 5, 2024 and on Oct. 16, 2024.

The purpose of the proposed action is to address the following identified needs:

- The existing WIS 70 pavement is showing signs of deterioration with low-level alligator cracking and longitudinal and transverse cracking.
- During heavy rain events, water from the parking lots in St. Germain runs off onto WIS 70 and washes out the gravel shoulders.
- Curb ramps do not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

**Project Location Map**



## Project Information

We are proposing to improve 3.5 miles of WIS 70.

Proposed improvements include:

- Replacing the asphalt pavement (full depth) on WIS 70 through the urban section of St. Germain.
- Resurfacing by milling the existing asphalt surface and overlaying new asphalt in the rural segment.
- Widening paved shoulders to 5-foot between Jackson Lane and County O to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Evaluate low cost drainage facility improvements to reduce water ponding and shoulder wash outs in the urban section of St. Germain.
- Improving curb ramps to meet ADA standards.

## Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for the summer of 2031 but may occur as early as the summer of 2029. Construction is estimated to take three to four months to complete.

During construction, WIS 70 will remain open to traffic. However, motorists on WIS 70 can expect to encounter shoulder closures and flagging operations.

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 permanent fee may be required for construction of low costs drainage improvements throughout the project limits. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in Dec. 2026.

## Project update/next steps

Preliminary plan submittal	May 31, 2024
Local officials meetings	Sep. 5, 2024 and Oct. 16, 2024
Public involvement	Nov. 14, 2024 – Dec. 13, 2024
Environmental document submittal	Jan. 2025
Final right of way plat submittal	July 2025
Real estate negotiations	Dec. 2026 – Dec. 2027
Final plan submittal	May 1, 2028 (Earliest) May 1, 2030 (Scheduled)
Construction currently scheduled	Summer 2029 (Earliest) Summer 2031 (Scheduled)

## 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 **Dec. 13, 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/wis70vilas155/default.aspx>
3. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below

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For more information, please contact:

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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](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)

# Public Involvement Comment Form

Project ID: 9080-14-06(76)  
Woodruff – Eagle River  
WIS 155 to County O  
WIS 70  
Vilas County

Please mail by **Dec. 13, 2024** to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be emailed to [andrew.casper@dot.wi.gov](mailto:andrew.casper@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 a response to your comments? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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