

Public Involvement Handout

**WIS 187
Shiocton - NCL
WIS 54 - NCL
Outagamie County**

Project ID: 6520-04-00



Handout date: February 2026

This handout and other items are available on the project design website at

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/187outa65200400/default.aspx>

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

Purpose of handout

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on 10.6 miles of WIS 187 in Outagamie County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

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 and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout, 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 any of the contacts listed below.

Project location

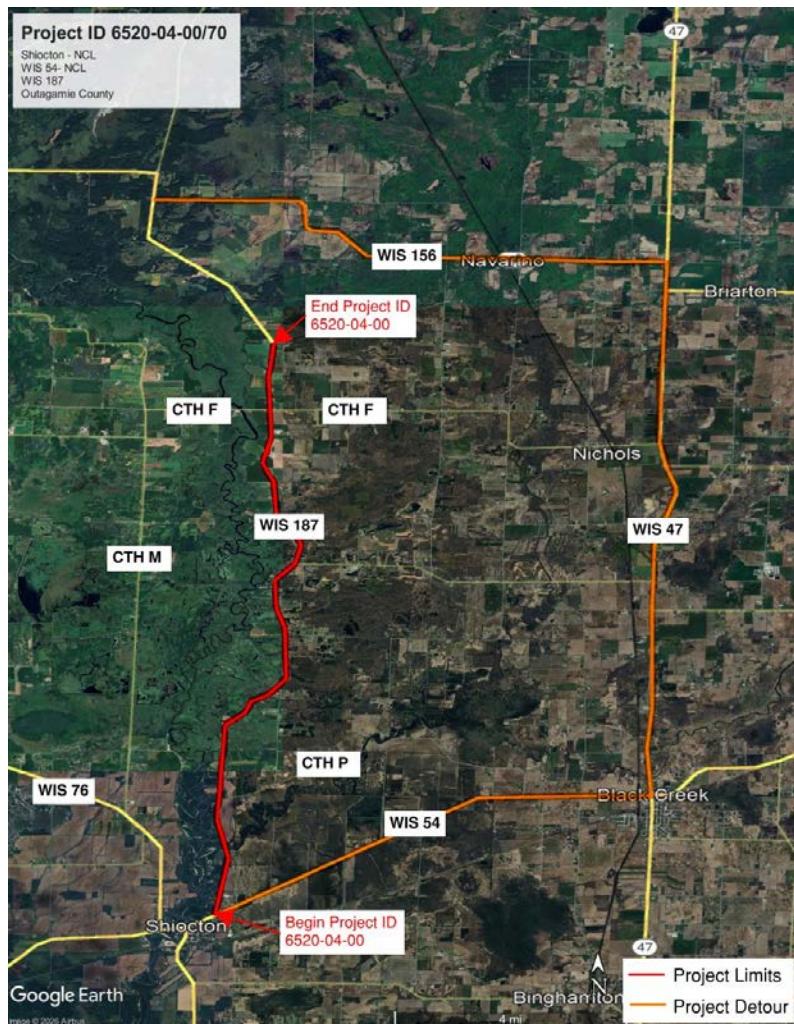
WIS 187 from WIS 54 in village of Shiocton to the northern Outagamie County line.

Project purpose and need

The purpose of the project is to improve drainage deficiencies and extend the service life of the existing bridge structure B-44-0088. The project is needed due to culvert pipe and bridge deterioration along with flooding issues on the south end of the project.

Anticipated benefits

By addressing critical drainage deficiencies through culvert replacements, culvert repairs/cleanouts, and related work, the project will significantly reduce the risk of flooding—particularly on the south end of the corridor—during heavy rain events or spring thaws. This will help prevent road closures, standing water hazards, and associated travel disruptions that have historically affected drivers in this area, improving overall mobility and reliability on this key local route. Replacing the bridge deck on structure B-44-0088, along with other secondary structural enhancements, will



substantially extend the service life of this vital crossing. This proactive rehabilitation avoids the need for more extensive (and costly) full bridge replacement, preserving connectivity over the affected waterway and supporting consistent access for residents, emergency services, agricultural vehicles, and commuters. From a fiscal perspective, these targeted repairs and replacements will decrease long-term maintenance costs by resolving deterioration before it worsens. Proactive investment now prevents recurring emergency fixes, pothole patching, or interim detours, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars over the asset's extended lifespan and allowing WisDOT and local resources to be allocated more efficiently elsewhere.

Proposed improvements

This is a miscellaneous-level project. Proposed improvements include:

- Culvert replacement
- Culvert repair/cleanout
- Bridge deck replacement structure B-44-0088 with multiple other secondary work
- Beam guard grading corrections

Traffic impacts

Traffic will be detoured for the culvert replacements and the bridge deck replacement. The planned detour is shown on the project location map above. The detour will utilize WIS 54, WIS 47, and WIS 156.

Schedule

- Public comments to the March 20, 2026
- Environmental Document: Summer 2026
- Project Design: 2026-2028
- Final Design: Fall 2028
- Construction currently scheduled in 2029

Real estate

Real estate impacts in the form of FEE, Permanent Limited Easements (PLE), and Temporary Limited Easement (TLE) will be required for culvert replacements. Note member of real estate team will contact affected property owners.

Section 4(f) Property

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has regulations governing the use of land from publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and public or private historic sites. These sites are called Section 4(f) properties. Hamlin Park and REM – Wolf River – Sponerhs March, which is adjacent to the project, are Section 4(f) properties that are requiring permanent impacts. As a result of proposed right-of-way acquisition necessary for the proposed improvements, WisDOT intends to make a *de minimis* impact determination.

Hamlin Park impacts

Hamlin park will be impacted by this project. Land will be needed in the form of Permanent Limited Easement (PLE) to maintain drainage pipe in the future. Minor tree clearing will be needed at the end of the drainage pipe to replace the deteriorated pipe. See attached display for location of impacts.

REM – Wolf River – Sponerhs March impacts

REM – Wolf River – Sponerhs March will be impacted by this project. Land will be needed in the form of Right of Way (FEE) to maintain drainage pipe in the future. See attached display for location of impacts.

Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones or impacted by detour routes have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to business, organizations and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. It includes promotional examples, case studies and a specially designed Business Coordination Guide with information on:

- Planning ahead
- Keeping customers informed
- Tips for businesses
- Temporary business signing during construction
 - Businesses impacted by highway closures and detours will have an opportunity for temporary business signage during construction.

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at www.wisconsindot.gov/Together.

Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them by the comment date to be consider during design.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this project handout and mail to WisDOT.
2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.
3. Call the contact below.

Project contact

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WisDOT Highway Project Public Comment Form

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Please place this form in the comment box or mail by March 20,2026 to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to Jesse.hansen@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: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

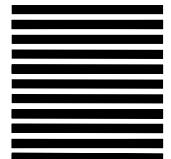
Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail 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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