# **Public Involvement Handout**

WIS 22
Gillett - Oconto Falls
WIS 32 - E Highland Dr
Oconto County

Project ID: 9180-34-71



# August 2025

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at <a href="https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/22falls2gillett/default.aspx">https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/22falls2gillett/default.aspx</a>

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 7.9 miles of WIS 22 in Oconto 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, 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 any of the contacts listed below.

# **Project location**

The project is located on WIS 22 from the divided ends of WIS 32 in the city of Gillett to E Highland drive in the City of Oconto Falls in Oconto County.



### Project purpose and need

The purpose of the project is to address roadway pavement and drainage deficiencies and continue to maintain connectivity between Gillet and Oconto Falls on WIS 22 in Oconto County.

The need for the project is to extend the service life of the roadway in order to keep this minor arterial in service and provide access to residents, businesses, and through traffic who require the use of WIS 22. The need for improvements is demonstrated by:

- Aged and deteriorated pavement and frost heaves resulting in a rough riding surface
- Outdated guardrail installations
- Failing culverts that no longer convey water as they are intended

# **Anticipated benefits**

This pavement resurfacing will provide motorists with a smoother riding surface resulting decreased vehicle maintenance costs; an extended pavement structure life; improved safety; and reduced need for future roadway maintenance costs.

The replacement of guardrail and addition of centerline and shoulder rumble strips will further enhance the roadway safety. Replacement of four failing culverts within the project limits benefits roadway users and adjacent landowners. Two of the culverts will be upsized to reduce flooding potential of adjacent properties and roadway overtopping and potential for washouts. Additionally, these upgrades will allow for continuation of the natural drainage flow patterns that have been impeded by the failing culverts.

# **Proposed improvements**

Proposed improvements include roadway resurfacing by milling 3-Inches of the existing asphalt paving and placing 3-inches of new asphalt paving.

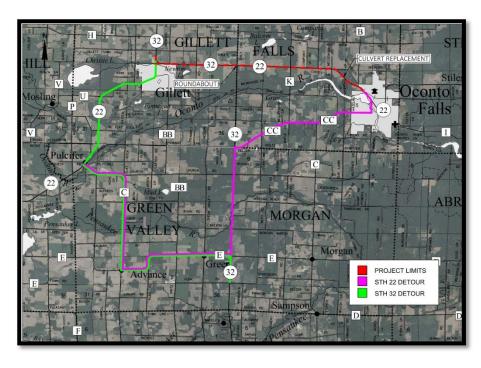
Other improvements include:

- Replacement of 4 culverts
- Replacement of all guardrail within project limits
- Ditch grading
- Spot replacement of curb and gutter
- Repair locations of frost heaves
- Curb ramp replacements at sidewalks
- Resurfacing of park and ride parking lot
- Centerline and shoulder rumble strips

#### **Traffic impacts**

Access to all residences and businesses will be maintained during construction. Traffic control during construction is anticipated to be flagging with short duration detours as needed for culvert replacements and roundabout paving. The short-term detour routes anticipated for WIS 22 and WIS 32 are listed below and shown on the next page:

- WIS 22: County Road CC to WIS 32 to County Road E to County Road C, to WIS 22
- WIS 32 County Road E to County Road C to WIS 22, to WIS 32



#### Schedule

- Environmental document Spring 2026
- Preliminary 60% Plans Submittal Fall 2026
- Real Estate Complete Winter 2028
- Final Plans Submittal: Spring 2030
- Construction currently scheduled in 2031, but it could be advanced to 2030 if funding becomes available

#### Real estate

Right of way acquisition in the form of FEE Right of Way and Temporary Limited Easement (TLE) will be required for this project to install proper grading and erosion control at culverts and for the construction of ADA sidewalk ramps.

# **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
- Staying informed
- · Keeping customers informed
- Tips for businesses

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at <a href="www.wisconsindot.gov/Together">www.wisconsindot.gov/Together</a>. Note: Businesses impacted by highway closures and detours will have an opportunity for temporary business signage during construction.

#### **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 document 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 September 20, 2025 to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to <a href="maileo-kurt.vogel@dot.wi.gov">kurt.vogel@dot.wi.gov</a>. 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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