

# WIS 32/57 Resurfacing, Brown County

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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### Frequently Asked Questions During WIS 32/57 Public Comment Period

**1. Can the speed limit be reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph from Rockland Road to North Olden Glen Road?**

WisDOT completed a speed study on WIS 32/57 between Rockland Road and North Olden Glen Road in 2017. The review consisted of a traffic engineering study, review of past crash records, and a field review of the roadway, including a review of development adjacent to the roadway. Based upon this investigation and state/national speed zone management standards, WisDOT concluded that the existing 55 mph is appropriate for this segment.

Studies have shown that highways operate the safest when most drivers travel at similar speeds with minimal variance. Lowering the speed limit to 45 mph would likely increase speed differences among vehicles. State and national safety studies have found that when roadway speed variance increases, a decrease in overall safety is very likely. Additionally, these studies indicate that the safest highway segments are those with speed limits that drivers perceive as credible and that are properly enforceable. Therefore, maintaining the 55-mph speed limit supports optimal safety and traffic flow.

More information on speed limits can be found here:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/traffic-ops/speed-management/default.aspx>

If roadway conditions change, additional speed studies can be requested in coordination with local government municipalities.

**2. Can a sidewalk or path be installed along WIS 32/57?**

A sidewalk or shared-use path is not included as part of this project. The primary purpose of the project is to address the existing roadway and drainage system deficiencies. Adding a sidewalk or path is outside of the project scope and would lead to additional costs, environmental impacts, and right of way acquisition that are not within the primary purpose of the project..

**3. Can segments along WIS 32/57 be marked as no-passing zones?**

The project does not include marking new no-passing zones along WIS 32/57. No-passing zones are designated based on standards such as sight distance, traffic volume or other highway features. Routinely marking zones through minor intersections and/or driveways would significantly reduce the legal passing areas available to drivers. This can lead to increased instances of non-compliance and unsafe passing in less favorable locations where adequate sight distance may *not* be available.

**4. Is this project part of the South Bridge Connector Project?**

This project is not part of the South Bridge Connector Project. The South Bridge Connector will modify the intersection of Rockland Road and WIS 32/57. Coordination between the projects is ongoing. Brown County is the lead agency for the South Bridge Connector Project. More information regarding that project is available on their website:

<https://www.browncountywi.gov/departments/highway/general-information/south-bridge-connector/>.

**5. Are any modifications proposed to the intersection of WIS 32/57 and Cook Street?**

No modifications to the intersection are proposed as part of this project. No crash trends or operational problems were identified as part of the safety certification process that WisDOT completes on all projects. WisDOT will continue to monitor this intersection for any operational or safety improvements.

**Questions**

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