

Public Involvement Handout

**WIS 32 / Ashland Avenue
(WIS 54 / Mason Street to 9th Street)
(South of 3rd Street to north of 9th Street)
Brown County**

Project ID: (4190-20-00)



Handout date: March 2025

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/32ashlandstudy/default.aspx>



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

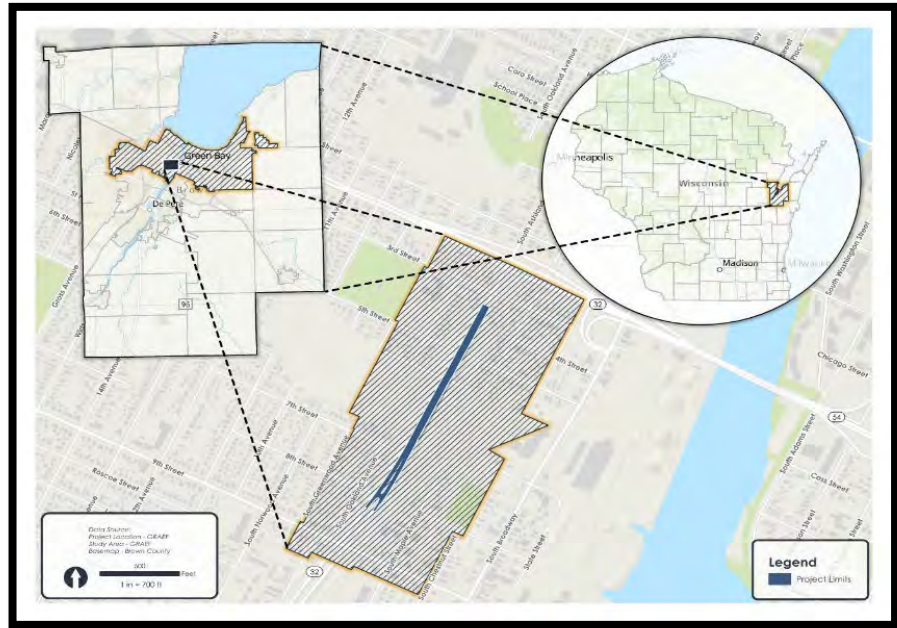
Purpose of study

WIS 32 / Ashland Avenue is a major arterial that connects I-41 and Ashwaubenon to downtown Green Bay. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of studying possible improvements to the roadway and structures on WIS 32 / Ashland Avenue in Brown County. This study will evaluate options to address the condition of the roadway and structures between 9th Street and WIS 54/Mason Street, which includes the 730-foot-long steel girder bridge over 6th Street and the vacant Canadian National rail yard and the 114-foot-long slab span structure over 5th Street.

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.



Study location

The study area encompasses approximately 0.6 miles of Wisconsin Highway 32 / Ashland Avenue from WIS 54 / Mason Street to 9th Street in the City of Green Bay, Brown County.

Study purpose and need

The purpose of the study is to address the condition of the WIS 32 / Ashland Avenue roadway, the bridge spanning over the Canadian National Railroad rail yard and 5th Street roadway, and the adjacent retaining walls.

The project needs are anticipated to be the following:

- Bridge condition
- Safety conditions
- Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations

Proposed concepts to be studied are:

- No build
- At-grade alternative

- Bridge replacement with identical span and geometry
- Refined span and geometry

Possible improvements

Depending on the alternative selected, the proposed improvements may include:

- New roadway
- New bridge and structures
- New street grid connecting adjacent neighborhoods
- New pedestrian and bicycle accommodations

The study phase of the project will complete the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document and identify a preferred alternative that will move forward in design and construction.

Traffic impacts

Traffic impacts will not be known until the study concludes and a project is initiated.

Schedule

- **Current**
 - Ongoing coordination with local units of government, stakeholder groups, and gathering of public feedback and comments.
- **Next Public Meeting**
 - Winter of 2025/2026 – WisDOT will refine study alternatives and based on concepts under review and public feedback. In Winter 2025/26, the study team will hold another public involvement meeting with more defined improvement concepts to share with the public.
- **Future**
 - Study Phase – 2024-2026
 - Preliminary Design – 2027
 - Real Estate, Utilities and Final Design – 2028-2030
 - Construction currently scheduled in 2031
 - Could be advanced to end of 2030

Real estate

WisDOT will try and minimize impacts to properties whenever possible. Potential right-of-way impacts for alternatives will be identified as the study progresses. If private property is affected, a member of the WisDOT real estate team will contact affected property owners.

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 considered 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.

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