### **Public Involvement Handout**

# US 41 and Kasal Lane/Kamm Road Intersection Oconto – Peshtigo Marinette County

Project ID: 1150-03-00



Handout date: February 2025

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

https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/41kammkasal/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 to the US 41 intersection with Kasal Lane/Kamm Road in Marinette 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 to the feasible alternatives.

#### **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 the contact at the bottom of this handout.

#### **Project location**

The project is located at the US 41 intersection with Kasal Lane/Kamm Road in the town of Grover in Marinette County.

#### Project purpose and need

The purpose of the project is to improve the safety of the intersection of US 41 with Kasal Lane/Kamm Road.



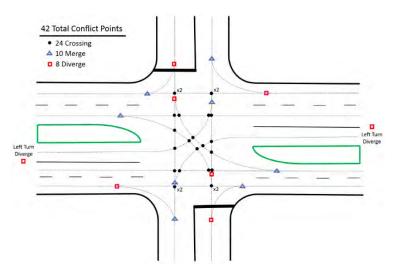
The intersection has a history of fatalities and severe injury crashes. From 2009 to 2023, there have been 42 crashes:

- 5 Fatalities
- 5 Severe Injuries
- 13 Minor Injuries
- 19 Property Damage Only

Improvements are needed to reduce the number of crashes at the intersection, in particular right-angle crashes which have resulted in 5 fatalities.

## Improving Safety by Reducing Conflict Points

A conventional intersection on a 4-lane divided highway has 42 conflict points. Each conflict point has some level of exposure and risk which can lead to crashes. Crossing conflicts occur between drivers within different traffic streams. These conflicts have an increased potential for right-angle crashes which often result in severe injuries. These crashes typically occur on the far side of the 4-lane divided highway when a



driver attempts to cross the highway or turn left onto the divided highway.

#### **Alternatives development**

At intersections on 4-lane divided highways that are experiencing safety issues, engineers evaluate alternatives to improve safety which can include reducing conflict points. Alternatives with varying levels of direct access from the side roads to US 41 have been developed for consideration. A preferred alternative has not been identified. Input from users of the US 41 corridor, in particular this intersection, will be factored into the decision-making process.

<u>Proposed Alternative: T-Intersection</u>: This alternative removes direct access from Kamm Road to US 41. Access from Kasal Lane to both northbound and southbound US 41 would be maintained.



Reduced Conflict with U-Turns (RCUT): A Restricted Crossing U-turn (RCUT) intersection is a type of Reduced Conflict Intersection used primarily on 4-lane divided highways. RCUT intersections differ from conventional intersections by re-routing left-turn and through vehicles from the side road. Motorists approaching the divided highway from the side road are required to turn right and then make a U-turn at a designated median opening. Two RCUT intersection alternatives have been developed for the project.

#### <u>Proposed Alternative: Restricted Crossing U-Turns (Direct Access from US 41)</u>:

This alternative leaves direct access to both Kasal Lane from US 41 Southbound and Kamm Road from US 41 Northbound. Motorists are required to make a U-Turn to access US 41 Northbound from Kamm Road and US 41 Southbound from Kasal Lane or to make a through movement from Kamm Road to Kasal Lane.



Proposed Alternative: Restricted Crossing with U-Turn (No Direct Access from US 41) This alternative removes direct access to both Kasal Lane from US 41 Southbound and Kamm Road from US 41 Northbound. Motorists are required to make a U-Turn to access the sideroads from US 41 or to access US 41 Northbound from Kamm Road and US 41 Southbound from Kasal Lane or to make a through movement from Kamm Road to Kasal Lane.



<u>Proposed Alternative: Restricted Crossing (Full Median Closure)</u>: The intersection would block off the median removing left turns from US 41 to both Kasal Lane and Kamm Road. Left turns onto US 41 would also be eliminated. Right-into and right-out of movements would still be allowed onto Kasal Lane from US 41 northbound and onto Kamm Road from US 41 southbound.



#### **Alternative Access Routes**

It is anticipated that motorists would access Kamm Road from the south using County M and Vernon Hills Drive; and from the north using the County Y interchange, French Street, and County B.



#### **Proposed improvements**

Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP) funding was approved in 2024. Proposed improvements include reconstructing the US 41 intersection.

#### **Traffic Impacts**

US 41 will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction during construction. Temporary lane closures and/or access restrictions are anticipated on Kasal Lane and Kamm Road. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses. The duration of these impacts will vary based on the selected alternative.

#### Real estate

Minor real estate acquisition(s) may be needed. The amount(s) and location(s) will vary based on the selected alternative.

#### Schedule

Public Involvement Meeting #1: February 26, 2025 Real Estate Acquisitions (if needed): Summer 2026

Final Plans: Spring 2028

Anticipated Construction: Summer 2029

#### **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**

Project ID (1150-03-00)
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Marinette County

Please place this form in the comment box or mail by March 12, 2025 to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to <a href="Murt.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.

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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