Public Involvement Handout

Caryville – Elk Mound
Chippewa River Bridge B-17-0070
County H
Dunn County

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February/March 2026

Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is developing plans for the proposed improvements on the County H bridge over the Chippewa River near Caryville. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed project, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community and offer an opportunity for public comment. We appreciate your input and encourage you to review the project information and provide comments.

Project information

WisDOT is proposing this project to address the deteriorating bridge on COUNTY H. Project improvements include the following:

- Replacement of the concrete bridge deck
- Completion of spot painting of the existing girders
- Reinforcement of the existing girders
- Replacement of guardrail
- Replacement of bridge approaches
- Completion of restoration work

Project information can also be found on the project website:

https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/countyh/default.aspx

Proposed traffic impacts

County H at the bridge will be closed during construction. A signed detour route consisting of County H to WIS 85 to WIS 37 to Short Street in the city of Eau Claire to Ferry Street to County C to County H will be provided.

Real estate

Real estate needs are in the process of being determined, but additional right of way is not expected to be required for this project. If found necessary, real estate purchases would be located at guardrail for slope improvements.

Schedule

Local Officials Meeting	February 2026
Virtual Public Involvement Presentation	February 2026
Environmental Document	Spring 2026
Final Plans	Fall 2026
Construction	2027

Businesses

If you own a business that may be affected by construction on the Chippewa River Bridge, please see the department's website link below for tools and resources that can help make your business a continued success during the project's construction.

https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/in-together/default.aspx

Public input/comments

We encourage you to reach out to the project representatives. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and questions regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before March 19, 2026. You can also call or e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below.

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.

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