

Public Involvement Comment Period

I-94

County O to County EW (Westbound)
Jackson and Monroe County

September/October 2024

Purpose of Public Involvement

- Our objective during this meeting is to discuss the project and obtain your input on the following along I-94:
 - Identified needs and proposed improvements
 - Preliminary traffic management
 - Upcoming public involvement efforts



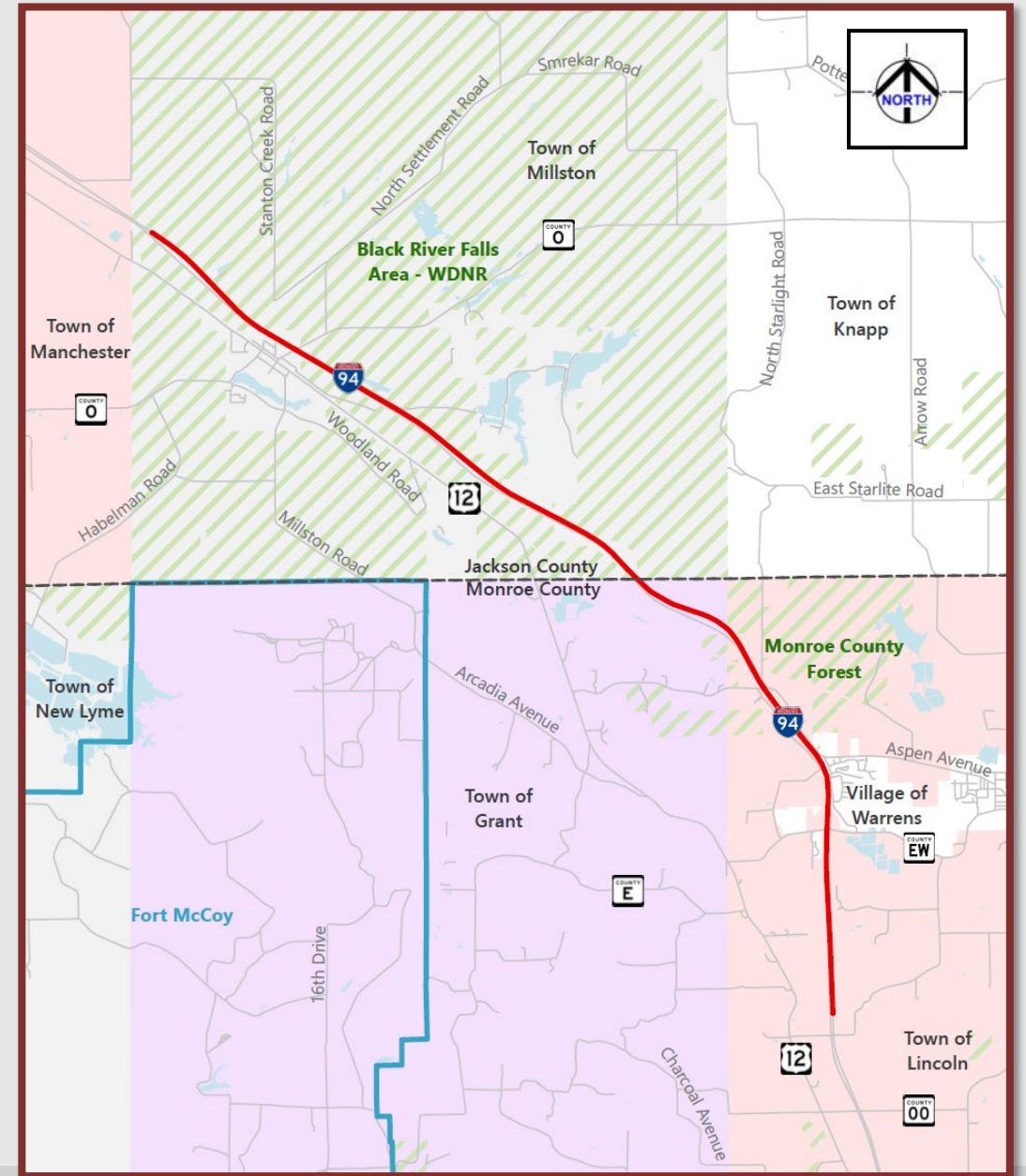
Presentation Agenda

- Project Location
- Project Information
- Project Needs
- Proposed Improvements
- Traffic Impacts
- Real Estate
- Project Costs
- Business Coordination
- Project Schedule
- Public Involvement
- Open Discussion



Project Location

- Nine miles
- Jackson County
 - Town of Millston
- Monroe County
 - Towns of Grant and Lincoln
 - Village of Warrens



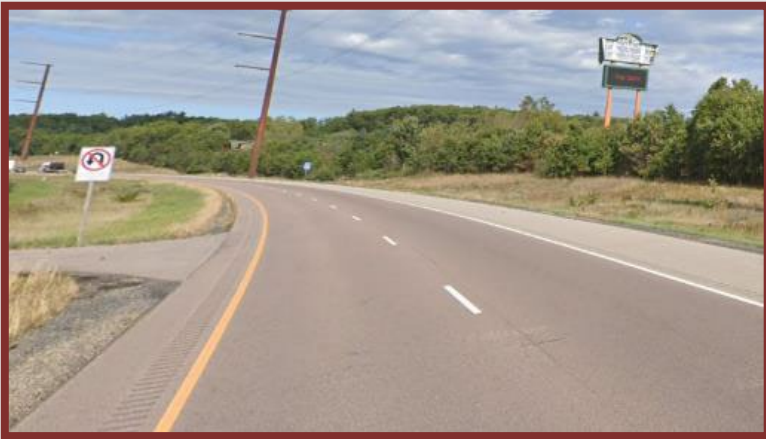
Project Information

- We are proposing to improve nine miles of westbound I-94.
 - This is a priority interstate route with local community access.
- Deteriorated pavement is the primary project need.
 - Pavement was reconstructed in 1968.
 - New concrete pavement was added on top of existing pavement in 1981.
 - Pavement repairs occurred in 1991 and 2008.
 - Asphaltic overlays were placed in 2009 and 2016.
- The pavement is nearing the end of its service life and cannot be further rehabilitated.



Additional Project Needs

- Deteriorated drainage culverts
- Roadside drainage ditches filled with sediment
- Deteriorated guardrail that does not meet current design standards
- Deteriorated right-of-way fencing along westbound I-94



Additional Project Needs

- Bridge structure needs
 - Eastbound and westbound I-94 bridges over County O
 - Concrete pier damage and deterioration of paint on steel girders
 - Westbound I-94 bridges over UP RR, Aspen Avenue and County EW
 - Bridge deck deterioration



Proposed Improvements

- Full-depth pavement reconstruction
 - Nine miles of westbound I-94
 - County O and County EW westbound interchange exit and entrance ramps
 - County O and County EW between the ramp intersections
- Roadside improvements
 - Replace select culverts and complete repairs/cleaning where required
 - Add riprap (stone to prevent erosion) at outlet of culvert at Rudd Creek
 - Replace guardrail



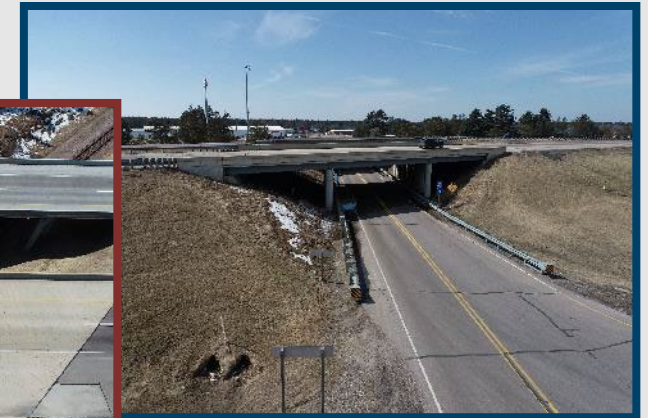
Proposed Improvements

- Additional roadside improvements
 - Install ramp gates at County EW entrance ramps
 - Allows closure of ramps in an emergency
 - Replace select signing
 - Install new pavement marking
 - Replace right-of-way fence along westbound I-94
 - Include measures to address safe wildlife movement in cooperation with WDNR
 - Increased height to help minimize wildlife migration into the highway right of way
 - Lower height locations to promote wildlife to leave the highway right of way



Proposed Improvements

- Repair bridges to extend their service lives
 - Eastbound and westbound Bridges B-27-59/60 over County O
 - Repair concrete piers and paint the girders
 - Westbound Bridges B-41-63, 65, & 67 over the UP Railroad, Aspen Avenue, and County EW
 - Complete polymer overlays on the bridge decks



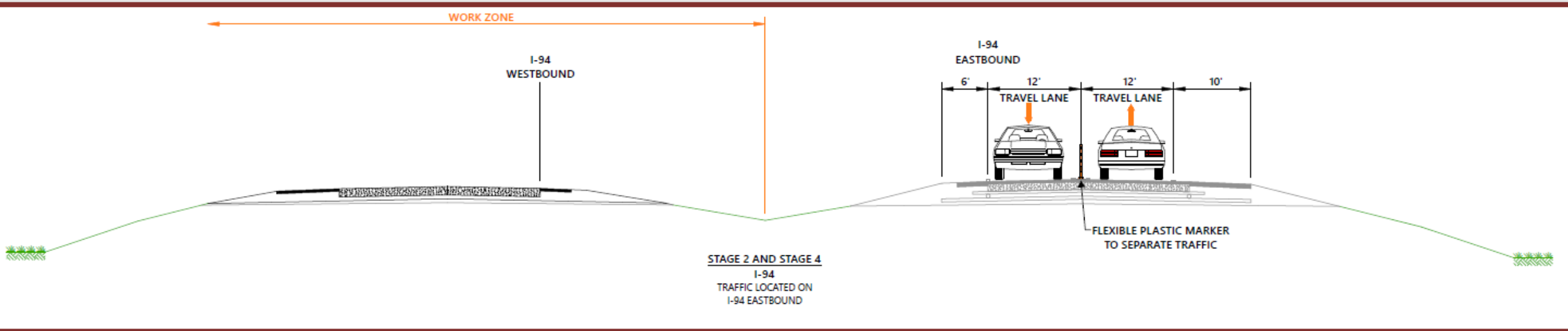
Proposed Traffic Impacts

- Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2027.
 - Work is planned to occur from fall 2027 through spring 2030.
 - Construction could begin as early fall 2026 pending funding.
- Staging will minimize impacts to peak traffic periods.
 - I-94 cannot have long-term lane closures after Memorial Day.
 - Interchanges and ramps will not be closed at the same time.



Proposed Traffic Impacts

- I-94 traffic will operate bidirectionally – one lane in each direction – along eastbound I-94 during pavement work.



Proposed Traffic Impacts

- Proposed stages (subject to favorable weather conditions)
 - Stage 1 - Fall 2027: Complete temporary work on I-94 with single-lane closures
 - Stage 2 - Spring 2028: Construct I-94 in Jackson County under bidirectional traffic conditions
 - Stage 3 - Summer/fall 2028: Complete County O interchange
 - Stage 4 - Spring 2029: Construct I-94 in Monroe County under bidirectional traffic conditions
 - Stage 5 - Summer/fall 2029: Complete temporary work on I-94 with single-lane closures
 - Stage 6 - Spring 2030: Complete County EW interchange



Proposed Traffic Impacts

- Ramp closures
 - Close westbound ramps at County O and County EW during interchange work
 - Ramps not closed at the same time; post ramp detours
- County O (summer/fall 2028)
 - Complete County O with one-lane signalized traffic conditions
 - Short-term closure for some paving operations; post detour for vehicles
 - Maintain ATV traffic under I-94 at all times
- County EW (spring 2030)
 - Close and detour County EW
 - Spring 2030 work to avoid summer and fall tourism and events near Warrens



Real Estate & Project Costs

- All work is anticipated to occur within the existing right of way.
 - Spot locations of existing fencing are outside of right of way.
 - WisDOT will work with individual property owners to remove, if required.
- Construction is currently estimated at \$32M to \$35M.



Business Coordination

We're In This Together!

- Visit wisconsindot.gov/together
 - Tips, tools and resources
 - Business coordination guide
- Project team is here to help
 - What information would help you...
 - Inform customers about the project?
 - Coordinate with suppliers?
 - Communicate with employees?



Project Schedule

- Data collection – 2022
- Concept plan development and agency coordination – 2023-24
- Local official meeting – Sept. 16, 2024
- Public involvement comment period – Sept./Oct. 2024
- Environmental document – Winter 2024
- Preliminary plans – Spring 2025
- Final plans – Feb. 1, 2026 (early)
- Business coordination meeting – Spring 2027 (if required)
- Construction – Fall 2027 through spring 2030
 - Construction could begin as early as fall 2026 if funds become available.
 - Additional local and public meetings will be held if necessary.



Public Input & Comments

- Public comments be accepted through **Oct. 18, 2024, by:**

- **Phone:**

- Project Manager: Zach VanOstrand, (612) 427-2838

- **Email:**

- Zach.VanOstrand@peservicesmn.com

- **Mail:** Wisconsin Department of Transportation
718 W. Clairemont Ave.
Eau Claire, WI 54701
Attn.: Christena O'Brien

Deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind and speech-disabled persons should contact the Wisconsin Relay Service by dialing 711.

- **Project website:**

- <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/i94blackriverfalls/default.aspx>

