

Public Involvement Handout

US 12

**Menomonie – Eau Claire
WIS 29 to Princeton Drive
Dunn County
Project ID: 7600-00-72**

WIS 40

**Elk Mound - Bloomer
US 12 to County M
Dunn County
Project ID: 8620-00-75**



February 2025

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 in Dunn County on US 12 from Princeton Drive to WIS 29 and on WIS 40 from US 12 to County M. 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.

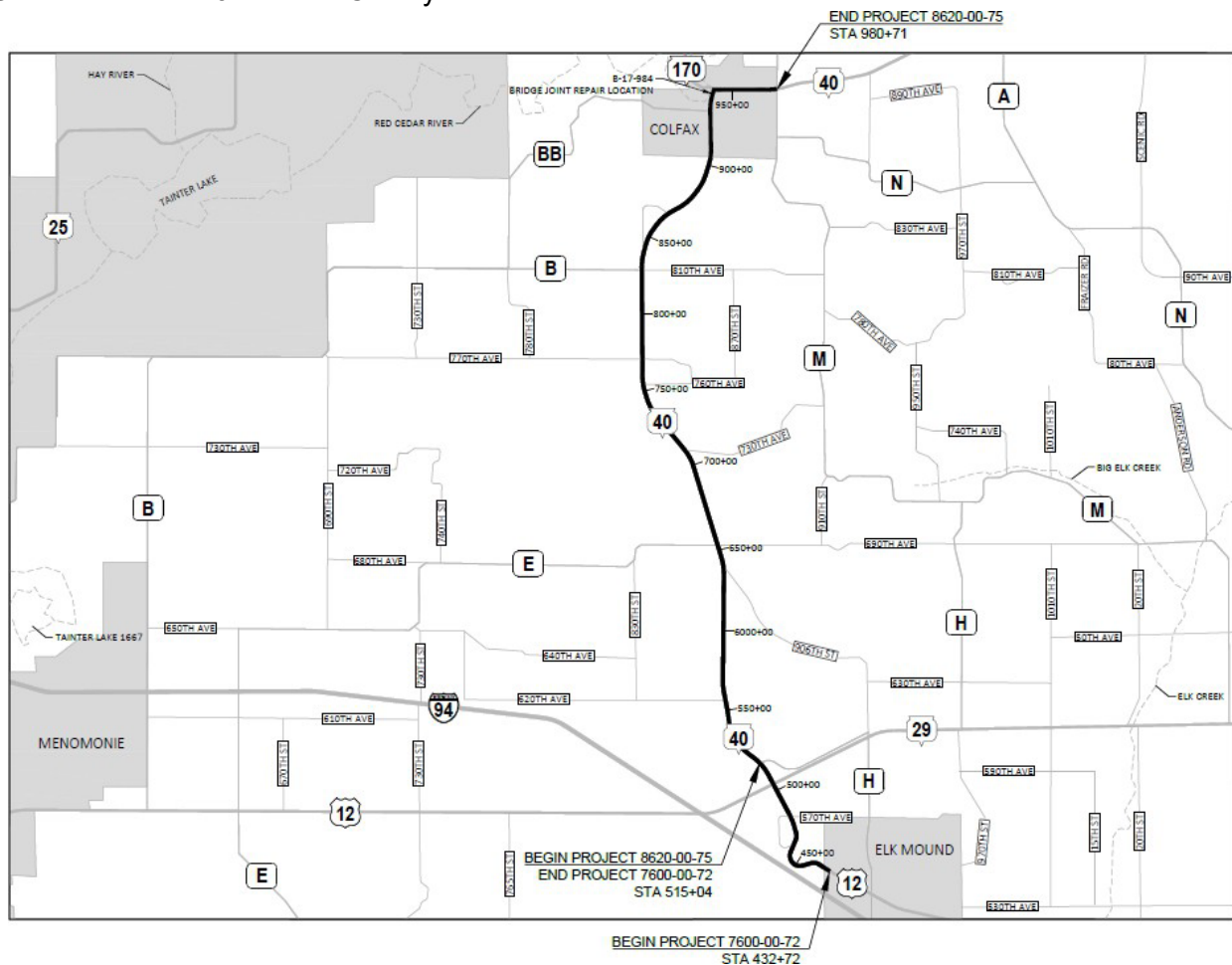
Purpose and need for roadway improvements

The purpose of the proposed project is to make sure these segments of US 12 and WIS 40 continue to carry traffic safely by eliminating deficient road features.

The need for the project is due to the roadway deficiencies, deteriorating culvert pipes, cub ramp deficiencies, and safety.

Project location

US 12 and WIS 40 in Dunn County



Anticipated benefits

- Extends life of pavement
- Improves roadway safety
- Eliminates need for future maintenance costs saving taxpayer dollars in the future

Proposed improvements

This is a rehabilitation-level project. Proposed improvements include:

- Milling 2.25 inches of existing asphalt and paving 3.25 inches of hot-mix asphalt in rural areas
- Milling 3.25 inches of existing asphalt and paving 3.25 inches of hot-mix asphalt in urban areas
- Replacing joints on the Eighteen Mile Creek Bridge in village of Colfax
- Placing centerline rumble strips in rural areas
- Replacing cross culverts, along with sidewalk curb ramps and the railroad crossing in the village of Colfax

Traffic impacts

During most construction operations, motorists will encounter single-lane closures controlled by flagging on US 12 and WIS 40. During the railroad crossing replacement, WIS 40 will be detoured via 5th Avenue, Dunn Street and East Railroad Avenue for one week.

Real Estate

In the village of Colfax, right of way and temporary limited easements is being acquired for pedestrian curb ramp replacements.

Schedule

Public involvement process: February 2025

Final plan submittal: Aug. 1, 2025

Construction: 2026

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed improvement project. Please mail comments about the proposed project by **Feb. 28, 2025**. You may also email your comments to the contacts listed below.

Your comments assist us in developing a project 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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Business

In This Together Program

*A quick guide to help your business
prepare for road construction*

1 ORGANIZE EARLY



- Learn more about the project and its timeline
- Develop questions for WisDOT staff
- Check in with neighboring businesses and/or local business organization



- *Can you partner on promotions, events or materials?*
- *Establish a point of contact for the business community?*

2 STAY ENGAGED WITH THE PROJECT



- Attend public involvement meeting(s)
- Make note of contact information for the project team, and voice the unique needs of your business
- Learn more about project resources



- *Is there a construction website?*
- *Is there a mailing list?*
- *Is there an email distribution?*

3 HELP CUSTOMERS FIND YOU



- Consult with project staff to determine when and where there may be closures or detours
- Ask about temporary signage options
- Consider how best to inform customers



- *Maybe a joint communication with neighboring businesses for employees and customers about traffic and parking?*
- *Maybe a feature article in a customer-facing newsletter?*
- *Maybe a social media post shared by businesses and local community pages?*

4 DEVELOP AND ACTIVATE YOUR GAME PLAN



- Check out case studies at wisconsindot.gov/together
- Connect with project contacts to discuss any potential obstacles specific to your business such as deliveries, operational hours, employee parking, etc.
- Check in with employees



- *Is there a consistent message for customers?*
- *Are there temporary changes to shift times, parking, or deliveries?*

5 END OF CONSTRUCTION



- Stay positive, be flexible and know that WisDOT staff are available to help
- Collect any temporary signage
- Let customers know!



- *Consider working with other businesses on a special event?*
- *Share social media about the project's benefits?*
- *Ask customers to help spread the word?*



Remember, we are In This Together! For more planning ideas, tips and resources: wisconsindot.gov/together

WisDOT Project Public Comment Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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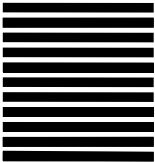
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