

Public Involvement

**US 2
Ashland - Saxon
Beartrap Creek Bridge B-02-0014
Ashland County**

Project ID: 1189-01-02



April 2025

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/us2beartrapcreek/default.aspx>

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

Purpose

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed rehabilitation of the bridge that carries US 2 over Beartrap Creek in the town of Sanborn, Ashland County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts and offer an opportunity for public comment.

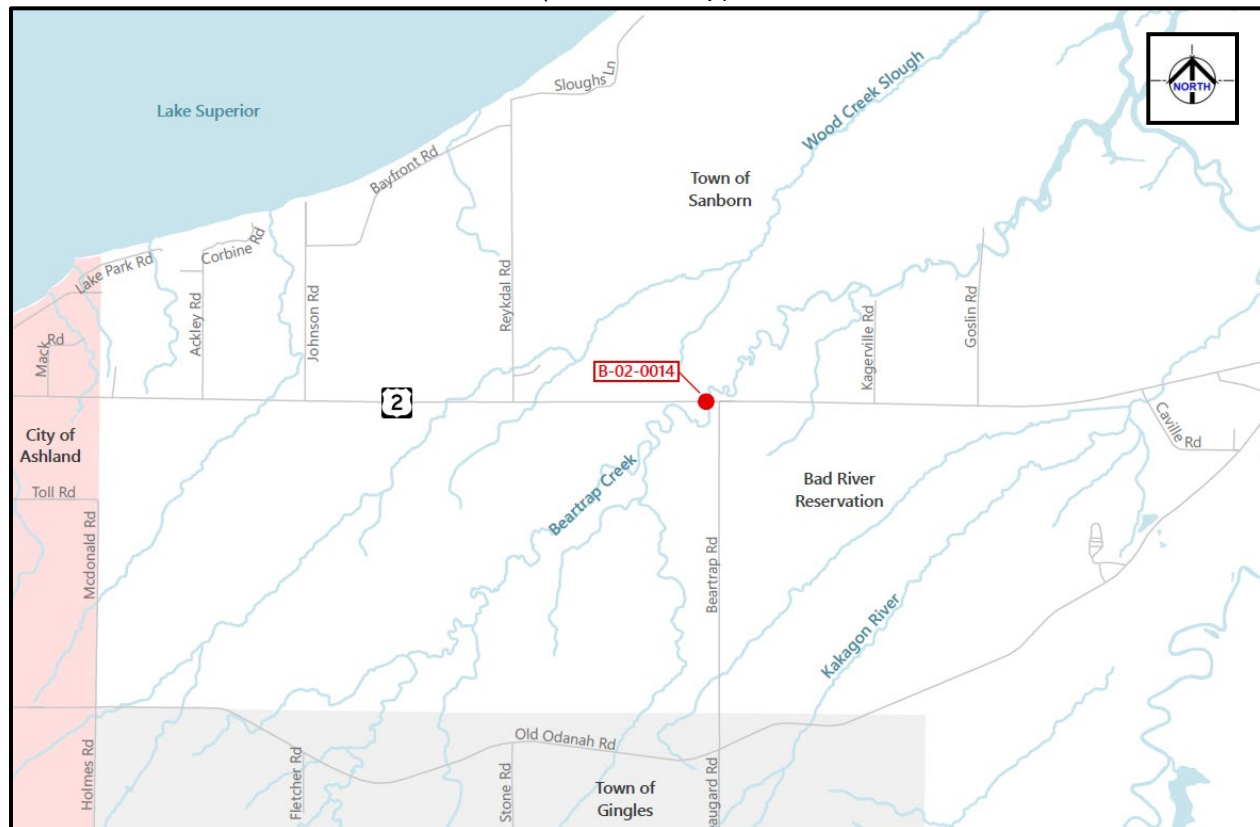
Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process.

Included at the end of this handout 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 it. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to the contact listed below.

Project location

The project is in the town of Sanborn on the Bad River Reservation just west of Beartrap Road.

(Location Map)



Project purpose and need

The bridge was constructed in 1976, and an asphaltic overlay was placed on the deck in 2011. The existing bridge (B-02-0014) is showing signs of distress.

- The existing asphaltic overlay is failing (cracking throughout).
- There are areas of cracking concrete on the structure.
- There is also some missing riprap (stone) under the bridge, which protects the bridge in high-water conditions.
- The existing guardrail is deteriorated and does not meet current design standards.

Proposed improvements

The proposed improvements would include:

- Removing the asphaltic overlay and placing a new concrete overlay on the bridge.
- Making concrete surface repairs to the bridge railing and other spot locations.
- Replacing missing riprap (stone for erosion control) below the structure.
- Replacing guardrail and paving the roadway approaches at the bridge.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled for 2028.

- US 2 will remain open to one lane of traffic controlled by temporary traffic signals at the bridge.
 - Project staff will evaluate the possible closure of Beartrap Road within the work zone
- Local and emergency access will be maintained along US 2.
- Work is anticipated to take two to three months to complete.
- All work is dependent upon favorable weather conditions.

Real estate

All work will occur inside the existing right of way.

Project schedule

- Local Officials Meeting - March 13, 2025
- Public Involvement Comment Period – April/May 2025
- Preliminary Plans - Fall 2025
- Environmental Document - Fall 2025
- Final Plans - May 1, 2027
- Project Bidding - Sept. 14, 2027
- Construction - 2028

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. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

There are several ways to submit your input by **May 7, 2025**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
2. Call or email comments or questions to Andrew Peterson, the project manager; see contact information below

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

For more information, please contact:

Andrew Peterson
WisDOT Consultant Project Manager
(608) 792-6851
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****SCROLL DOWN FOR THE COMMENT FORM****



Open for
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

Public Involvement 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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