

Public Involvement

US 2
Superior – Wentworth
US 53 S to County D
Douglas County
Project ID: 1180-01-02



February 2025

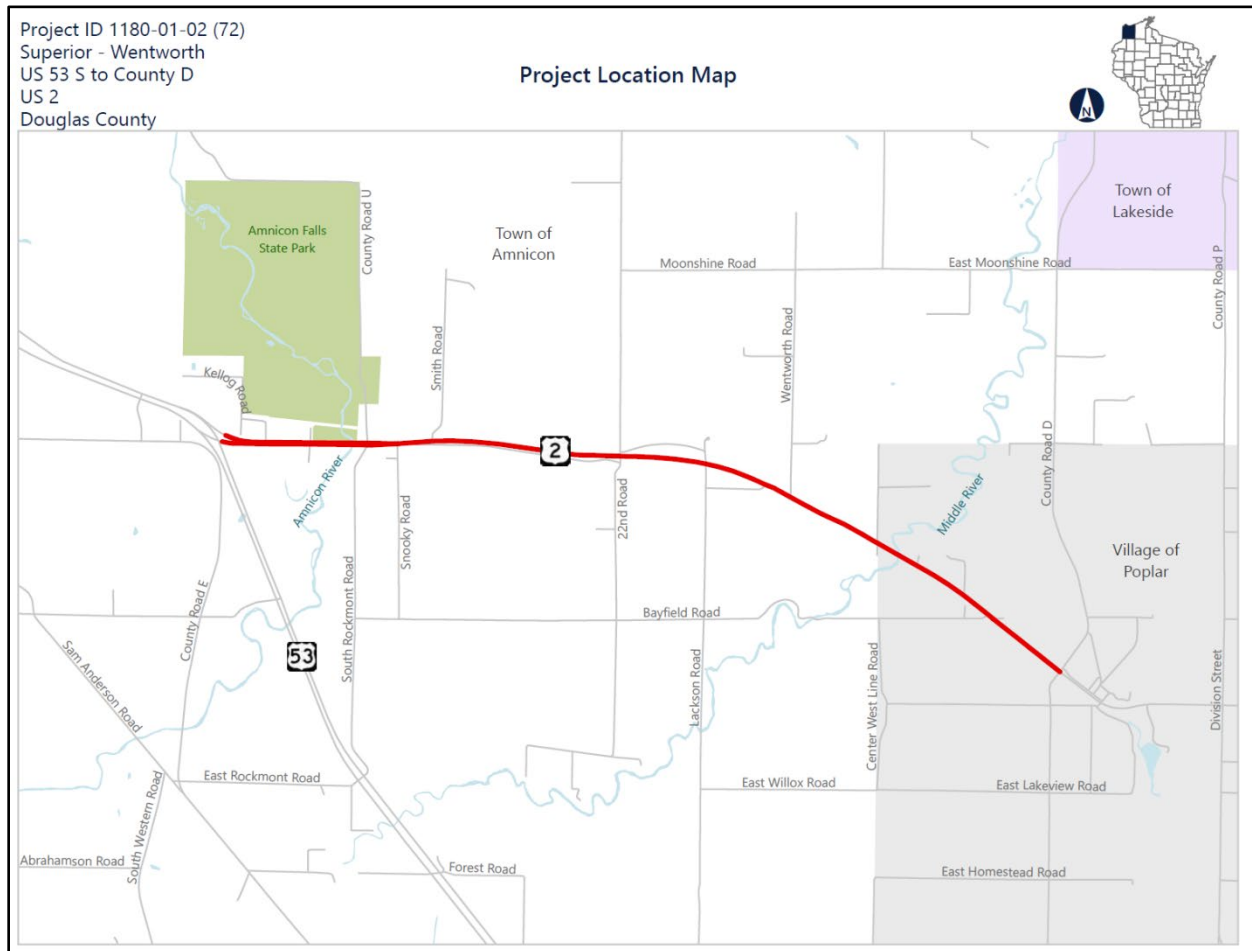
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Purpose

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements along US 2 in Douglas 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.

Project Information

We are proposing to improve approximately five miles of US 2 in Douglas County. The US 2 project extends from US 53 South in the town of Amnicon to County D in the village of Poplar.



We have identified several needs, including:

- Deteriorating asphalt pavement with a segment of settled and heaved pavement between County U and Wentworth Road
- Deteriorated and outdated guardrail that does not meet current design standards
- Deteriorated drainage culverts and inlets
- Spot curb and gutter deterioration
- Ongoing erosion on the roadway side slope at one location

**Proposed improvements include:**

- Resurfacing the asphalt pavement (five miles)
- Repairing two culverts and completing culvert and ditch cleaning at spot locations
- Repairing inlets
- Completing erosion repair at one location on the roadway side slope
- Replacing guardrail at two locations
- Removing driveway for closed borrow site
- Replacing centerline and shoulder rumble strips to maintain safe operating conditions
- Installing new pavement markings

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in spring of 2028 but could be completed as early as 2027.

During construction, motorists can expect to encounter daily flagging operations and single-lane closures. The need for a detour to complete paving near US 53 is possible but not anticipated. Motorists can expect some delays to occur during flagging and lane closures, but delays will be managed through limiting contractor operations at critical times.

Access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

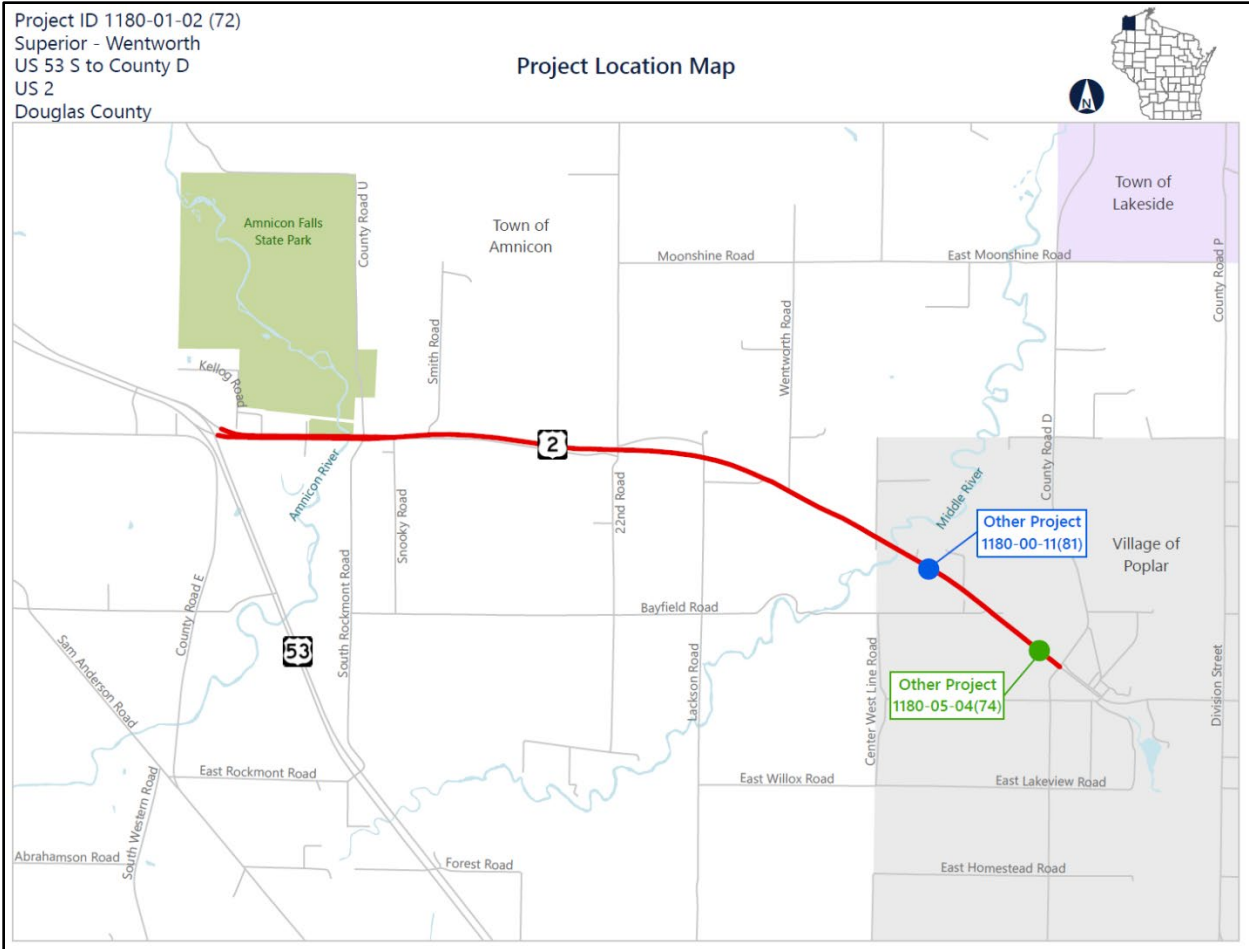
Construction is currently scheduled for completion in fall of 2028.

Real estate

All work is anticipated to be completed within the existing US 2 right of way. If right-of-way needs are determined, those property owners will be contacted directly.

Other projects

Projects 1180-00-11 and 1180-05-04 are also located within the project limits. Both other projects are scheduled for construction in 2027 and will replace large culverts under US 2 and the Tri-County Corridor. See the location map below.



Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	January 2025
Public involvement comment period	January/February 2025
Environmental document	Winter 2025
Preliminary plans	Summer 2025
Final plans	May 1, 2026
Construction currently scheduled	Spring/Summer/Fall 2028 (Construction could begin as early as spring 2027 if funds become available)

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 **March 4, 2025**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this handout and mail it to WisDOT
2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below

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For more information, please contact:

Jeff Olson
Northwest Region Project Supervisor
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
(715) 395-3032
Jeffrey.Olson@dot.wi.gov

To keep up on project updates, visit its design website at:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/us2douglascounty/default.aspx>

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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:
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional):

Would you like someone to contact you about this project: Yes ___ No ___

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Attn.: Jeff Olson

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