



# **WIS 13 Proposed Improvements Bayfield County**

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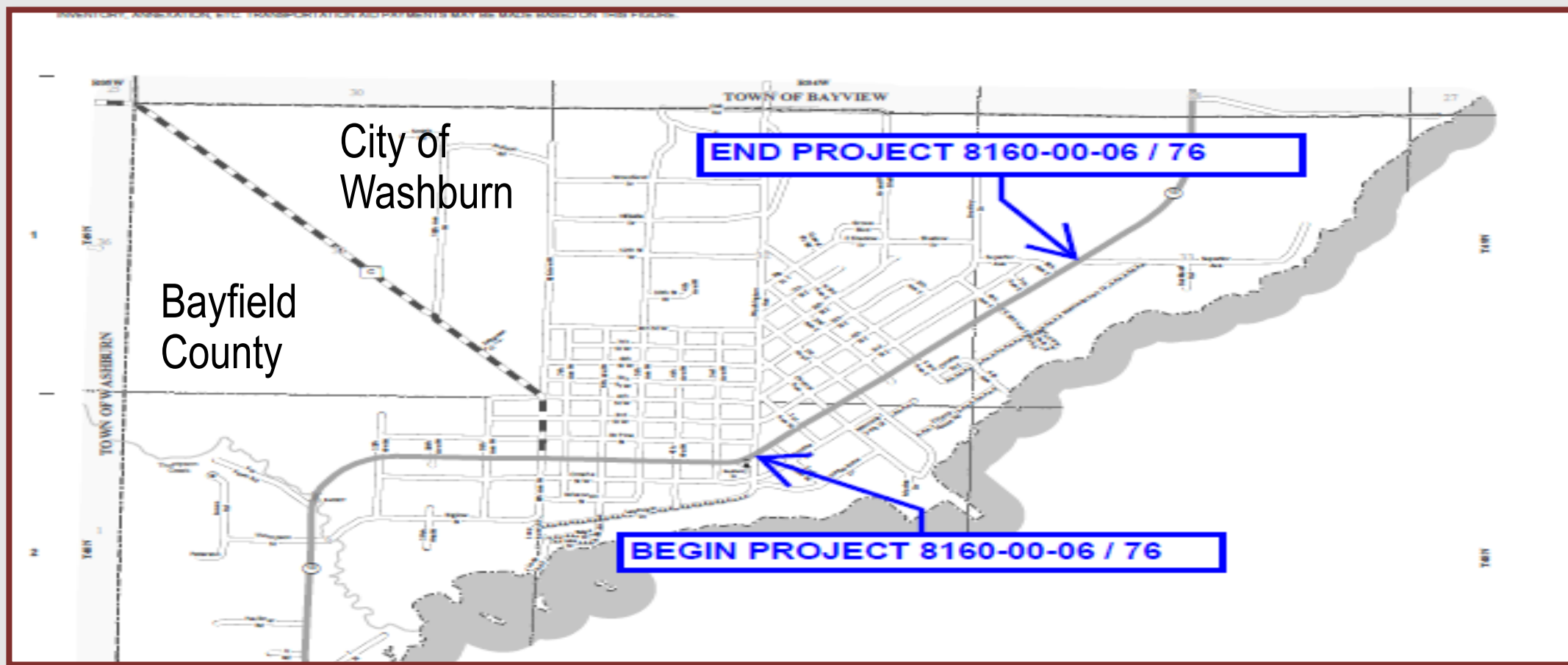




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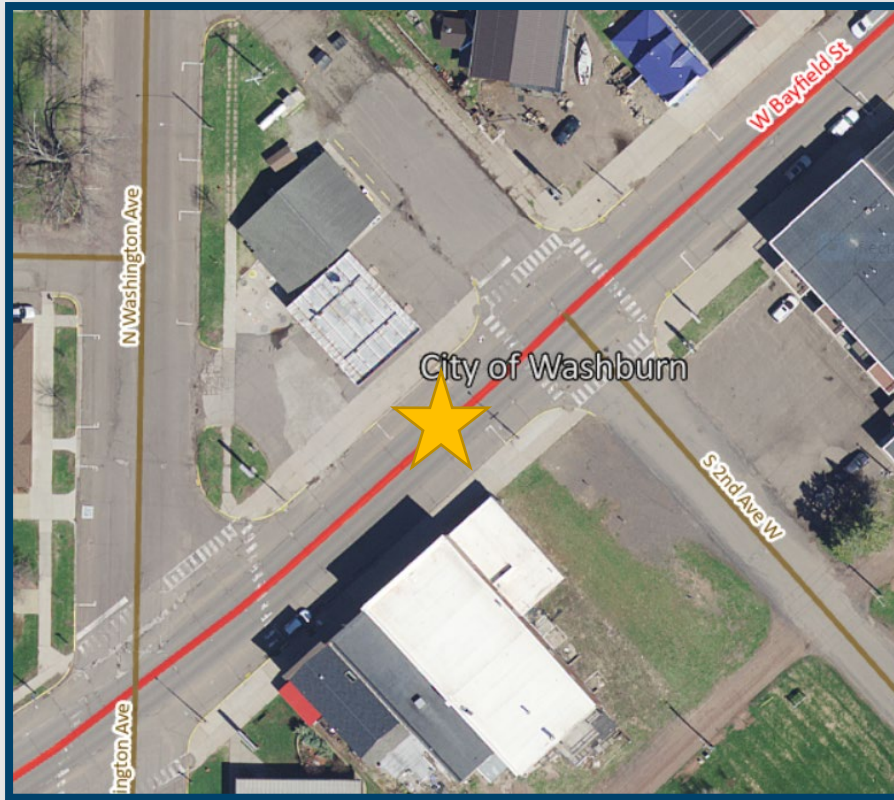




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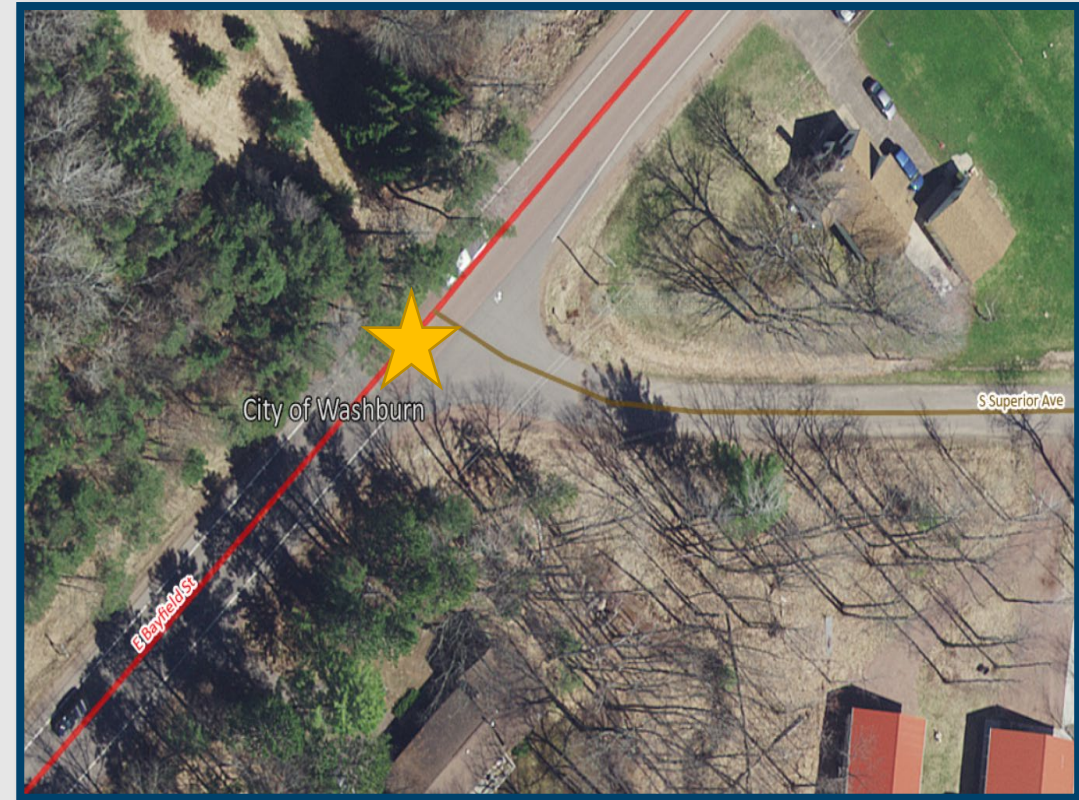
Begin Project Location

Washington Avenue / 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West



End Project Location

Superior Avenue





# Route Importance

- WIS 13 is the main route from Ashland to Bayfield through the city of Washburn.
  - 7,200 vehicles per day (2018)
    - Of those, 11 are trucks as the highway is a designated long-truck route in Wisconsin.



# Purpose and Need

- Purpose: To maintain a safe and efficient transportation system.
- Need: To address the deterioration of the existing roadway and underground utilities and the substandard sidewalk curb ramps.





# Considered Alternatives

- **No Build:** Maintain the existing facility with no improvements other than routine maintenance.
- **Resurfacing:** Mill the existing asphalt pavement, overlay with new asphaltic pavement and perform spot concrete pavement repairs.
- ★ • **Pavement Replacement:** Replace the entire depth of pavement, base course, subbase, storm sewer and culvert pipes; upgrade all sidewalk curb ramps; and add sidewalk on the south side from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East to Superior Avenue.



# Proposed Improvements

- Remove the existing pavement and base and place base aggregate and new subbase material under the entire length.
- Place concrete pavement from between Washington Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West to the east side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East and asphalt pavement from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East to Superior Avenue.
- Replace sidewalk on both sides to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East and install on the south side only from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East to Superior Avenue.
- Replace curb ramps, streetlights, signs and pavement markings.

# Proposed Traffic Impacts

- During construction, a full closure of WIS 13 is proposed.
  - Small vehicle traffic would be detoured using Maki Road and WIS 13.
  - Large truck traffic would be detoured using County C and WIS 13.
- Work is expected to start at Superior Avenue and proceed to the west in stages, with each taking about 45 calendar days.



# Real Estate Needs

- Permanent right of way is anticipated on the corners of intersections for pedestrian curb ramp installation, sidewalk improvements and utility service replacements.
- Temporary limited easements (TLE) also will be needed throughout the project limits for tying in roadway side slopes, installing sidewalks and restoring turf.
- WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in August 2025.





# Legion Park Impacts

- During construction, there might be access restrictions to Legion Park.
- It is anticipated that up to a 10-foot strip of land between the park and WIS 13 might be needed to blend lawn areas with the new proposed adjacent sidewalk.
- A triangle area of permanent right of way might be required at the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East / WIS 13 intersection for the installation of a proposed pedestrian curb ramp meeting current standards.





# Schedule

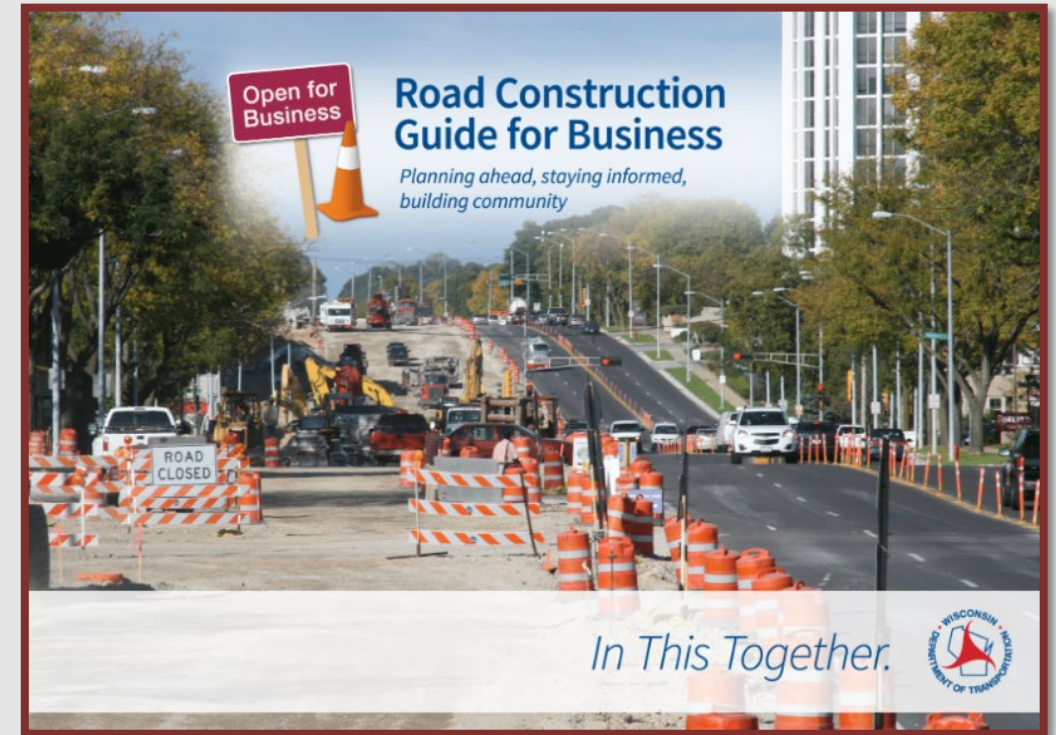
- Oct 22, 2024: Hold public information meeting 2 and accept public comment submissions through Nov. 1, 2024.
- October to November: Complete plans to 60% based on public comments and design standards
- November to December 2024: Determine right of way needs.
- Aug. 1, 2026: Submit final plans, specifications and estimates.
- May 2027: Construction.



# Business Coordination

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- Visit [wisconsindot.gov/together](https://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?





# Public Comment

- Submit by Nov. 1, 2024, by:
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