Public Involvement Handout

WIS 25 Durand - Menomonie US 10 to Dunn County Line Pepin County

Project ID: 7220-01-02/72



August 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 on 4.1 miles of WIS 25 in Pepin 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.

Public input/comments

Your comments will assist in developing a project that will service both the needs of the traveling public and the local community and are appreciated throughout the design process. A comment form is provided at the end of this handout to submit written feedback on the proposed project. You are welcome to fill out this form and return using the pre-paid mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to any of the contacts listed below.

Project location

WIS 25 from just north of US 10 to the Dunn County line in Pepin County.

Project purpose and need

The purpose of the proposed action is to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system by addressing roadway deficiencies. This stretch of WIS 25 displays notable wear and surface deterioration from heavy trucking traffic. The widening of the paved shoulders and addition of rumble strips is necessary for improved traffic safety. The guardrail sections throughout the project must be updated to match current safety specifications. Culverts crossing under WIS 25 and the ditches running along WIS 25 play a crucial role in maintaining proper drainage of the highway. Cleaning and maintenance of these facilities improves the longevity of the existing roadway and provides safe passage for the traveling public.



Anticipated benefits

Resurfacing and widening the road serves motorists with a smoother, safer ride that imposes less wear on vehicles while extending the life of the pavement surface. The objective is to

decrease maintenance costs and eliminate the need for ongoing improvements which guarantee taxpayer savings in the future. Cleaning culverts and ditches will ensure that the flow of water is clear of the roadway and reduces the risk of flooding to adjacent properties during heavy rain events.

Proposed improvements

Proposed improvements include:

- Mill 2 inches of the existing surface and pave 2 inches of hot mix asphalt
- Widening the paved shoulder to 5 feet
- Installing shoulder rumble strips from Lakeview Lane to the Dunn County line
- Resurfacing the wayside
- Replacing all guardrail
- Cleaning culverts and ditches

Traffic impacts

WIS 25 will remain open to traffic during construction with lane closures and flagging operations. Local and emergency access will be maintained during construction.

Schedule

- Environmental document: October 2025
- Final design is anticipated to be completed in May 2031. The project may be advanced to final design by August 2028.
- Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2032. The project may be advanced to construction in 2029 pending available funding.

Real estate

Some minor FEE/TLE acquisitions may be required for this project. Members of the real estate team will contact the affected property owners.

Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones or impacted by detour routes have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to business, organizations and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. It includes promotional examples, case studies and a specially designed Business Coordination Guide with information on:

- Planning ahead
- Staying informed
- Keeping customers informed
- Tips for businesses

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at www.wisconsindot.gov/Together. See the guide for information regarding placing temporary business signage during construction.

Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT by the date provided using one of the following methods

- 1. Fill out the form attached to this document and mail to WisDOT.
- 2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.
- 3. Call the contact below.

Project contacts

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WisDOT Public Comment Form

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Please return this form by **Sept. 14, 2025**, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be emailed to nspitzer@hntb.com. Your comments will assist in developing a project that will service both the needs of the traveling public and the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

Name:
Address:
Daytime Phone Number (optional):
Email Address (optional):
Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and signatures is not confidential and may be subject to disclosure upon request pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin statutes.

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