# **Public Involvement Meeting Handout**

WIS 29
County D to WIS 13
Clark County

Project ID: 1050-01-74



Aug. 6, 2024 5:30 to 7 p.m. Abbotsford City Hall

#### Purpose of the meeting

The objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs and proposed improvements along WIS 29 from County D in Owen east to WIS 13 in Abbotsford in Clark County.

#### Purpose and need for roadway improvements

The project's primary purpose is improving the condition of the pavement on WIS 29 to provide motorists with a highway that both meets safety standards and provides a high level of service.

The project is needed to address the condition of the existing pavement on WIS 29 and at the three interchanges within the project limits: Cardinal Avenue, County E and Hi Line Avenue. Pavement distress includes cracking, failing joints and rutting.

In addition, the decks on the east- and westbound bridges over County D and the railroad tracks just to the east of County D are showing signs of deterioration, and culvert work is needed to address drainage issues.

If no action is taken, the pavement structure life will be significantly reduced, and the ride quality will continue to worsen. The original WIS 29 pavement was placed in the 1990s.

### **Project location**



## Recommended improvements

WisDOT is proposing the following to improve just more than 12 miles of WIS 29:

- Repairing the existing concrete pavement on WIS 29 and the ramps at the County E interchange and then overlaying the roadway and ramps with asphalt pavement.
- Overlaying the ramps at Cardinal Avenue east of Owen and Hi Line Avenue in Abbotsford with asphalt.
- Replacing guardrail to meet current WisDOT standards.
- Repairing the decks on the east- and westbound WIS 29 bridges over County D and the railroad tracks to the east and placing a thin bonded polymer overlay over them.
- Cleaning and repairing culverts to improve drainage.
- Repairing the median inlets near Owen adjacent to concrete barrier wall.

• Completing minor grading of ditches.

#### **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction currently is scheduled for 2026, with work beginning in the spring and ending in the fall.

During construction, motorists will encounter:

- Short-term lane closures during pavement repair and asphalt paving, with all lanes open to weekend traffic.
- Longer lane closures for bridge repair work.
- Closure of County E and Cardinal Avenue ramps during pavement repair and asphalt paving. When ramps are closed, traffic will be directed to the next interchange to then circle back on WIS 29 to a corresponding open ramp.
- Flagging on the ramps to and from Hi Line Avenue.

Temporary concrete barrier will be placed along the lane closures at the locations of barrier wall inlet repair. The barrier is needed to protect motorists and construction workers where space for repairs is restricted.

#### Real estate

No real estate purchases are anticipated.

## Project update/next steps

Preliminary design has begun, and final design will be completed by Aug. 1, 2025.

## **Public input/comments**

Attached to this handout is a sheet for your input regarding the proposed project. Please leave your comments in the comment box tonight or mail them before Aug. 27, 2024. Comments and questions also can be directed by phone or email to:

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## **Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form**

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Please place this form in the comment box or mail it by **Aug. 27, 2024**, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments also can be emailed to <u>zachvanostrand@peservicesmn.com</u>. 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.

Name:
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Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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