

# Bridge Replacement County X Bridge over WIS 29

Public Involvement Meeting  
Lafayette Town Hall, Chippewa Falls, WI

Nov. 20, 2024

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

# Agenda

- Project Team
- Project Location
- Project Needs
- Project Improvements
- Traffic Impacts
- Project Schedule
- Public Comments

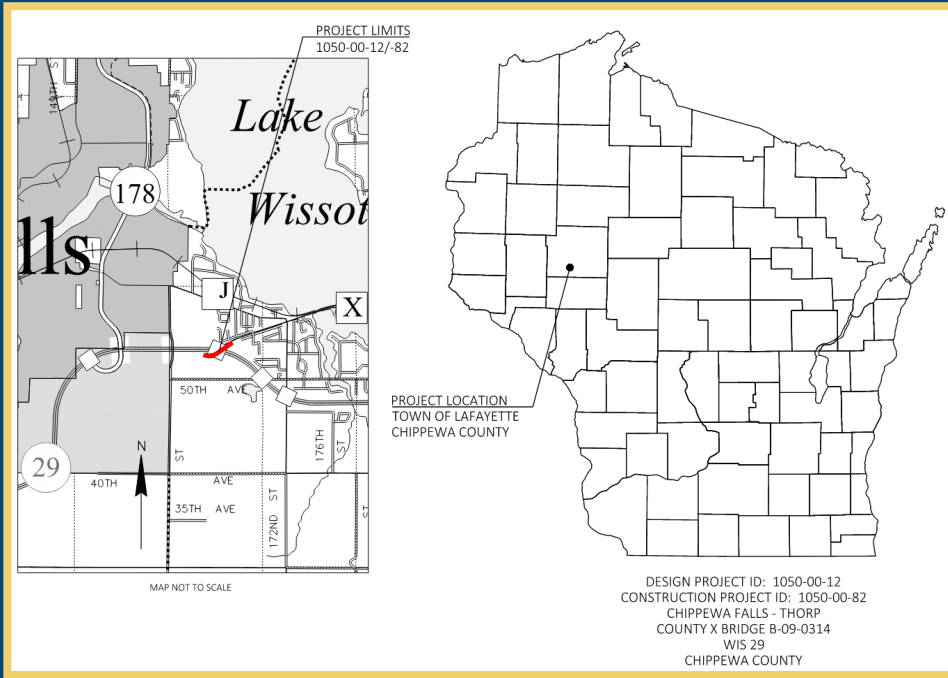


# Project Team

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# Project Location





# Project Needs

- Service life of bridge
  - Original bridge built: 1966
  - Asphalt deck overlay: 1997
  - Bridge beams painted: 1999
  - Protective surface treatment placed: 2023





# Project Needs

- Bridge deck
  - Broken curb head exposing steel
  - Distressed asphalt driving surface



# Project Needs

- Bridge beams and substructure
  - Distressed steel beams
  - Distressed substructure concrete





# Project Needs

- Guardrail
  - Service life nearly exceeded
  - Current standards not met
- Culverts
  - Pipe joints separating
  - Standing water in the pipes





# Project Improvements

- Remove and replace existing bridge
  - The project will increase the vertical height of the structure to meet current standards.
- Replace the approach pavement on either side of the structure
- Replace guardrail on the bridge approaches and in the WIS 29 median
- Replace the culvert pipes under the eastbound WIS 29 exit ramp to County X, along with right-of-way fence



# Traffic Impacts

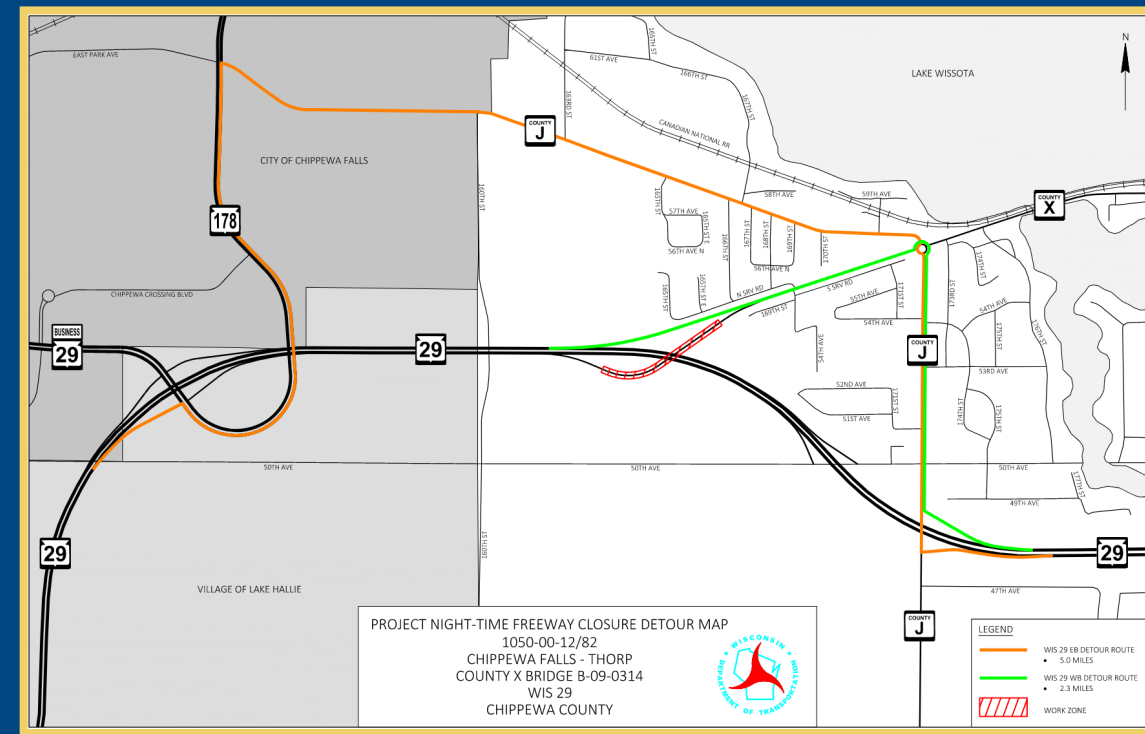
- WIS 29
  - During peak travel times, both lanes of traffic in each direction will be open in the work zone.
  - During nonpeak travel times, one lane of traffic in each direction will be open in the work zone.
  - Construction will require six to eight full nighttime closures.
- County X
  - The ramp from eastbound WIS 29 to County X will be closed for the duration of construction.



# Traffic Impacts

## WIS 29 Nighttime Full Closure Detours

- WIS 29 eastbound shown in **orange**
  - Use exit 79 (WIS 178/Business WIS 29) and follow WIS 178 north to Park Avenue/County J east
- WIS 29 westbound shown in **green**
  - Use exit 81 (County J) and follow County J north to County X west

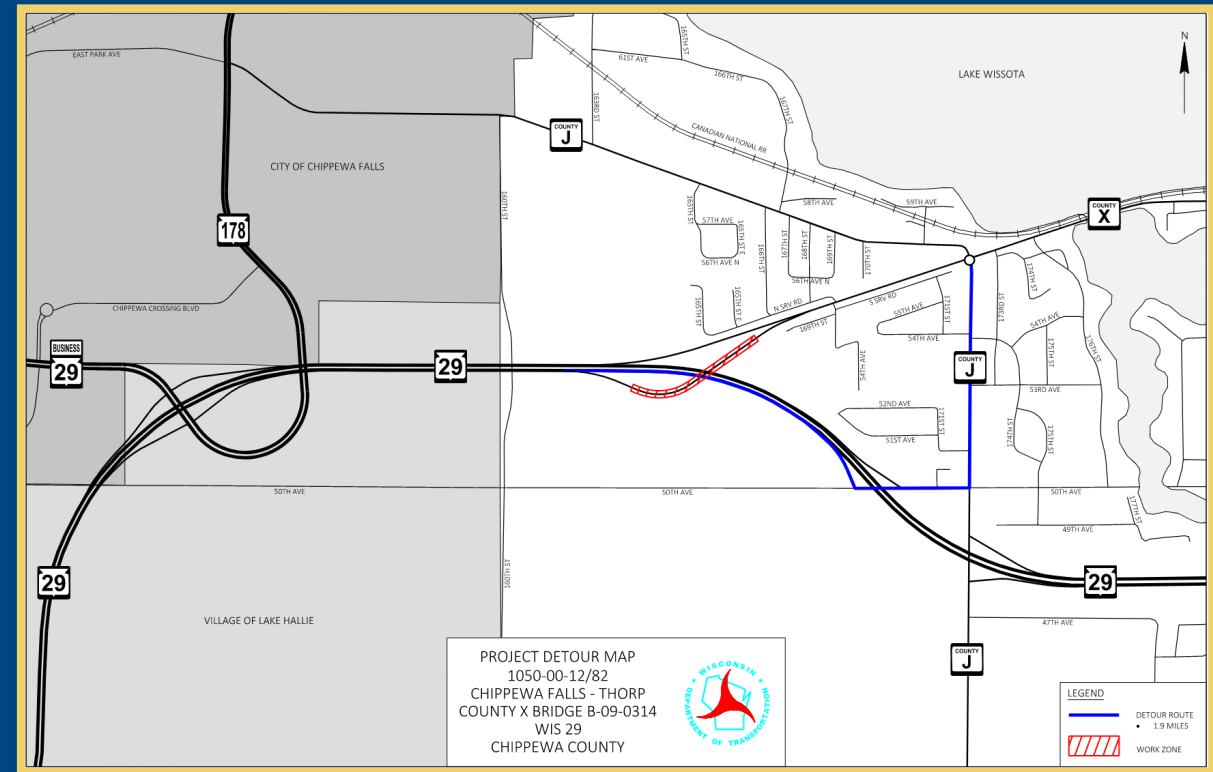




# Traffic Impacts

## Ramp from Eastbound WIS 29 to County X

- County X eastbound ramp detour shown in blue
  - Use exit 81 (50<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Stillson Road) and follow 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to County J north



# Project Schedule

- Local Officials Meeting #1 Nov. 13, 2024
- Public Involvement Meeting #1 Nov. 20, 2024
- Local Officials Meeting #2 Early 2026
- Public Involvement Meeting #2 Early 2026
- Utility Coordination July 2026
- Agency Coordination Ongoing to April 2027
- Final Plans Due May 2027
- Construction Involvement Meeting Prior to construction
- Construction Spring to fall 2028



# Public Comments

## Questions? Comments?

- Comments are being accepted through Dec. 4, 2024, by:
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  - Comment form: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis29countyxbridge/default.aspx>

