

Public Involvement Handout

Project ID: 1050-00-13/83
Chippewa Falls – Thorp
County X Bridge B-09-0022
WIS 29
Chippewa County



January/February 2025

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Purpose

The purpose of this project is to preserve the function, operation and safety of this bridge in the overall transportation system.

Project Information

The proposed project rehabilitates the County X Bridge (B-09-0022), which passes over WIS 29 in the Chippewa County village of Boyd.

Project Location Map



The proposed action is needed to address deteriorating structural components on the bridge and the substandard guardrail systems on the bridge approaches as well as around the pier on WIS 29. Routine structural inspections indicate delaminating, cracking and debonding concrete throughout the deck; corroding exposed steel girders and bearings; spalling and cracking columns, abutments, wings, and caps; and leaking expansion joints.

The current approach guardrail system along County X includes substandard elements, including downturned end terminals, and the bullnose surrounding the pier between the east- and westbound WIS 29 lanes no longer meets standards; those pose safety risks.

Proposed improvements include:

- Replacing the existing concrete bridge deck
- Painting girders and bearings
- Repairing the concrete surface on bridge columns and fiber wrapping them
- Adding concrete pavement approach slabs
- Reconstructing approaches
- Replacing guardrail on County X and the bullnose on WIS 29 around the pier

Environmental studies and historical/archaeological surveys are underway.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction currently is scheduled to begin in 2028.

During construction, WIS 29 will remain open to traffic, but lane closures during non-peak travel times are expected to complete work. County X will be closed to traffic during construction, and traffic will be detoured via County D and County V. In addition,

Real estate

No real estate is required for this project.

Project update/next steps

Environmental document	July 2025
Design Study Report	August 2025
Final plans	August 2027
Scheduled construction	Summer 2028

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 **Feb. 21, 2025**:

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

For more information, please contact:

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Public Involvement Comment Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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