

Project Handout

**WIS 95
County K to WIS 73 South
Jackson and Clark Counties**

Project ID: 7520-00-10



Spring 2025

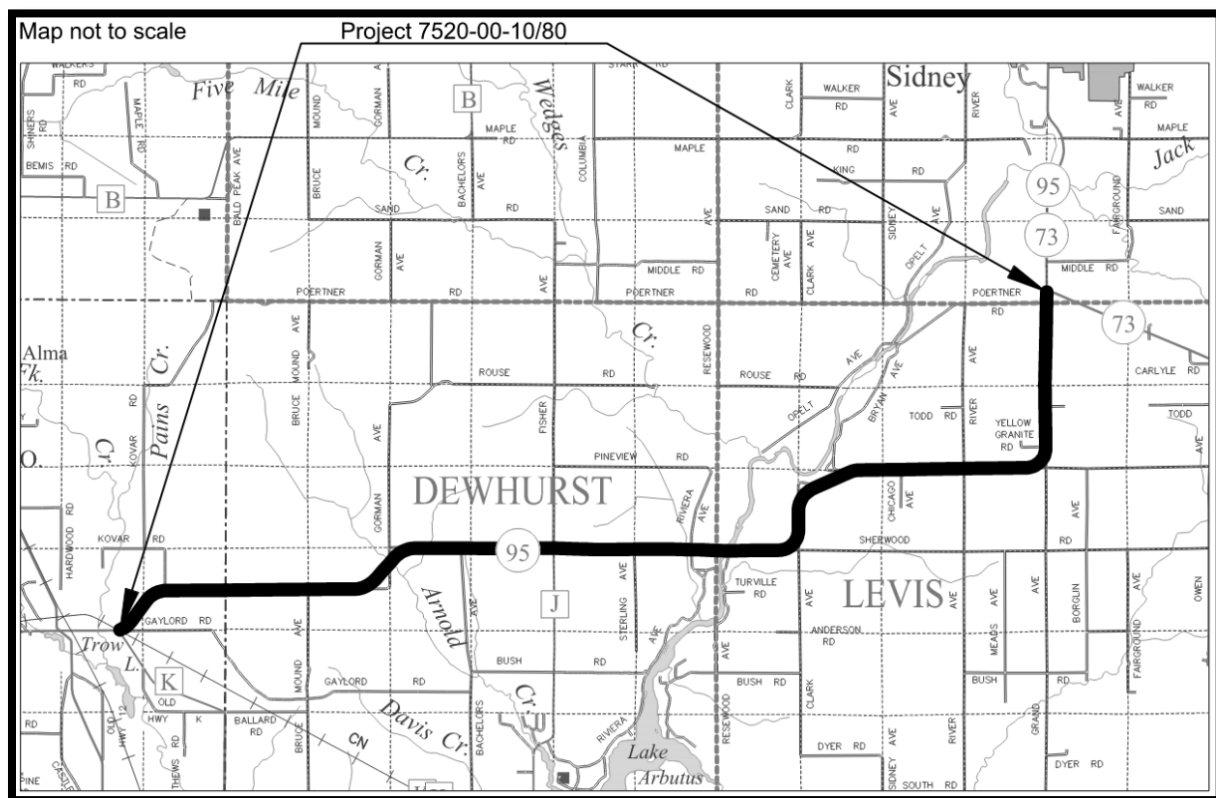
Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is seeking public input on proposed improvements to a segment of WIS 95 in Jackson and Clark counties.

Project information

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proposing to improve approximately 14 miles of WIS 95 in Clark and Jackson County. The WIS 95 project begins at the intersection of County K in the Village of Merrillan and ends at the intersection of WIS 73 South.

WIS 95, 7250-00-10 – Location



WisDOT has identified several needs along this section of WIS 95, including:

- The existing pavement is showing signs of deterioration in various forms of cracking and rutting.
- Culvert pipes are showing signs of deterioration including corrosion, joint separation, damaged or missing end walls and accumulated sediment. In addition, ditches are overgrown impeding drainage.
- Guardrail systems do not meet current design standards.
- The bridge carrying WIS 95 over the Black River northeast of the Jackson County village of Merrillan has settling approaches, shifting of wing walls and spalling of concrete on an abutment.



Proposed improvements include:

- Resurfacing existing asphaltic pavement
 - Milling the top two inches of existing asphaltic pavement, mixing it with emulsions, rejuvenating agents and additives and then placing that on the roadway
 - Completing a chip and fog seal on the newly recycled pavement
- Replacing, repairing or cleaning culverts to ensure proper drainage
- Replacing guardrail and grading side slopes to meet current design standards
- Rehabilitating the Black River Bridge by replacing concrete approaches on both ends of bridge, replacing the east wing walls and making surface repairs to the east abutment
- Installing centerline and shoulder rumble strips to improve safety and reduce run-off-the road crashes
- Placing new pavement markings
- Replacing the railroad crossing on the east side of Merrillan
 - This work is being completed by the railroad during the WisDOT project.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in the spring of 2028.

Proposed traffic impacts

During construction, the public can expect the roadway to remain open to traffic for most work. Motorists can expect to encounter daily moving flagging operations and single-lane closures on WIS 95 during pavement resurfacing operations, guardrail replacement and culvert work. Additional flaggers will be provided at intersecting roadways when the work zone encompasses an intersection or multiple intersections.

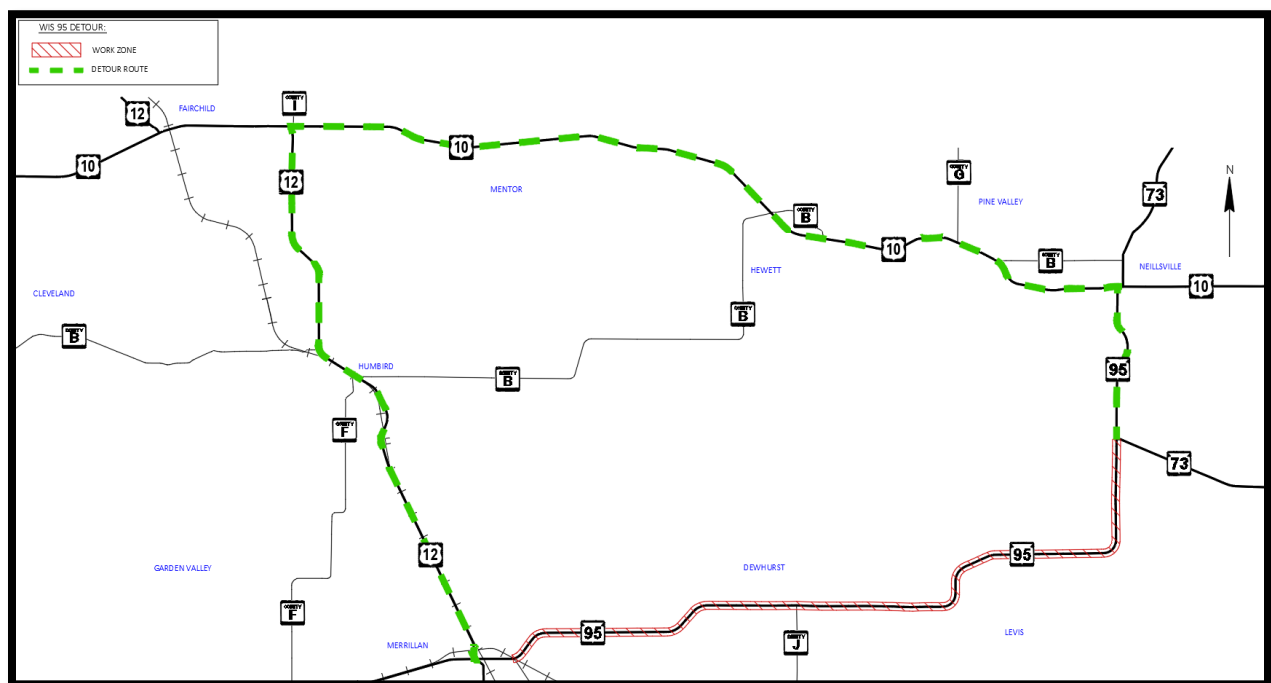
Access to business and residential driveways will be maintained. However, single driveways will be temporarily closed for short periods of time when the surface recycling and chip and fog seal

operations are in the immediate vicinity of the driveway. When multiple driveways serve a single property, the construction will be staged so at least one of the driveways remains open. Coordination will be completed with property owners and businesses before driveways are closed.

WIS 95 will remain open to a single lane during the rehabilitation of the Black River Bridge, with traffic controlled by temporary traffic signals.

WIS 95 will be closed to through traffic during the railroad crossing replacement. A signed detour will be utilized using US 10 and USH12.

WIS 95, 7250-00-10 – Detour Map



Real estate

All work is anticipated to be completed within the existing WIS 95 right of way. If right-of-way needs are determined, those property owners will be contacted directly.

Schedule

Public Involvement comment period	April/May 2025
Environmental document completion	May 2025
Preliminary plan completion	Fall 2025
Final plan submittal	May 1, 2027
Construction currently scheduled	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 May 16, 2025:

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

Deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind and speech-disabled persons should contact the Wisconsin Relay Service by dialing 711.

For more information, please contact:

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To keep up on project updates and to view a virtual presentation, visit its design website at:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis95/default.aspx>

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Highway: WIS 95
Title: Merrilan - Neillsville
Limits: County K to WIS 73 South
Counties: Jackson and Clark

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Email Address (optional): _____

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