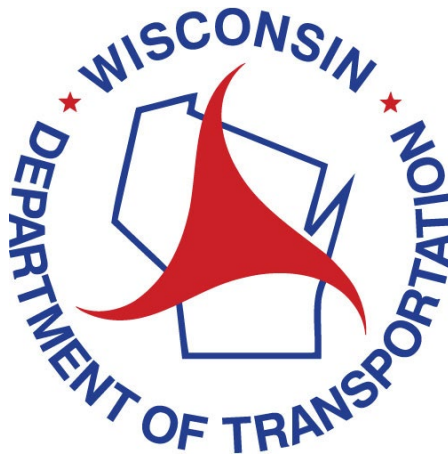


# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**US 51 (N. Parker Drive)  
Centerway Street to Black Bridge Road  
City of Janesville  
Rock County**

**Project ID: 5390-00-06**



**May 29, 2025**

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at  
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/us51-centerway/default.aspx>

*Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback*

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**Purpose of handout**

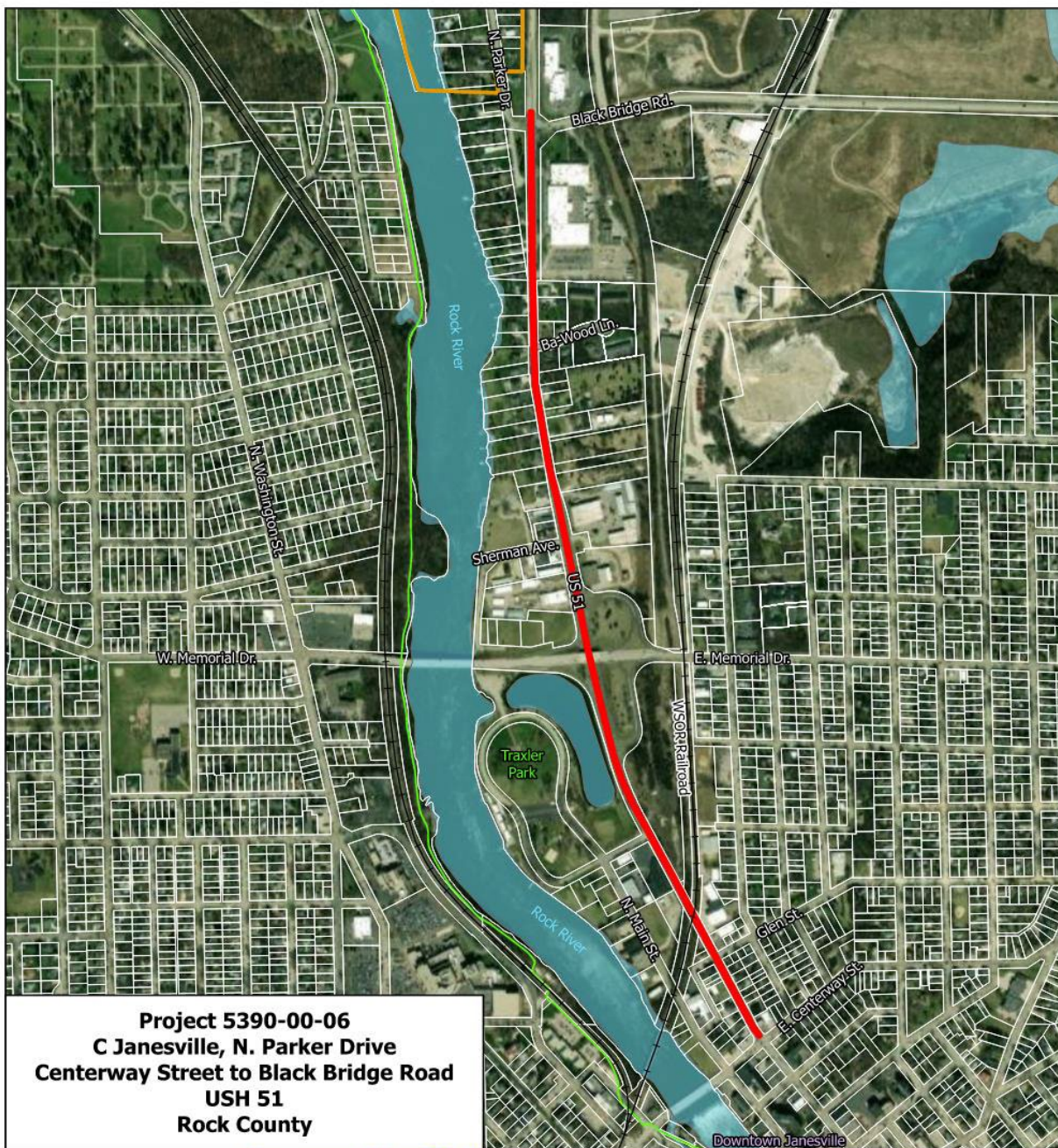
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of investigating and developing the design for proposed improvements on 1.3 miles of US 51 (N Parker Drive) in the city of Janesville, Rock County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the improvements being considered, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

**Public input/comments**

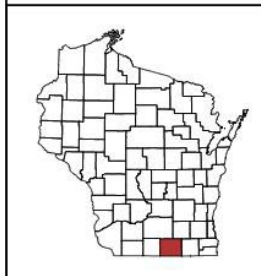
Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. All comments are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout, as well as on the project website, is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the project. You are encouraged 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**

US 51 (N. Parker Drive) from Centerway Street to Black Bridge Road in the city of Janesville, Rock County (see map).

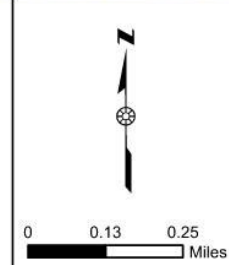


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**Legend**

- Project Area
- Parcel Boundary
- Ice Age National Scenic Trail
- Railroad
- Surface Water
- City of Janesville Boundary



## **Project purpose and need**

The purpose of this project is to address the age and deteriorating pavement along this stretch of US 51. The existing concrete pavement has been overlaid with asphalt several times and this type of repair is no longer cost effective. In addition, the existing storm sewer is aged and deteriorating and curb ramps along the project are not compliant with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Traffic signals at Black Bridge Road will be replaced as part of this project.

## **Anticipated benefits**

Benefits from this project include:

- Provide motorists with a smoother riding surface resulting in less wear on vehicles
- Decreased annual maintenance costs for the city saving taxpayer dollars
- Improved accessibility for pedestrians by bringing the curb ramps into compliance with ADA standards.

The pavement replacement project provides the opportunities for:

- Replacement of the aging underground city-owned utilities prior to roadway paving.

## **Connecting Highways**

Connecting highways are local streets and roads that carry state highway travel through cities and villages. Connecting Highway Aids help local governments maintain these streets and roads at state trunk highway (STH) system standards and compensate local governments for the incremental costs of through-traffic routed over municipal streets.

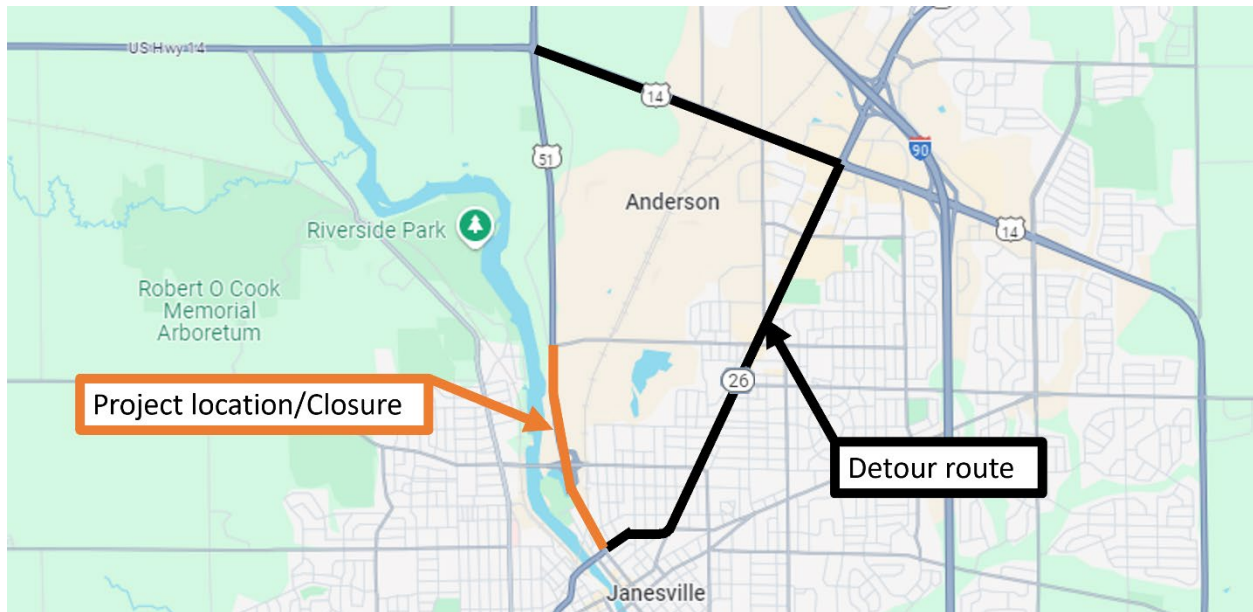
US 51 (N. Parker Drive) within the city of Janesville from the intersection of Centerway Street to Black Bridge Road is currently a connecting highway. No change in connecting highway status of US 51 (N. Parker Drive) will occur with this project. The city of Janesville will continue to own and maintain US 51 (N. Parker Drive) upon completion of the project.

You can find more information regarding Wisconsin's Connecting Highways on the web at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/data-plan/plan-res/connecting.aspx>



## Traffic impacts

US 51 will be closed during construction. A detour route will be provided using State Highway 26 and US Highway 14 as shown on the map.



Proposed Detour Route

With the project still in the preliminary design phase, alternatives are being developed to reduce closure times and impacts to businesses, residents and the traveling public. These alternatives will include:

- Maintaining access to Traxler Park and access to the boat launch.
- Providing access to businesses and properties along the project corridor.
- Incorporate pedestrian detours to accommodate access that is impacted by construction activities at curb ramps, sidewalks and crosswalks.

## Schedule

- Complete preliminary design and evaluation of alternatives: 2025
- Environmental document approved: Early 2026
- Final Design: 2026 – 2027
- Real Estate Acquisition (if needed): Fall 2026 through 2027
- Utility Reconstruction/Relocations: 2028
- Roadway construction currently scheduled in 2029

## Real Estate

This project will not involve any changes to the location of the existing roadway. Minor changes to curb ramps, as required to meet current ADA standards, may impact properties adjacent the ramps. Some impacts may require temporary interests in lands for shaping of grass area near the new ramp locations where other location may require permanent land interests for minor curb ramp relocations. The real estate needs of the project will be better defined as the alternatives are developed and evaluated during this phase of the project.

## 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
- Temporary signing for businesses

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at [www.wisconsindot.gov/Together](http://www.wisconsindot.gov/Together)

## Project Information

A website has been developed to share information about the project and is updated as the design progresses. You can view information about the project at the following address:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/us51-centerway/default.aspx>

## Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them **by June 30, 2025**, to be consider during design.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to WisDOT using the prepaid mailer.
2. Email comments or questions to the contacts listed below.
3. Call one of the contacts below.

## Project contacts

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# WisDOT Highway Project Public Comment Form

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Please place this form in the comment box or mail **by June 30, 2025**, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to [anthony.buerger@dot.wi.gov](mailto:anthony.buerger@dot.wi.gov). 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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*The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail 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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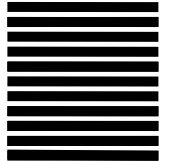
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**Attention: Anthony Buerger, P.E.**

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