

# **Public Involvement Meeting Handout**

**Stoughton – Madison  
I-39/90 to Voges Road/Terminal Drive  
US 51, Dane County**



**Thursday, April 24, 2025  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Waubesa Intermediate School  
5605 Red Oak Trail, McFarland, WI 53558**

**and**

**Stoughton High School  
600 Lincoln Avenue, Stoughton, WI 53589**

**Project Website:**

[wisconsindot.gov/us51](http://wisconsindot.gov/us51)

## Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) welcomes you to this public involvement meeting (PIM) for the proposed improvements to United States (US) 51 from South Harrison Street to Larson Beach Road.

Planned improvements to US 51 east of South Harrison Street will be shared at future public involvement meetings. If interested in these improvements, please sign up for the mailing list.

There are also two projects currently under construction. Project staff can answer questions on these current construction projects or questions can be sent to:

### **Larson Beach Road to Voges Road**

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### **Spring Road to 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

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The objective of this meeting is to provide you with updated information regarding the proposed improvements to the roadway from South Harrison Street in the city of Stoughton to Larson Beach Road in the village of McFarland. A brief presentation will take place at 5:45 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open house format.

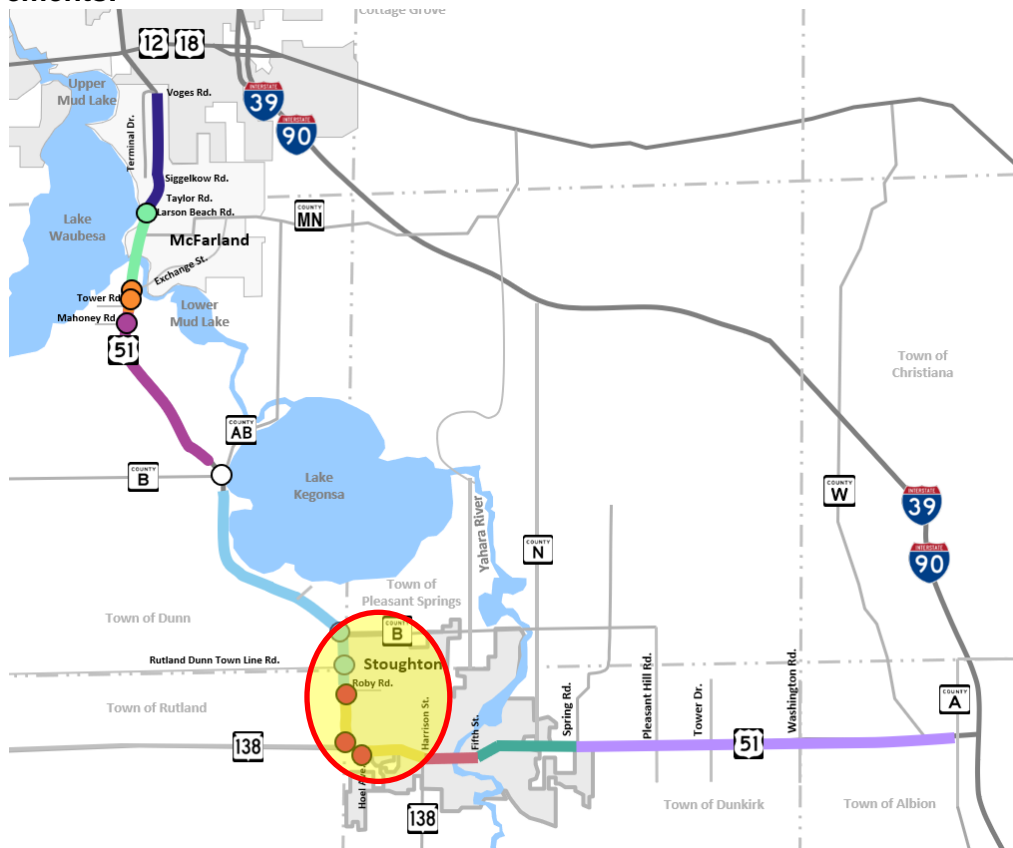
Please take time to review the information presented. WisDOT project representatives are available to answer questions. A public comment form is also available for you to provide written comments. Please submit all comments by May 23, 2025.

## Project information

The US 51 corridor project in Dane County is 18.1 miles in length and extends from I-39/90 to Voges Road/Terminal Drive. The US 51 corridor project was split into 11 individual construction projects. Two projects on the corridor were completed in 2024 and two are currently in construction. The remaining seven projects will be constructed between 2026 and 2029.

The purpose of these projects are to provide a safe and efficient transportation system along the US 51 corridor to serve present and long-term travel demand while minimizing disturbance to the environment. This will be obtained by working to address existing safety conditions, accommodating travel demand, addressing existing pavement conditions, improving bicycle accommodations, and considering corridor preservation and long-term planning measures.

**US 51 from South Harrison Street to County B (east) will include the following improvements:**

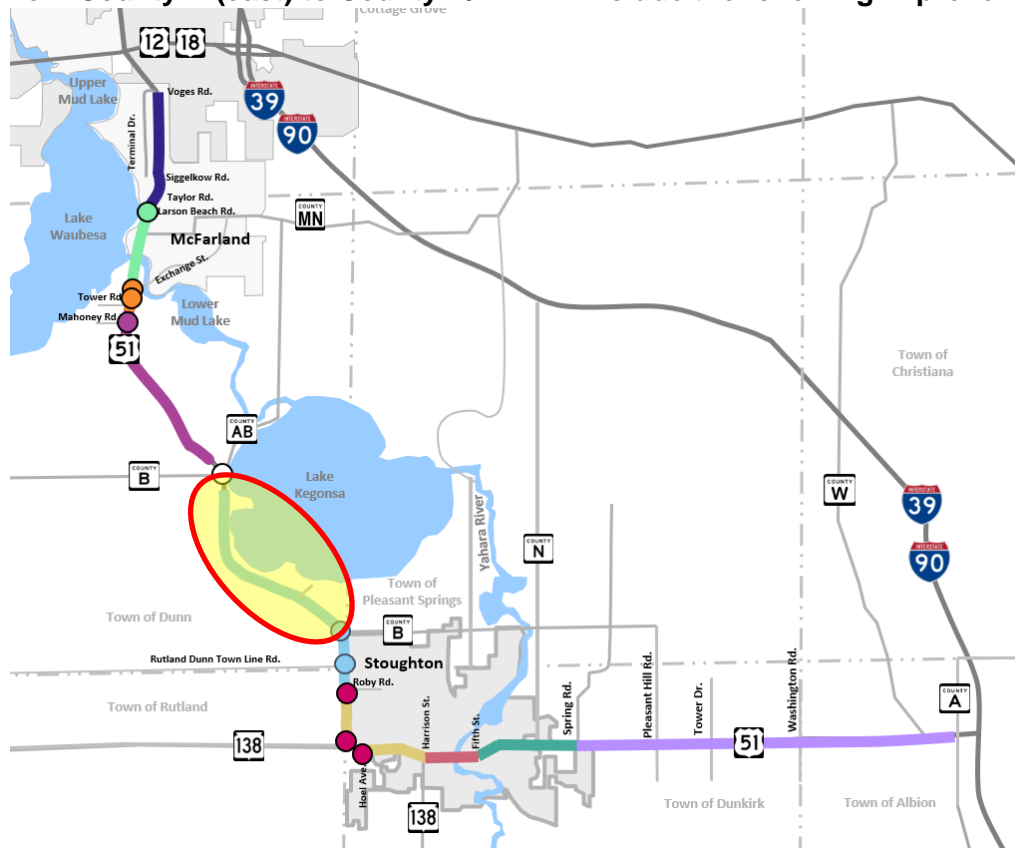


- Reconstruct the urban roadway, including conversion of the typical roadway cross section between South Harrison Street and Kings Lynn Rd to a single travel lane in each direction with a Two-Way-Left-Turn-Lane (TWLTL). Updated pavement markings for the TWLTL conversion will extend to Page Street.
- Reconstruct the roadway to a consistent 4-lane urban section with median between Jackson Street and County B (east).
- Reconstruct the Rutland-Dunn Townline Road and County B (east) intersections to dual-lane roundabouts.
- Reconstruct sidewalk, curb ramps, and crosswalks to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- Construct a pedestrian underpass just north of the Rutland-Dunn Townline Road intersection.
- Install a 10' wide sidewalk on the north side of US 51 between Gjertson Street and Hoel Avenue. 10' wide sidewalks will also be installed on the east and west sides of US 51 between WIS 138 (West) and Rutland-Dunn Townline Road.
- Install continuous street lighting throughout the project limits.
- Reduce the posted speed limit from Roby Road to County B (east) to 35 miles per hour (mph).

City of Stoughton modifications to the US 51 corridor within these limits include:

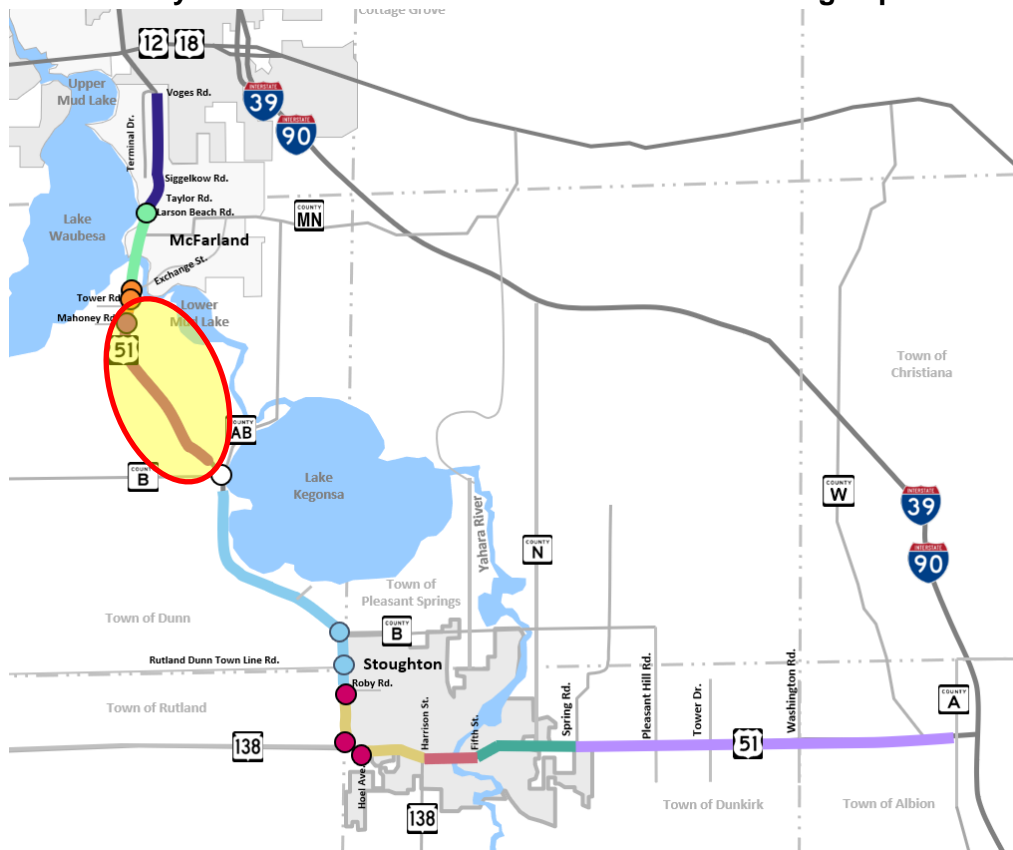
- Modify the Hults Road / Jackson Street / US 51 intersection, including a new median on Jackson Street's west intersection approach. Hults Road will only allow for right turns in to or out from the roadway following reconstruction.

**US 51 from County B (east) to County B/AB will include the following improvements:**



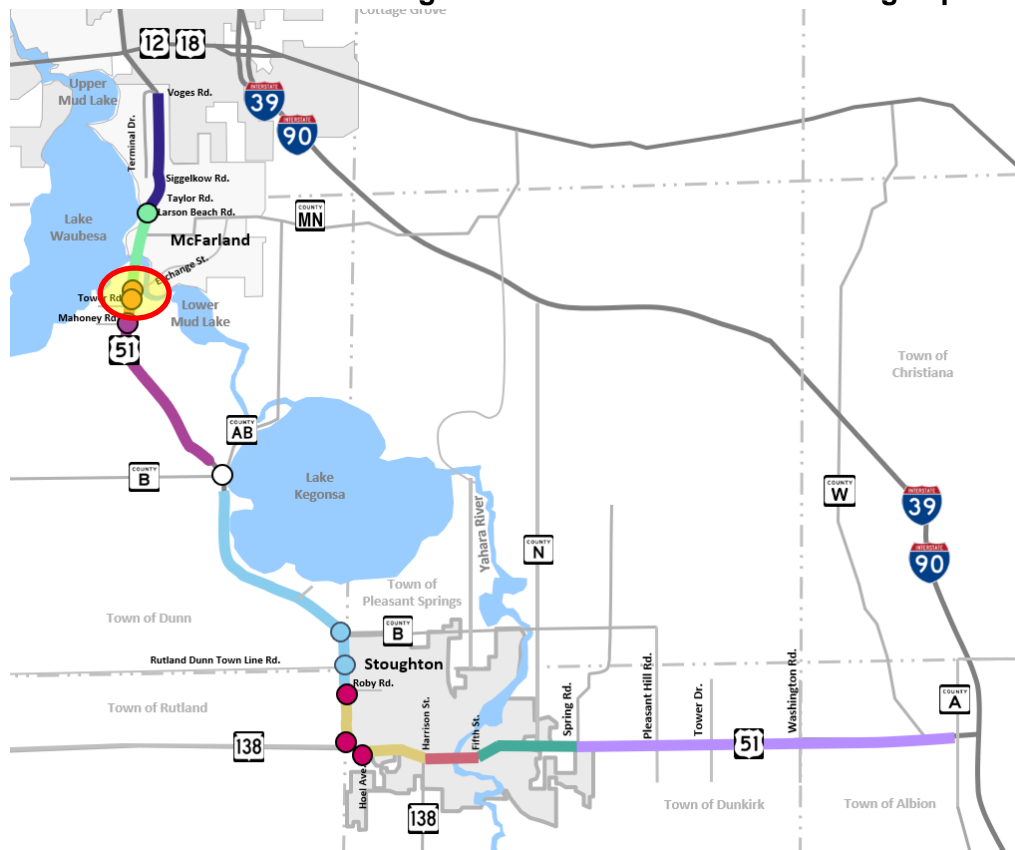
- Reconstruct the existing undivided rural roadway to a 2-lane rural divided roadway with a continuous raised median, including intersection improvements.
- Reconstruct the existing pedestrian underpass just south of the Charles Lane intersection.

**US 51 from County B/AB to Tower Road will include the following improvements:**



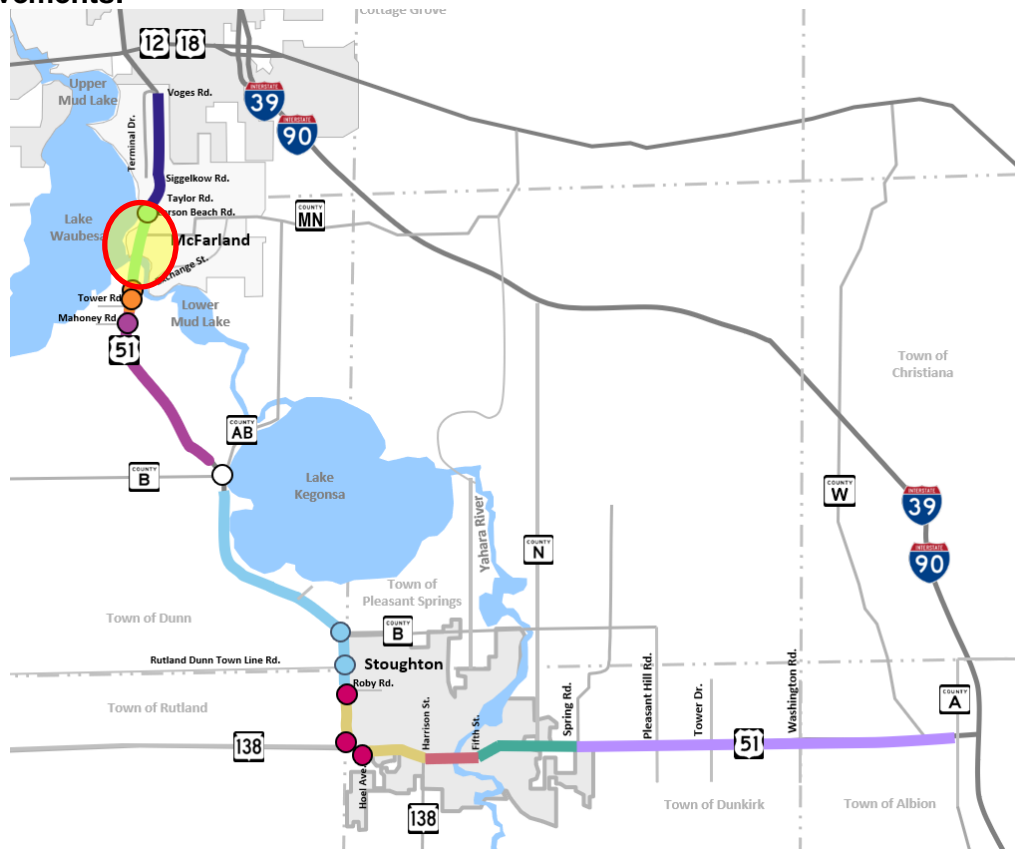
- Reconstruct the existing 2-lane undivided rural roadway with intersection improvements.
- Cul-de-sac the south leg of Dyreson Road and realign the Dyreson Road north leg connection to US 51 to improve the intersection approach angle.
- Reconstruct the Mahoney Road intersection to a single-lane roundabout.
- Relocate property access in the northwest quadrant of the Mahoney Road intersection to a new backage road off of Mahoney Road.

**US 51 from Tower Road and Exchange Street will include the following improvements:**



- Reconstruct the undivided rural roadway to a 4-lane rural divided roadway with a raised median.
- Reconstruct the Tower Road intersection and Exchange Street intersection to dual-lane roundabouts.
- Posted speed limit reduction from 55 miles per hour (mph) to 40 mph.

**US 51 from Larson Beach Road to Voges Road/Terminal Drive will include the following improvements:**



- Reconstruct the existing 4-lane urban roadway section.
- Construct new sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalks which will meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) criteria.
- Reconstruct the Yahara River bridge, including a new pedestrian underpass to Babcock Park.
- Implement numerous improvements within Babcock Park.
- Reconstruct the Farwell Street intersection to include offset left-turn lanes, increased left turn lane storage, and upgraded signal equipment.
- Reconstruct the Larson Beach Road intersection include to a dual-lane roundabout that includes an enhanced pedestrian crossing of US 51 on the south side of the intersection.
- Install continuous street lighting between Yahara Drive and Larson Beach Road.
- Posted speed limit reduction from 40 miles per hour (mph) to 30 mph.

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

### **2026 Construction Season**

#### **South Harrison Street to South Quam Drive:**

- This segment will be constructed under staged traffic conditions with one lane of traffic maintained in each direction.

#### **US 51 from Lake Kegonsa Road to Charles Lane:**

- This segment will be constructed under staged traffic conditions with one lane of traffic being maintained in each direction to accommodate early surcharge construction adjacent to US 51. Off-peak single-lane closures under flagging operations may be used for placement of temporary concrete barrier wall placement adjacent to the roadway shoulders.

#### **US 51 from Tower Road to Exchange Street:**

- This segment will be constructed under staged traffic conditions with one lane of traffic being maintained in each direction.
- Tower Road will be closed for a short duration to connect to the existing roadway.
- Exchange Street will be closed during US 51 northbound construction.

#### **US 51 from Exchange Street to Larson Beach Road**

- Construction will begin in the fall of 2026 and US 51 will remain open but will be reduced to single lanes in each direction.
- Beginning in late 2026, US 51 will be detoured for the replacement of the Yahara River bridge. From Yahara Dr to Larson Beach Road, US 51 will remain open but will be reduced to single lanes in either direction. The signed detour route will include I-39/90 and US 12/18 (Madison Beltline).

### **2027 Construction Season**

#### **US 51 from South Quam Drive to Tower Road:**

- This segment will be constructed under detoured conditions. US 51 will be closed to through traffic (local access only). The signed detour route will include I-39/90 and US 12/18 (Madison Beltline).
- Beginning in mid-2027, US 51 from Mahoney Road to Tower Road will reopen. The signed detour route for traffic going south of Mahoney Road will continue to be in place and include I-39/90 and US 12/18 (Madison Beltline).

#### **US 51 from Larson Beach Road to Voges Road/Terminal Drive**

- Through mid-2027, US 51 will continue to be detoured for the replacement of the Yahara River bridge. From Yahara Drive to Larson Beach Road, US 51 will remain open but will be reduced to single lanes in either direction. The signed detour route will include I-39/90 and US 12/18 (Madison Beltline).
- Beginning in mid-2027 until the project is complete in spring of 2028, US 51 and the bridge across the Yahara River will reopen but will continue to be reduced to single lanes in either direction throughout the project limits.



## **2028 Construction Season**

### **US 51 from Larson Beach Road to Voges Road/Terminal Drive**

- US 51 will continue to be reduced to single lanes in either direction throughout the project limits until completion in spring 2028.

The contractor will maintain access to residents and businesses during construction. If closures are required for driveway work, this will be communicated with residents or businesses in advance.

Business coordination is available through the WisDOT In This Together program. These resources help businesses with tips and tools during construction, including temporary business signage recommendations and resources such as planning worksheets. More information on the program can be found at the following URL: <https://wisconsindot.gov/together>

### **Project update/next steps**

Public outreach will continue for the projects along the corridor. You can follow along and stay involved by checking for updates on the project website or join the project email sign up using Figures 1 and 2. You can also follow the Southwest Office of WisDOT on Twitter (@WisDOTsouthwest) to be informed about information from around the region.



*Figure 1: Project Website*



*Figure 2: Project email sign up*

### **Public input/comments**

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. There is a comment sheet available for your written comments and concerns about the project.

Please mail, email, or call with any comments and concerns about the project before May 23, 2025, or leave written comments in the comment box tonight. You can email your comments to the contacts listed below or use the online comment form on the project website shown on the cover page.

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