

Project 1630-03-03
US 53, La Crosse County
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Southwest Region – La Crosse Office

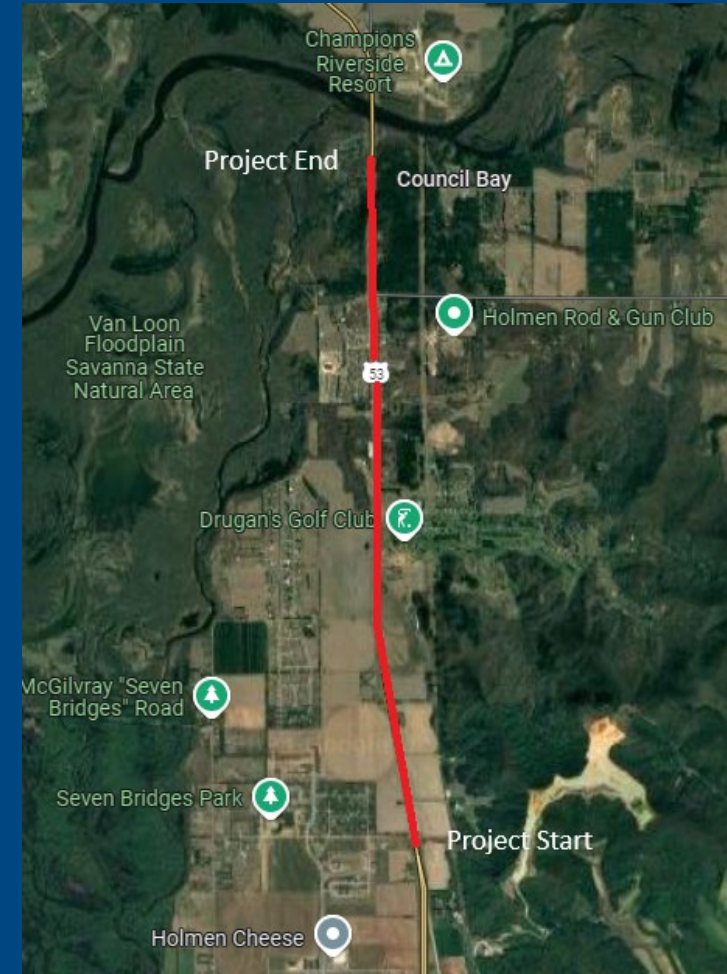
Public Involvement Meeting

December 10, 2024



Project information

- Project start:
 - ~ 600' south of Old Hwy 93
- Project end:
 - ~ 300' south of Council Bay Road



Project information

- Project purpose
 - The proposed project is to improve safety of all motorists along US 53 as well as address the deteriorating pavement condition in order to maximize the service life of the roadway.
- Project need
 - The US 53 roadway pavement and paved portion of the shoulders are deteriorated and in need of rehabilitation.
 - Three intersections are in need of safety improvements.
 - Routine maintenance of the pavement has become costly.



Environmental resources

An environmental review will be completed in the spring 2025, prior to the project moving into the final design phase.

- The review will identify any natural, cultural, historic, and socio-economic conditions that may be present in the area.
- Strategies will be evaluated and, whenever possible to a reasonable extent, implemented into the design to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts to these valuable resources.



Temporary and permanent real estate acquisitions are anticipated. Relocations are not anticipated with the project.



Conceptual solutions

No-Build Alternative (DISMISSED):

- Under this alternative, the highway continues to receive regularly scheduled maintenance such as filling potholes and crack sealing.
- No significant improvements are performed.
- Failure to improve the pavement surface would minimize the remaining life of the infrastructure and likely accelerate the need for a more expensive improvement project sooner than anticipated. Failure to address the safety issues would likely result in continued crashes.
- The No-Build Alternative does not meet the purpose and need of the project and has been **DISMISSED** from further consideration.



Conceptual solutions

Resurfacing Alternative (PREFERRED):

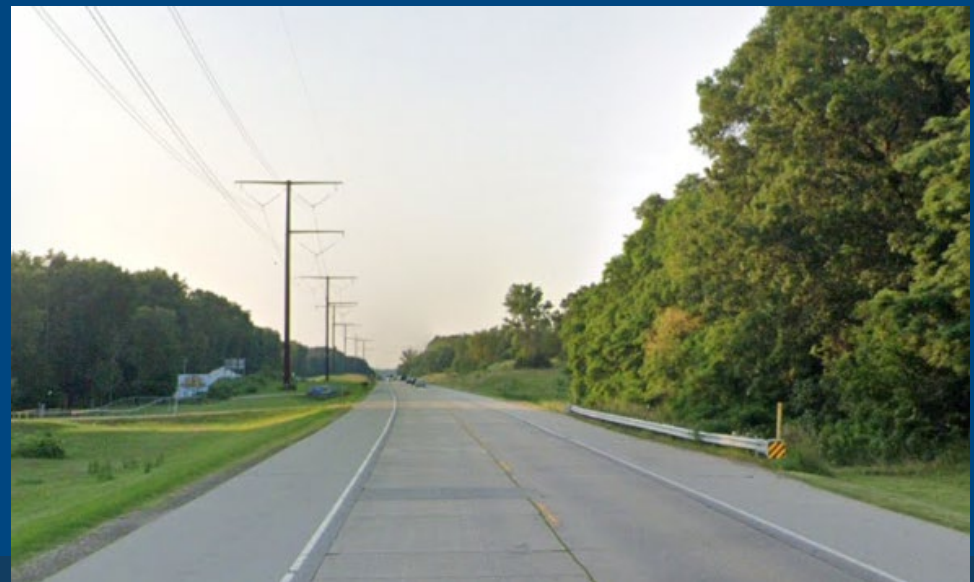
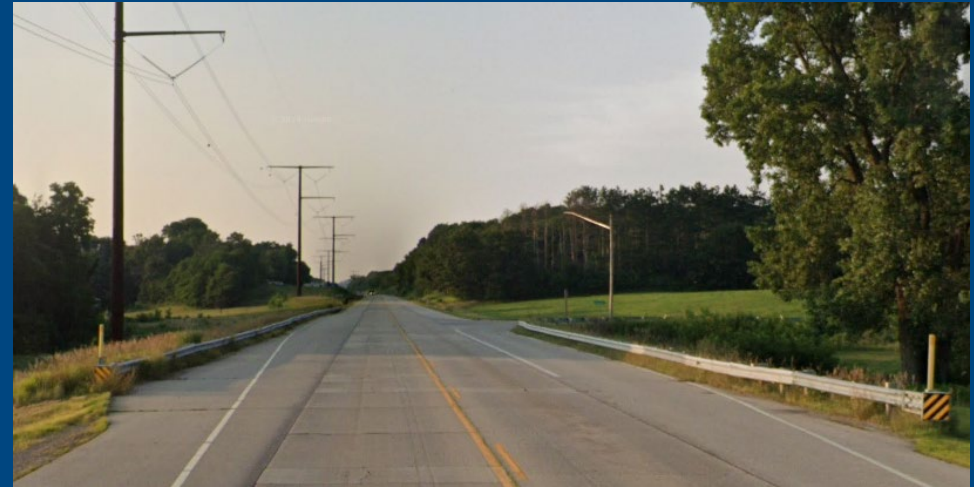
- This alternative consists of repairing the existing concrete pavement and shoulders and placing new Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement over the roadway lanes and shoulders and involves improvement of intersections at Amsterdam Prairie Road, Sylvester Road, and County T through the addition of left turn lanes.
- The proposed work will extend the service life of the existing pavement and provide a safer and more comfortable ride for motorists.
- The Resurfacing Alternative meets the purpose and need of the project and has been identified as the PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.



Conceptual solutions

Additional improvements include:

- Replacing substandard existing beam guard.
- Culvert pipe linings and maintenance, culvert endwall repair, and ditch grading.
- Box culvert widening and structural improvements
- Adding ramps at existing trail crossings.
- Improving drainage between Amsterdam Prairie Road and Sylvester Road



Traffic during construction

- US 53 will remain open to traffic during construction.
- Motorists can expect lane closures, flagging operations, and temporary lane shifts during paving and intersection work.
- If necessary, the shoulders may be used with temporary pavement widening for through traffic.
- There is no practical detour available for this project.



Project schedule

Spring/Summer 2025– Complete environmental review and develop preliminary roadway design plans

Spring 2028 – Finalize roadway design plans

Construction is currently scheduled for 2030 with the potential for advancement to 2029 should funding become available.



Providing public input

Thank you for viewing this project information. Your input is welcome and appreciated!

The project website can be viewed at:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/us53-lacrossecounty/default.aspx>

Comments received prior to **January 10, 2025** will be included in the environmental document.



Providing contacts

Please feel free to reach out by email, postal mail, or give us a call. Contact information is provided below and on the project website at the link below.

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/us53-lacrossecounty/default.aspx>

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