

WIS 131 Ontario–Tomah County A to Hiawatha Avenue

Public Involvement Meeting (PIM)

April 8, 2025



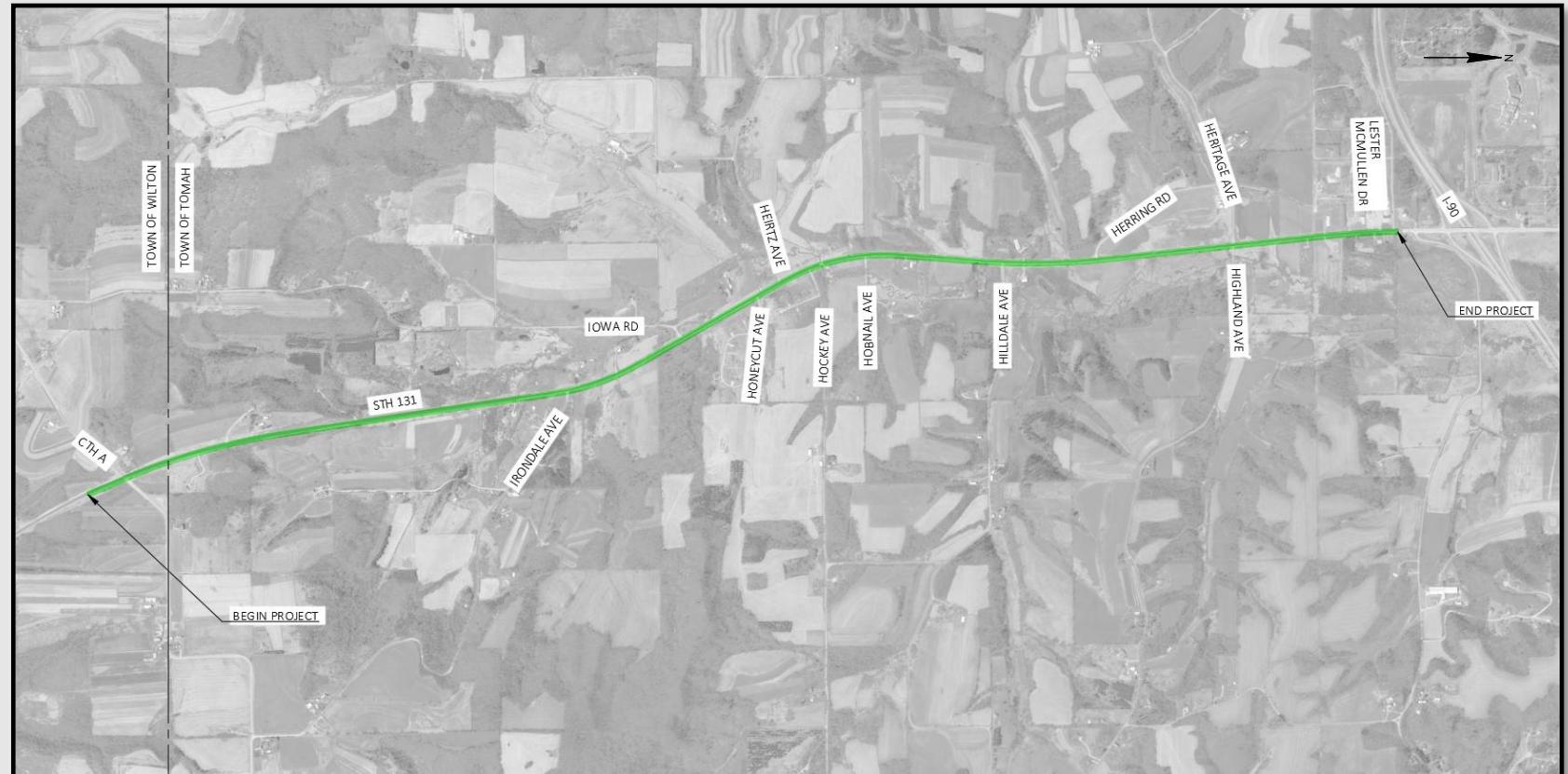
WIS 131 PIM—Overview

- Project Overview and General Project Description
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- Current Schedule and Construction Cost



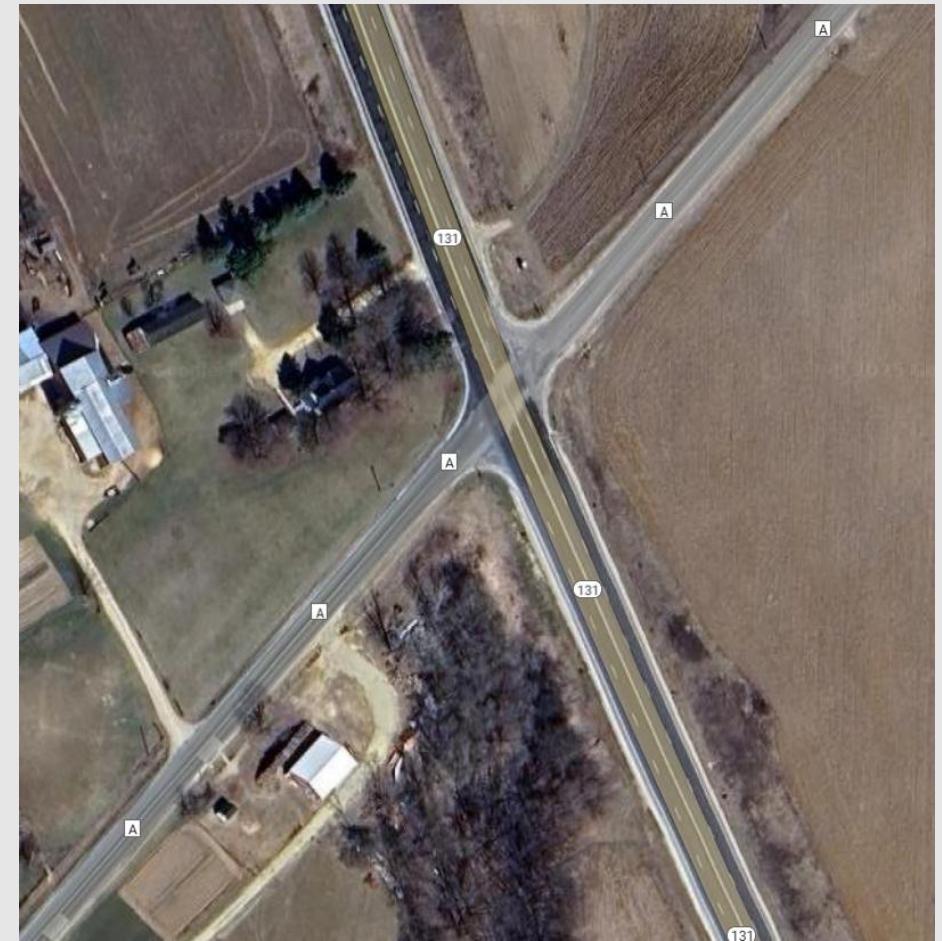
Project Overview and General Description

- 4.2 miles
- Two-lane highway
- Minor arterial (WIS 131)
- Major collector (County A)



Project Purpose and Need

- Deteriorating Pavement Conditions
 - WIS 131 evaluated for pavement condition in 2021. Pavement rated fair, but close to poor.
 - Increased traffic will continue to deteriorate pavement and increase service costs.
- Failing Culverts and Aging Guardrail
- Severe Crashes at County A Intersection
 - Five reported crashes at County A and WIS 131, of these one fatal, one involved incapacitating injury, and two involved possible injuries.

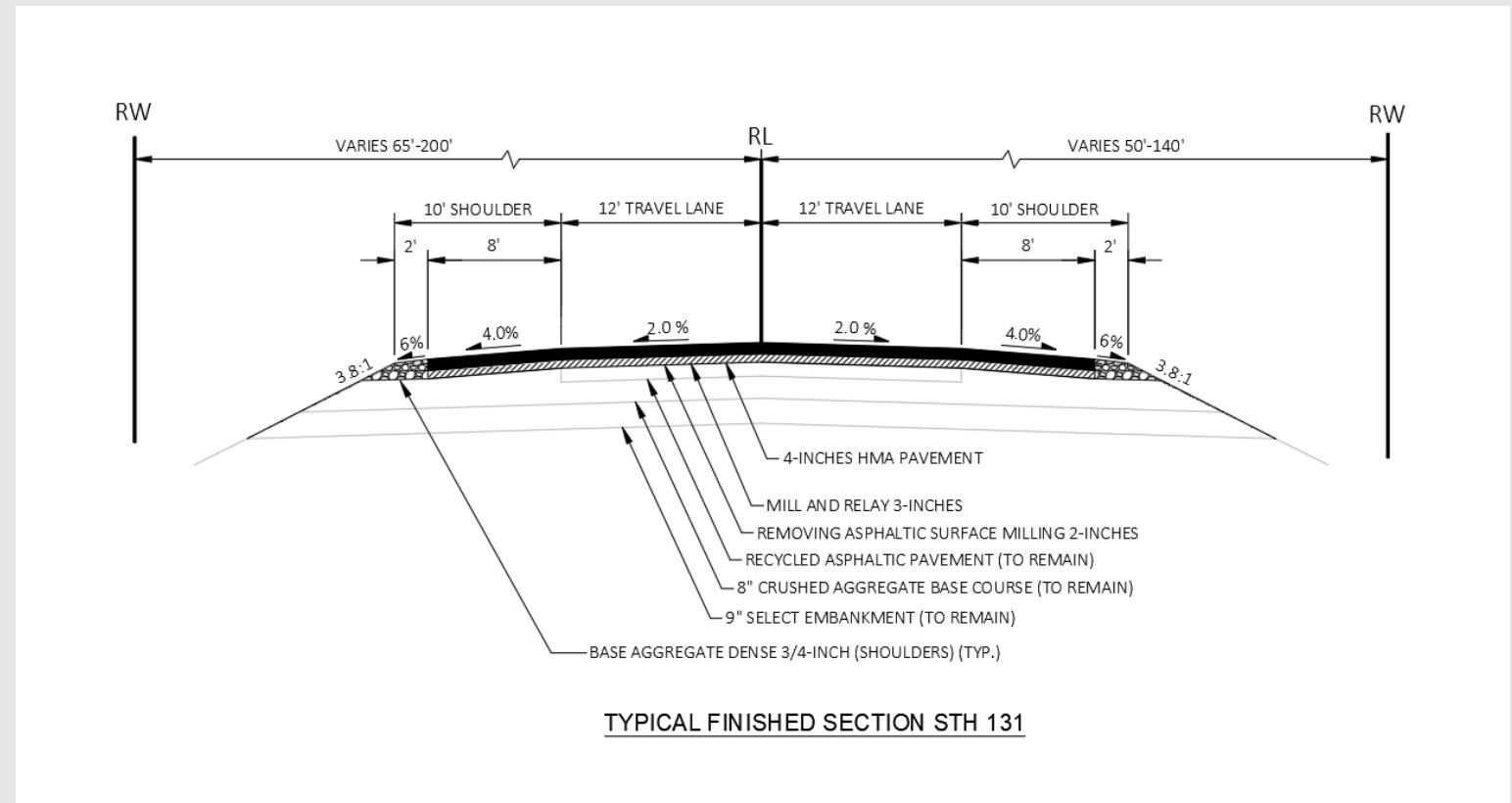


Source: Google Maps



Proposed Improvements

- Mill, Mill and Relay and Overlay
 - Widen shoulders
- Replace Existing Guardrail
 - Approximately 6,200 feet of new guardrail



Proposed Improvements

- Replace Deteriorating Culverts
- Ditching to Improve Drainage



Proposed Improvements

- Single-Lane Roundabout
 - County A and WIS 131 Intersection
 - Improves Intersection Skew
 - Removes Second Southbound Travel Lane South of County A



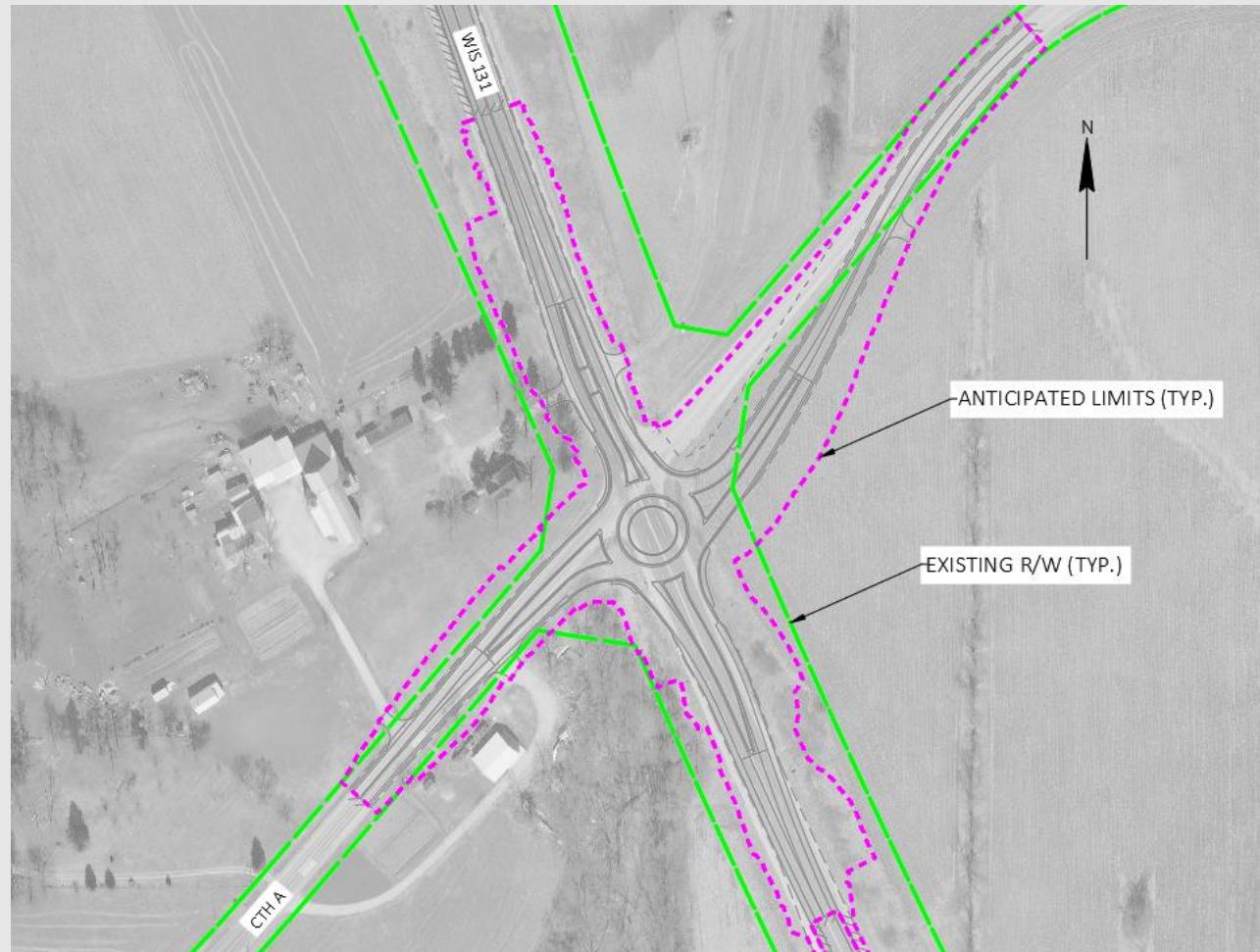
Traffic Control

- During construction, WIS 131 will remain open to traffic except for a short-term full closure to finish the roundabout.
 - WIS 131 will be detoured during this period
- County A will be sequenced to always maintain one leg open.
- Flagging operations will be used as needed.
- Access will be maintained to residents and businesses throughout the duration of the project.



Real Estate

- Proposed roundabout construction will require the purchase of right of way (R/W).
 - Fee R/W and temporary limited easements (TLE) are anticipated.
 - Real estate acquisition will begin in spring 2026.



Schedule and Cost

- 60 Percent Plans—August 2025
- Real Estate Acquisition—Early 2026
- Final Plans—August 2029
- Construction Anticipated—Summer 2030
- Approximate Construction Cost—\$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding received for the widened shoulders and roundabout construction.



Questions?

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