

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 157
5th Ave S to 0.05 Mi East of 17th Ave
La Crosse County**

Project ID: 5991-02-03/73



**4/24/2025
5:00 – 6:30 pm
Onalaska City Hall
415 Main St
Onalaska, WI 54650**

Purpose of the meeting

The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve the function, operation, and safety of WIS 157 between 5th Ave S and US 53. This project includes concrete replacement of the existing pavement which was last placed in 1976. The pavement has a poor ride and is showing signs of linear cracking and faulting. The objective of this meeting is to explain the project information and obtain public input for the proposed improvements.

The meeting will follow an open house format with a presentation at 5:30pm. Project staff will be available to answer any questions that may arise.

WisDOT is interested in hearing your opinion. Please take the time to talk with project staff following the presentation, and please write your comments down on a comment sheet and submit back to the department.

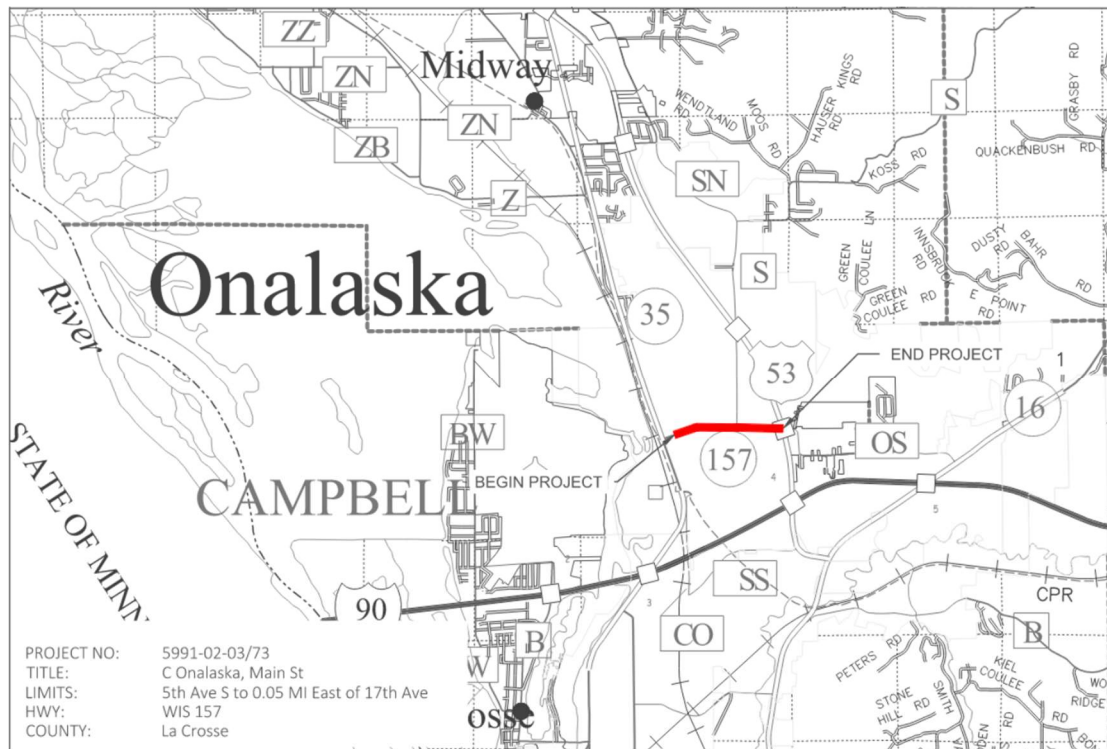
Project information

WisDOT is proposing to improve 0.97 miles of WIS 157. The last time work was done on this facility was in 1976. Proposed improvements include:

- Removing 7.0-inches of existing concrete and placing 8-inches of concrete pavement
- Implementing two-way left turn lane between 11th Ave and 17th Ave
- Adding left turn lane at 17th Ave heading WB
- Replacing concrete curb and gutter
- Replacing municipal utilities (Sanitary and Water)
- Updating curb ramps to meet ADA requirements
- Adding monotubes at Sand Lake Road intersection

Pavement type and thickness was determined based on structural requirements and low-cost (based on pavement type and maintenance costs). Safety of the traveling public was considered with implementing a two-way left turn lane and a designated left turn bay at 17th Ave. Both improvements would separate left turning traffic from the through traffic, reducing left turn rear end crashes. Curb ramps would also be upgraded to meet current standards. Monotubes will be placed at the Sand Lake Rd intersection to increase signal visibility, left turn lane sight distance, and to reduce red light running crashes.

Currently, this project is going through the environmental process. With new curb ramps going in, grading will be done behind the sidewalk to match the new sidewalk into the existing ground. A model of the road and curbs ramps was created and analyzed to accurately predict the impacts this would have. The project is also going through the process of identifying cultural resources in the project area and how the project will affect them.



Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2029.

During construction, WIS 157 will be closed to through traffic. The project will be broken up into four stages to reduce the amount of time a certain portion of the roadway is closed. Stages will be broken up as follows:

- Stage 1 - 5th Ave to 9th Ave
- Stage 2 - 9th Ave to Sand Lake Rd
- Stage 3 – Sand Lake Rd Intersection
- Stage 4 – Sand Lake Rd to 17th Ave

During the construction of Stage 2, the west half of the Sand Lake Rd intersection will be closed to traffic. Within this stage, bi-directional traffic will be shifted to the east half of the road allowing NB and SB traffic to continue through the intersection. Stage 4 work will be done under reverse conditions. The east half of the Sand Lake Rd intersection will be closed, and the west half will be opened to bi-directional traffic.

Driveway entrances are to be maintained. Closure for work will be coordinated between the contractor and the property owner a minimum of 24 hours before the proposed closure.

A detour will be posted for the duration of the project. Motorists will be directed to use WIS 35, IH 90, and US 53 to navigate around the work zone. For Stage 3, the Sand Lake Rd Intersection will be closed for roughly two weeks to allow for sanitary work to be done within the intersection. A detour will be posted directing motorists to use Sand Lake Rd, US 53, County SS, and 12th Ave S to navigate around the work zone.

Real estate

Real estate impacts have been identified as part of the preliminary design. Impacts include acquisition of permanent right of way and acquisition of temporary easements to accommodate construction activities. Construction activities include updating curb ramps to meet ADA requirements and replacing municipal utilities. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition next year.

Project update/next steps

Project Activities	2025				2026				2027				2028			
	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Preliminary Design																
Environmental Document																
Real Estate Acquisition																
Final Design																
Construction																

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before (Date) or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below.

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.

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Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form

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April 24, 2025

Please place this form in the comment box or mail by May 28, 2025, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to Paul.Valenti@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: _____

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Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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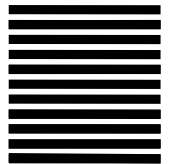
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