

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 16
La Crosse–Sparta
US 53 to WIS 35
La Crosse County**

Project ID: 7575-09-01

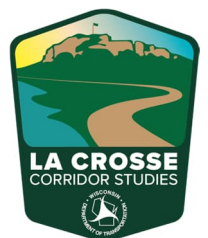


**Monday, April 7, 2025
4:30 to 6 P.M.**

**Main Street Library–Auditorium
800 Main Street
La Crosse, WI 54601**

Project Website:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis16-lacrosse/default.aspx>



Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) welcomes you to this public involvement meeting (PIM) for the proposed improvements to Wisconsin State Trunk Highway (WIS) 16 from United States Highway (US) 53 to WIS 35 in the city of La Crosse. Refer to Figure 1 for a project location map.

The purpose of this PIM is to provide you with information regarding the proposed improvements to the roadway and receive your input on the project and a preferred typical section (including multimodal accommodations). Project representatives will give a brief presentation at 5 P.M.

Please take time to review the information presented. WisDOT project representatives are available to answer questions. A public comments form is also available for you to provide written comments. Comments specific to the WIS 16 typical section alternatives presented will assist in selecting a preferred typical section alternative. Please submit all comments by April 21, 2025.

Project information

WisDOT is proposing a pavement replacement project on WIS 16, beginning on the west side of the WIS 16 and 7th Street intersection and extending approximately 0.3 mile to the east of the WIS 16 and 11th Street intersection. This project is being funded through the La Crosse Corridor Majors Program which includes improvements to WIS 35, US 53, US 14/61 and WIS 16 through the city of La Crosse.

Proposed improvements include replacement of the existing pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and water main; inclusion of multimodal accommodations; and addition of street lighting.

The project is currently in the preliminary design phase, including the beginning of the environmental study evaluation, historical and archaeological surveys, and typical section development.

WisDOT is seeking your feedback regarding the typical section alternatives being considered for this segment of WIS 16, including the following potential corridor needs:

- Pedestrian accommodations
- Bicycle accommodations
- On-street parking
- Left-turn accommodations

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction for this project is currently scheduled to begin in 2028. During construction, WIS 16 is anticipated to be closed to through traffic and detoured. Coordination will continue throughout the preliminary and final design phases with project stakeholders including adjacent property and business owners regarding the proposed traffic impacts as the design progresses.



Figure 1: WIS 16 Location Map

Real estate

Strip temporary limited easements are anticipated throughout the corridor to accommodate sidewalk and pedestrian curb ramp replacements. The project design team will continue to evaluate the need for strip permanent right of way at pedestrian curb ramp replacement locations in addition to the anticipated temporary limited easements. The real estate process for the project is planned to begin in summer 2026.

Project update/next steps

A virtual Local Officials Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, to introduce local officials to the project, obtain feedback regarding the typical sections being considered, and provide an overview of the PIM materials being presented at this meeting.

The next steps for this project include a continuation of the preliminary design phase, including the selection of the preferred typical section (based on feedback received from this PIM), completion of the historical and archaeological surveys, and preparation of the environmental documentation for approval in fall 2025.

You can follow along and stay involved by checking for updates on the corridor project website using the QR code in Figure 2 .

You can also follow the Southwest Office of WisDOT on X (@WisDOTsouthwest) to be informed about information from around the region.



Figure 2: Project Website

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. There is a comment form available for your written comments, specific feedback on the various typical section elements, and ranking of the alternatives presented. 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.

Please place your completed comment form in the provided comment box or mail by Monday, April 21, 2025, using the provided envelope. Comments can also be submitted to Cory Mikshowsky, P.E., WisDOT Project Manager, by email at cory.mikshowsky@dot.wi.gov or by phone at (608) 789-6335.

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