

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 26
Watertown – Waupun
(WIS 33 to 0.2 MI South of Milligan Rd)
Dodge County**

Project ID: 1390-06-04



**December 12, 2024
4:30 – 6:30 pm
Burnett Town Hall
W6246 W Main St.
Burnett, WI 53922**

Purpose of the meeting

Welcome to the WIS 26 public involvement meeting.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning improvements to WIS 26 from the WIS 33 intersection to the Milligan Road intersection to maintain the operational efficiency of the highway and improve safety for the traveling public.

A previous meeting was held with local officials on November 6, 2024, where the project was discussed and input was gathered.

The meeting will run from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. There will be a short presentation at 5:30 pm. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open house format for you to talk with project staff. You are encouraged to meet with project staff, view exhibits, and discuss proposed improvements.

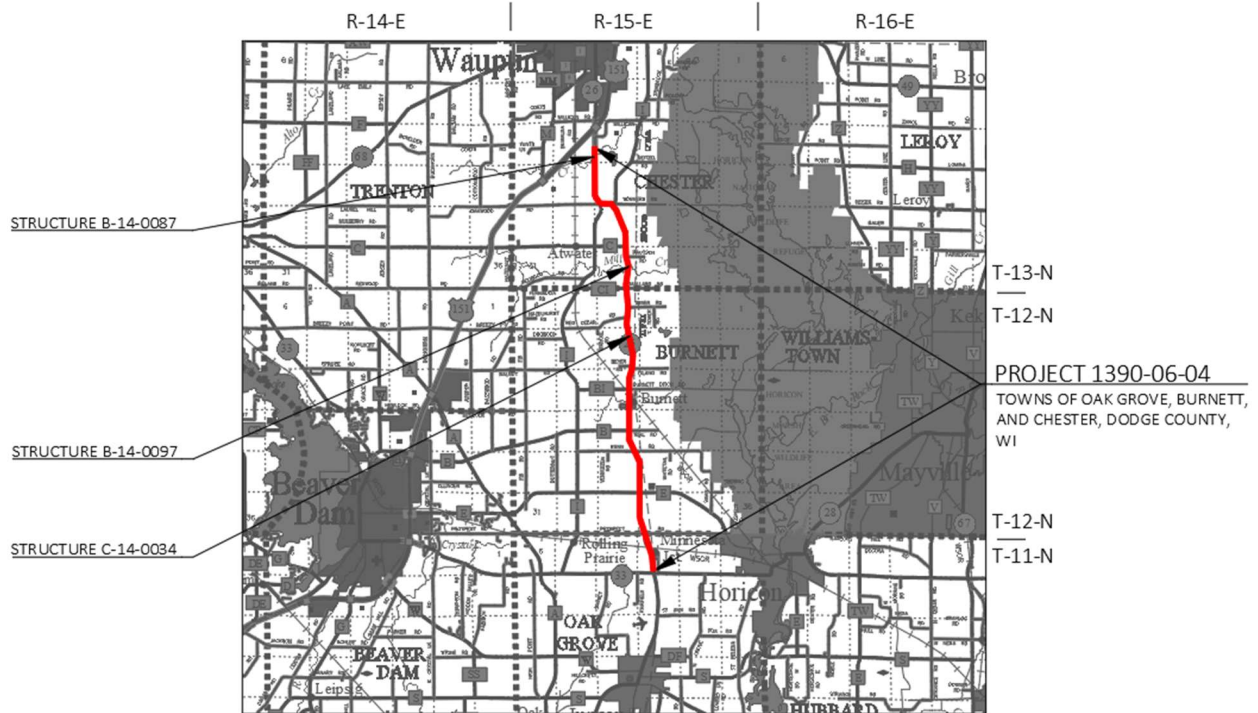
Project information

During design of the 2024 thin mill and overlay project in this section of WIS 26, WisDOT discovered subgrade drainage issues that will show pavement distresses again in the future. Complete removal of the pavement structure and raising the roadway to improve drainage were recommended. The 2024 overlay project proceeded to provide an adequate driving surface until a future, larger project could be developed and constructed.

WisDOT is proposing to reconstruct this 10.9 mile segment of WIS 26. The mainline profile of WIS 26 will be raised approximately two feet throughout most of the project to allow the pavement subgrade to properly drain. Ditches will be re-graded for drainage to existing outfall locations. The existing asphaltic pavement will be replaced with concrete pavement and the existing paved shoulders will remain five feet wide. Cross drain and driveway culvert pipes will be replaced and guardrail will be replaced. The box culvert C-14-0034 on the north end of Burnett will be replaced and the guardrail will be removed from this location for better sight distance. A new railing will be installed on structure B-14-87 over Plum Creek. Structure B-14-97 over Mill Creek will have some concrete surface repairs. In the community of Burnett, the existing asphalt curb will be replaced and extended with new concrete curb and gutter, new storm sewer will be installed, and isolated curb ramps will be installed. Sidewalk that is existing now will be replaced where impacted by the project grading. No new sidewalk is planned at this time.

Preliminary plans are scheduled for May 2025 with the environmental document submitted October 2026. Historical and archaeological studies will begin this winter along with hazardous material studies.

WIS 26 Location map



Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to occur in 2031 with possible advancement to 2030.

During construction, WIS 26 from WIS 33 to Milligan Road will be closed and traffic will be detoured around the project via WIS 33 and US 151.

Emergency and local access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction. Access into the community of Burnett will be staged. Temporary short-term driveway closures may be necessary during parts of the construction process. The homeowners and businesses will be contacted in advance before closing a driveway.

Real estate

Additional right of way width will be required for this project. The project will include areas of permanent (fee) and temporary (temporary limited easement) land acquisitions to accommodate the widened ditches along WIS 26. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in 2027.

Project update/next steps

A local officials meeting was held November 6, 2024.

Archaeological studies and a Phase 1 Hazardous Materials investigation will begin winter 2024-2025. The environmental process is anticipated to be completed by October 2026. Another public meeting is planned to be held in 2027. Real estate land acquisitions are expected to begin in the spring of 2027. The project is anticipated to be advertised for bidding for construction in November 2030, with construction expected in 2031. The project could be advanced to 2030 dependent upon funding availability.

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives at this public meeting 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 January 12, 2025, or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contact 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.

For more information, please contact:

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Name: _____

Address:

Daytime Phone Number (optional):

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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