# **Public Involvement Handout**

WIS 33

Portage – Fox Lake

WIS 33/COUNTY F Intersection, WIS 33/COUNTY EE

Intersection

Columbia County

Project ID: 6040-00-08



Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback.

# Purpose of the outreach

Thank you for your interest in the WIS 33 project currently in design in the City of Portage, Columbia County. This project includes approximately 0.25 miles of WIS 33 and the intersections of County F and County EE.

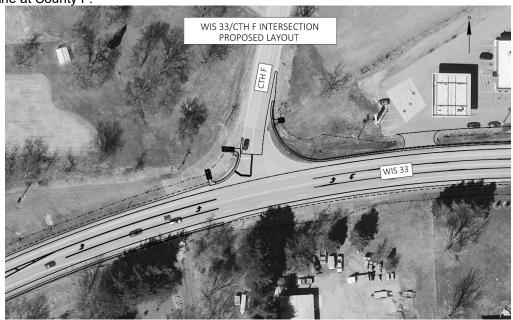
The purpose of our outreach is to:

- Provide you with background information about the safety issues at these locations
- Provide information about the proposed improvements
- Obtain your input and answer questions

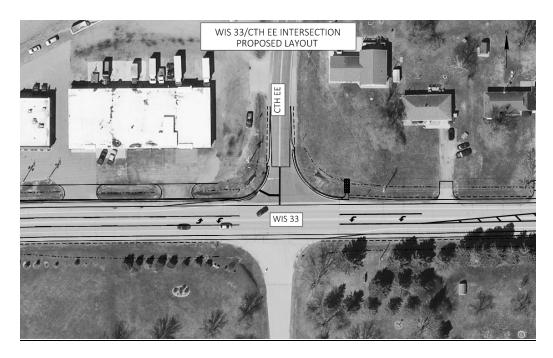


## **Project overview**

<u>WIS 33/COUNTY F Intersection</u> – WIS 33 is a two-lane roadway with passing lanes in each direction. County F is also a two-lane roadway which ends at the WIS 33 intersection. The intersection is currently controlled by a stop sign on County F. The project proposes to improve safety along WIS 33 by adding a left turn lane at County F.

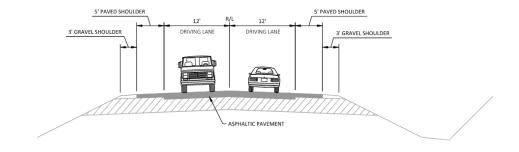


WIS 33/COUNTY EE Intersection – WIS 33 is a two-lane roadway with passing lanes in each direction. County EE is also a two-lane roadway which ends at the WIS 33 intersection. The intersection is currently controlled by a stop sign on County EE. The project proposes to improve safety along WIS 33 by adding a left turn lane at County EE and for the subdivision entrance across WIS 33.

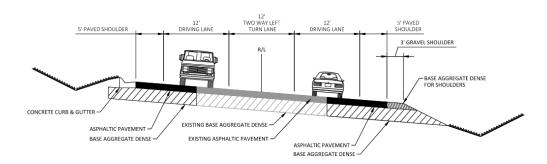


<u>WIS 33</u> – The proposed projects would affect approximately 0.25 miles of WIS 33 in length in the City of Portage, Columbia County. Improvements include widening of the roadway, the replacement of guardrails near the southern project limits, the replacement of culverts, and the addition of curb and gutter. Due to the close proximity between the County F and County EE intersections and the driveways between the intersections, a two-way-left-turn-lane (TWLTL) is planned for incorporation between the intersections to allow turning vehicles an area to move out of through traffic and slow down before turning.

**WIS 33 Typical Sections** 



#### **EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION FOR WIS 33**



#### PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION FOR WIS 33



# **Funding**

WisDOT applied for, and was granted, federal improvement funds for these projects through the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). HSIP funds highway safety projects at sites that have experienced a high crash history. The overall objective of HSIP is to develop and implement stand-alone

safety projects designed to reduce the number and severity of crashes on all streets and highways (State and local).

#### **Environmental**

An environmental document is being prepared to document potential impacts to environmental resources. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated.

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2028. During construction, WIS 33 will remain open to traffic under flagging operations.

#### Real estate

Right-of-way acquisition in the form of Temporary Limited Easements (TLEs) and permanent acquisition (FEE) will be required to blend the new construction into adjacent properties.

## Project update/next steps

- Public Outreach Mailers September 2025
- Completion of Environmental Documentation October 2025
- Completion of Final Plans August 1, 2027
- Construction anticipated to begin Spring 2028

## **Project website**

Please reference the project website for additional information and updates regarding the project:

https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis33-fee/default.aspx



# **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 October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, or 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. For more information, please contact:

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#### **Public Comment Form**

Project ID 6040-00-08
WIS 33, City of Portage
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Please submit this form by mail by October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to Joshua.koebernick@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:
Daytime Phone Number (optional):
Email Address (optional):
Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.



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