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WIS 13 Project Meeting Notification

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is conducting a public involvement meeting regarding the proposed reconstruction project on WIS 13 from Thompson Creek to the east side of Washington Avenue in the city of Washburn in Bayfield County.

The proposed improvements would primarily consist of removing and replacing the existing pavement with concrete pavement and replacing curb, gutter and sidewalk. Other proposed work would consist of replacing storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water main and streetlights

Construction is currently scheduled for the summer 2024 and 2025.

You are invited to attend the meeting scheduled for:

Public Involvement Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021
5 to 7 p.m.

The Club
3 W. Bayfield St.
Washburn

Masks are recommended.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the project and obtain input to assist in the development of the design and final plans. Maps of the project area will be on display, and WisDOT staff will be on hand to answer questions and take written and verbal comments.

Attached to this letter, you will find a handout that includes information on the project location, scope and impacts.

We encourage you to review the information provided and ask that you share any questions, comments or concerns about the project with us on the enclosed comment form. If you have any additional questions or would like to speak with a project team member directly, please call or email any of the contacts listed on the project handout.

Sincerely,

Jessica Bowker
WisDOT Project Manager
Enclosures

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 13 (Bayfield Street)
Thompson Creek – Washington Avenue
City of Washburn
Bayfield County**

Project ID: 8160-00-05 (75)



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This handout and other items are available on the project design website at:
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis13washburn/default.aspx>

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

Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is developing plans for proposed improvements on WIS 13 (Bayfield Street) from the Thompson Creek bridge to the east side of Washington Avenue in the city of Washburn in Bayfield County. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information regarding the proposed project, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community and offer an opportunity for public comment.

Project information

WisDOT is proposing improvements to 1.1 mile of WIS 13 in the city of Washburn to address the deterioration of the existing pavement and underground utilities, address intersection and pedestrian safety and upgrade curb ramps.

The WIS 13 project is proposed due to the deterioration of the existing concrete pavement, placed around 1974. This concrete pavement has been overlaid with asphalt in 1999 to help fix the faulted non-doweled concrete slabs. It was overlaid with asphalt a second time in 2009. The asphalt pavement has alligator, longitudinal and transverse cracking, patching, and weathering.

The city's water and sewer lines underneath WIS 13 from 11th Avenue West to Superior Avenue are deteriorating. These pipes, which are failing, were placed in the 1950s. The sewer main and its old brick manholes are crumbling. The water line is cast iron, which is very brittle. A slight shift caused by a frost heave is enough to crack it in half. Six significant breaks along this line have occurred in less than three years.

Proposed improvements

The following work is proposed on WIS 13:

- Replace the pavement on WIS 13 with 8 inches of concrete pavement over 6 inches of base aggregate and 24 inches of subbase material.
- Replace curb, gutter and sidewalk.
- Replace/upgrade all intersection curb ramps to meet Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- Add pedestrian bump outs at 3rd Avenue West and Washington Avenue intersections to provide improve pedestrian crossing.
- Add left-turn lanes at the intersection of Eighth Avenue West.
- Replace storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water main.
- Replace streetlights.

Project Location Maps



Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project.

Permanent right of way is anticipated on the corners of intersections for pedestrian curb ramps installation, sidewalk improvements and utility service replacements.

Temporary limited easements (TLE) also will be needed throughout the project limits for tying in roadway side slopes, installing sidewalks and restoring turf.

The final amount of right of way to be purchased is not known at this time.

Preliminary right-of-way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in August 2022.

Proposed Traffic Impacts

Construction of WIS 13 is proposed to take place starting in May 2024 and extending through July 2025.

During construction, the full closure of WIS 13 is proposed. Work will be performed in two or three city block segments. Project staging is planned to occur in five stages, with each stage taking approximately 45 calendar days. Stages will occur in order, starting at Washington Avenue and proceeding west to Thompson Creek, and might overlap/run concurrently.

Small vehicle traffic would be detoured on local streets. Large truck traffic would be detoured for the duration of the project on US 2 from County A to WIS 13.

Staging/detour options will be reviewed/discussed further with WisDOT and the city when city utility work details are known.

Next Steps

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| • Concept plans | September 2021 |
| • Local officials meeting | October 2021 |
| • Public involvement meeting | October 2021 |
| • Preliminary plans | Winter 2021 |
| • Environmental document | Winter 2021 |
| • Final plans | August 2023 |
| • Construction | Spring 2024 – Summer 2025 |

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 **Oct. 28, 2021**, or leave them in the comment box tonight. You also can email 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 Involvement Meeting Comment Form

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October 7, 2021

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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, email 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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