

# Public Involvement Handout

**WIS 54  
Wisconsin Rapids - Plover  
26<sup>th</sup> Street North to County B  
Portage/Wood County**

Project ID: 1520-01-60



**Handout date: April 2022**

This handout and other items are available on this project's design website at

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/WIs54biron/default.aspx>

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

## Purpose of handout

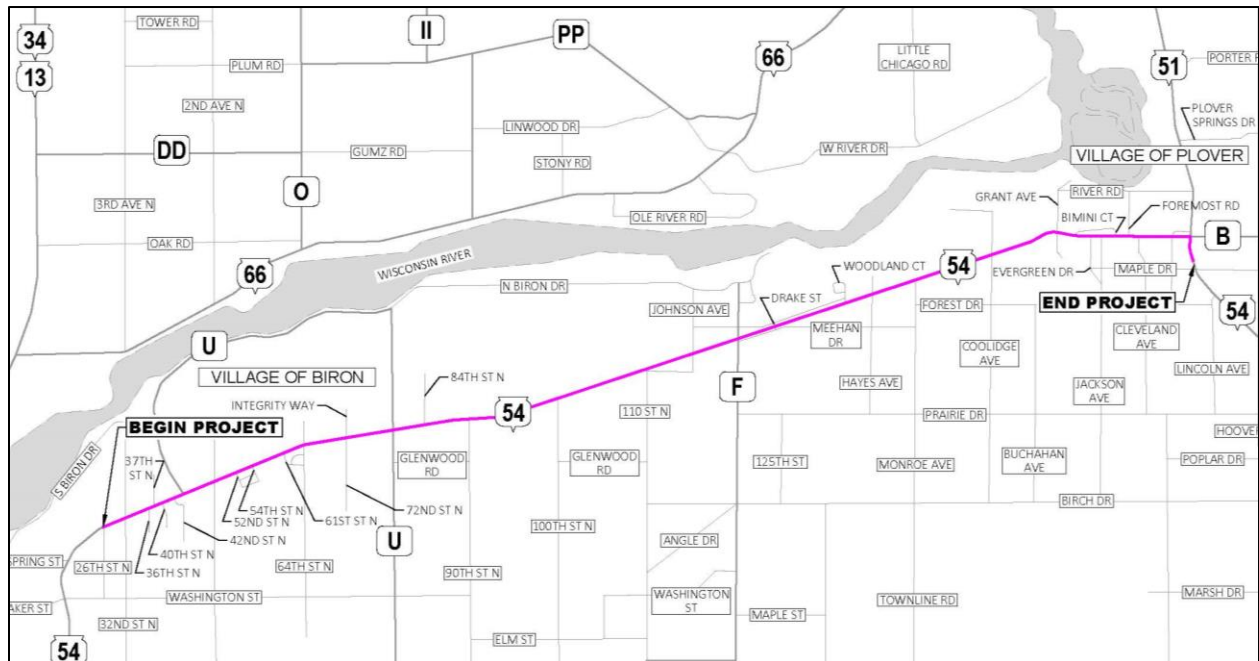
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on 26 miles (13 miles in each direction) WIS 54 in Portage and Wood County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

## Public input/comments

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 and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout, as well as on the project website, is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the proposed improvements. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the pre-paid mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to any of the contacts listed below.

## Project location

WIS 54 from 26<sup>th</sup> Street North in village of Biron to County B / WIS 54 roundabout in village of Plover in Portage and Wood County.



## **Project purpose and need**

The purpose of the project is to extend the service life and improve the failing concrete pavement joints. A crack survey completed by WisDOT in 2020 identified 500+ deteriorated joint locations within the project limits of WIS 54. Without repairs the existing concrete joints will fail and cause additional pavement structure failures which will result in greater rehabilitation efforts. In order for this corridor to continue serving as a safe and effective roadway rehabilitation efforts are necessary.

## **Anticipated benefits**

- Extends life of pavement
- Eliminate need for future maintenance costs saving taxpayer dollars in the future
- ADA compliant pedestrian curb ramps

## **Proposed improvements**

This is a perpetuation-level project. Proposed improvements include:

- Concrete pavement joint repairs
- Mill and resurface existing asphalt shoulders, turn lanes, and medians
- Upgrade existing at-grade railroad crossings on WIS 54
- Remove and replace existing concrete curb ramps
- Spot location curb and gutter replacement
- Repair existing storm sewer inlets in village of Biron and village of Plover

## **Traffic impacts**

Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2025.

During construction, WIS 54 will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction with a lane closure. This project also includes the replacement of the WIS 54 at-grade railroad crossing in the village of Plover and village of Biron. During these operations WIS 54 will be under detour to all through traffic for approximately two weeks. Motorist can expect to encounter traffic drums, lane closures and flagging operations. (See detour displays on website)

Temporary intersection and driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

## Schedule

Report Title/Task	Date
Public Involvement Process	April 2022
Environmental Document	June 2022
60% Preliminary Plans and Estimate	July 2022
Design Study Report	July 2022
Real Estate Acquisition Process	July 2022 – May 2024
90% Prefinal Plans and Estimate	February 1, 2024
Final Plans and Estimate	May 1, 2024
Preconstruction Meeting	Spring 2025

### Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. The acquisitions anticipated are at existing curb ramp locations at WIS 54 / 42<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection, and at-grade railroad crossings on WIS 54. Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in summer 2022. (See real estate displays on website)

### **Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program**

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones or impacted by detour routes have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to business, organizations and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. It includes promotional examples, case studies and a specially designed Business Coordination Guide with information on:

- Planning ahead
- Staying informed
- Keeping customers informed
- Tips for businesses

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at [www.wisconsindot.gov/Together](http://www.wisconsindot.gov/Together)

### **Public input/comments**

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them by the comment date to be consider during design.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to WisDOT.
2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.
3. Call the contact below.

### **Project contact**

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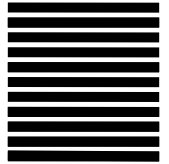
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