

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 54
Portage Co Line to Foxfire Dr
Waupaca County**

Project ID: 6991-00-04/74



**May 16, 2023
5 to 6:30 pm
Town of Farmington Town Hall
E913 Prairie View Lane
Waupaca, WI 54981**

Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning improvements on WIS 54 from the Portage County Line to Foxfire Drive in the town of Farmington and city of Waupaca in Waupaca County.

The objective of this meeting is to familiarize you with the purpose and need for the project and to obtain input on the proposed improvements.

The purpose of the proposed project is to extend the service life and improve the riding surface of WIS 54, improve the safety at the intersection of County Q, and improve pedestrian accommodations at Foxfire Drive. Some of the needs identified along this section of WIS 54 include:

- The pavement is deteriorating
- The crash history at the intersection of WIS 54 at County Q indicates a crash pattern involving eastbound and westbound left turning traffic
- Existing curb ramp at Foxfire Drive does not meet current ADA standards

The meeting will be conducted in an open house format, and a short presentation will be made at 5:15 p.m. We encourage you to review the project exhibits on display and direct questions or comments to any of the project representatives.

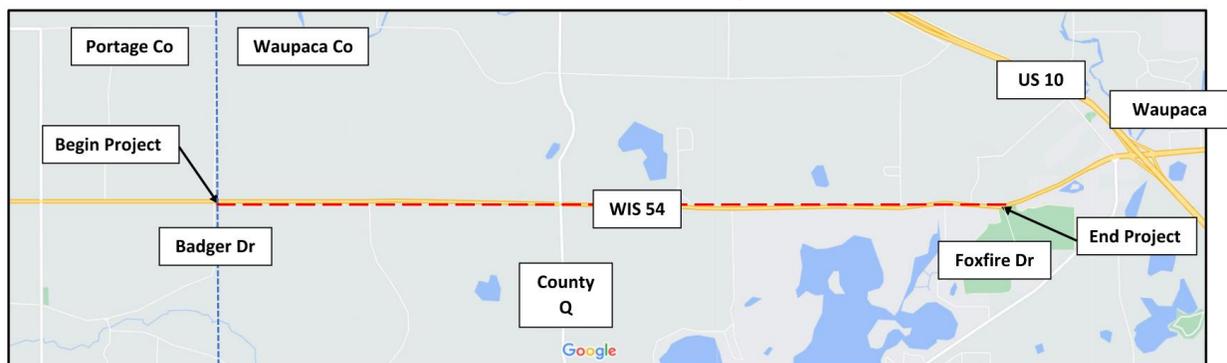
A local officials meeting was held April 25, 2023.

Project information

WisDOT is proposing to improve 4.6 miles of WIS 54 between the Portage County Line and Foxfire Drive. Proposed improvements include:

- Milling two-inches of asphalt and paving two-inches of hot mix asphalt
- Installation of eastbound and westbound right and left turn lanes on WIS 54 at County Q
- Sidewalk and curb ramp installation at Foxfire Drive
- Spot curb and gutter repairs
- Culvert endwall replacement
- Rumble strips

WIS 54 location map



Alternatives – WIS 54 at County Q

- Alternative 1 (preferred alternative) includes installation of eastbound and westbound right- and left-turn lanes on WIS 54 at County Q. This alternative is the least expensive and addresses crash types occurring at the intersection.
- Alternative 2 includes installation of a single lane roundabout. This alternative has greater right-of-way impacts and a larger cost than Alternative 1.

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2025.

During construction, WIS 54 between the Portage County Line and Foxfire Drive will remain open to traffic. Temporary single lane closures with flaggers will be utilized during daylight hours during construction operations to direct two-way traffic through the work zone. WIS 54 will be open to two-way traffic (one lane in each direction) overnight.

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

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Minor right-of-way acquisition is required at the intersection of WIS 54 and County Q in order to construct the eastbound and westbound turn lanes. In addition, minor right-of-way acquisition is required at the intersection of WIS 54 and Foxfire Drive in order to construct the curb ramp to meet current ADA standards.

Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in September 2023.

Project update/next steps

Local officials meeting	April 25, 2023
Public involvement meeting	May 16, 2023
Environmental Document	Summer 2023
Real estate Acquisition	September 2023
Project Construction	Scheduled for 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 project comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before June 2, 2023 or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also 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.

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<https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis54waupaca/default.aspx>

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