

Public Involvement Handout

**WIS 26
Rosendale to Oshkosh
(WIS 23 – County FF)
West Branch Fond Du Lac River Bridge & Culvert Replacement
Fond Du Lac County**

Project ID: 1110-15-00/71



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This handout and other items are available on the project design website at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/wis26bridge/default.aspx>

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

Purpose of handout

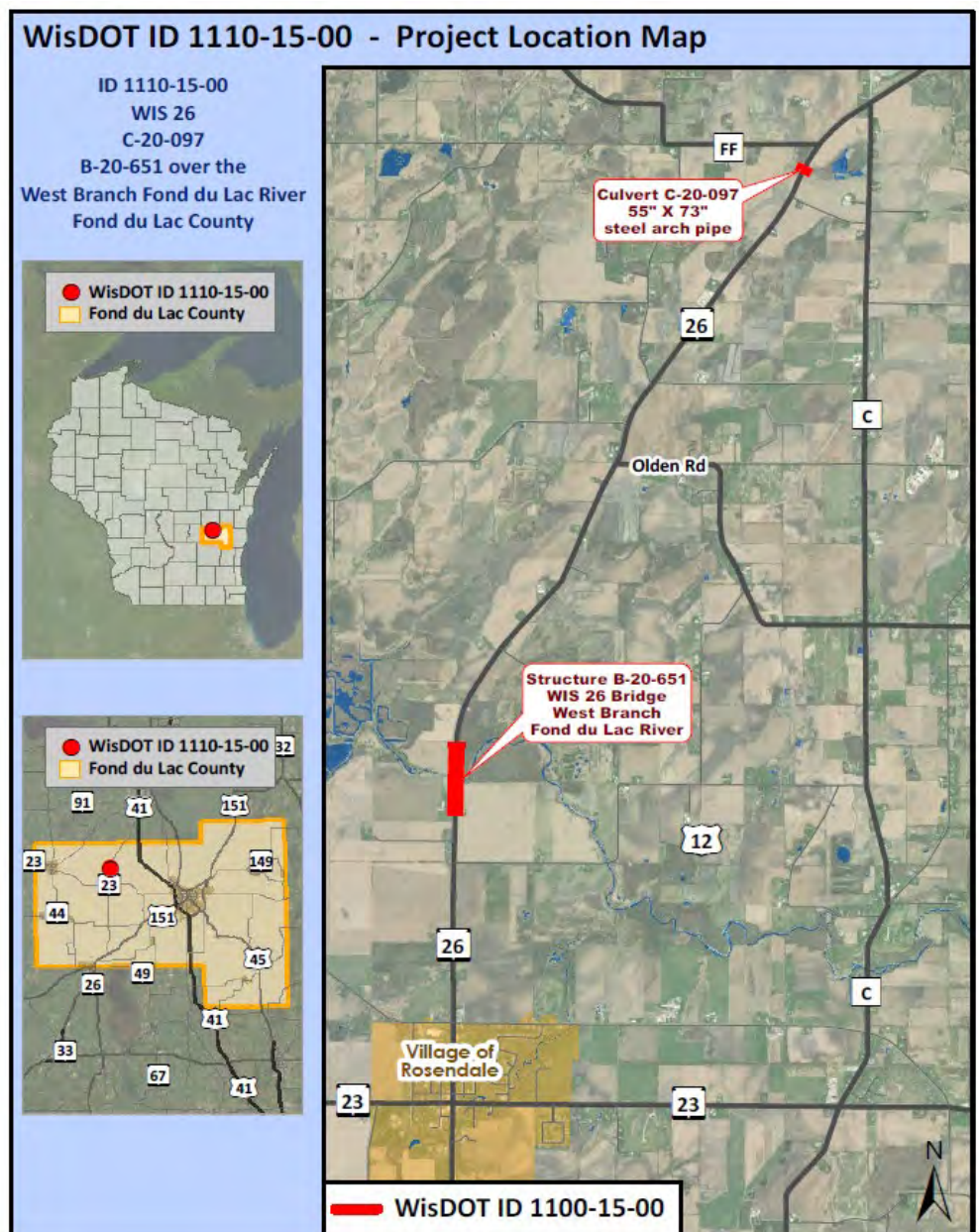
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed replacement of two structures on WIS 26 between the village of Rosendale and city of Oshkosh in Fond Du Lac County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed project, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment. Additional project information, including project displays, can be found on the WIS 26 Project design website.

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 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

- Vehicle bridge on WIS 26 over the West Branch of the Fond du Lac River in Fond Du Lac County about 2 miles north of WIS 23 in the village of Rosendale.
- Steel arch pipe culvert approximately 4.5 miles north of the bridge, just south of the WIS 26 intersection with County FF.



Project need/purpose

Recent bridge inspections show deterioration of the deck and girders, and the structure is nearing the end of its service life. The bridge was built in 1931. The last rehabilitation project took place in 1988. The existing steel arch pipe culvert north of the bridge shows significant corrosion and distortion to the point where maintenance and repair-only methods are cost prohibitive.

Proposed improvements

WisDOT is proposing to replace both structures. Replacement includes:

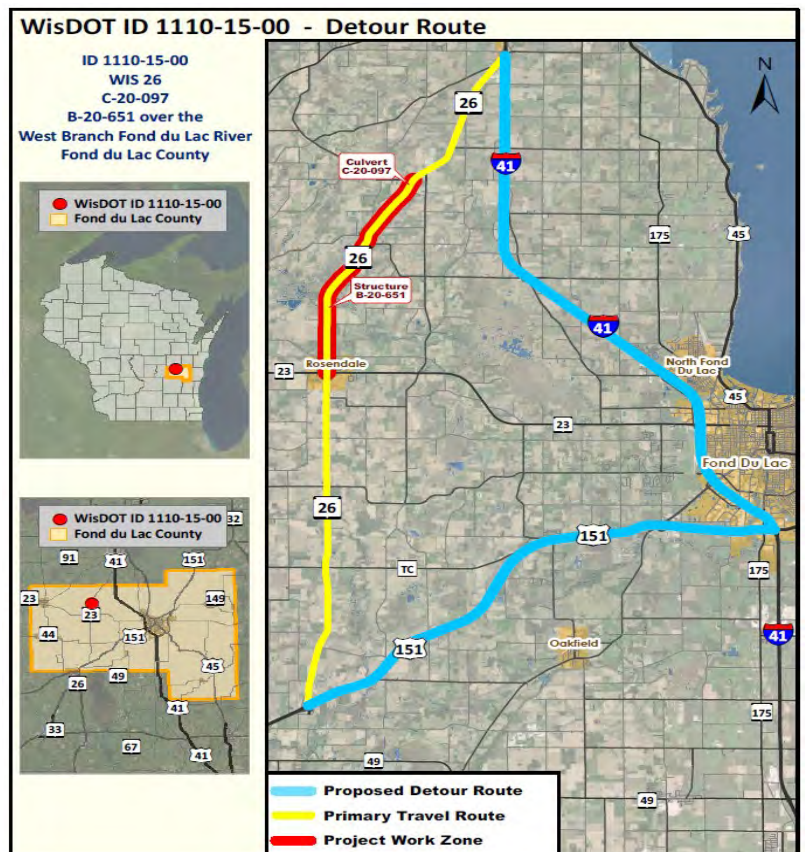
- Construct new slab span concrete bridge on current alignment with parapets
- Replace roadway approaches to the structure
- Slightly raise vertical profile to promote adequate drainage
- Widen bridge structure to meet current roadway standards
- Replace beam guard
- Replace culvert in-kind with a similar galvanized steel pipe arch pipe
 - Culvert will be at the same location and with similar profile.

Project schedule

- Design Fall 2021 to June 2022
- Public Comment Through November 9, 2021
- Environmental Document October 2021
- Real Estate Spring/Fall 2022
- Final Plans November 2022
- Construction Summer 2023
 - Construction of both structures will be let as a single project.

Proposed traffic impacts

- WIS 26 will be closed and detoured during construction.
 - Access will be maintained to property owners in the work zone.
 - A hard closure will exist at the bridge and culvert location.
 - Access to properties will be from the north or south of the hard closure.
- Proposed detour will utilize WIS 26 south of WIS 23 to US 151 to I-41 north to WIS 26.



Businesses - In This Together & temporary business signing

If you own a business that may be affected by the detour, please see the department's In This Together business resource website for tools and tips that can help make your business a continued success during the project's construction. Temporary business signing will also be available to affected businesses. For more information, please see

<https://wisconsin.gov/Together>

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. It is estimated that 5 to 10-foot strips of permanent and/or temporary acquisition on both sides of WIS 26 near the bridge replacement will be needed. A small strip of temporary easement is also expected on the west side of WIS 26 at the culvert replacement site. A member of our real estate staff will contact you if your property is affected.

Project update/next steps

The public comment period for this project runs through November 9, 2021. Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them by the comment period due date.

- Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to WisDOT
- Email comments or questions to the contacts listed below.
- Call the contacts below.

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Project contact

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this handout, or if questions come up later, please contact:

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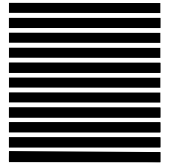
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