



US 12/WIS 25/Pine Avenue East Intersection

City of Menomonie, Dunn County

Frequently Asked Questions

Summer 2023

1. Will a left-turn traffic signal be installed at the intersection?

This project will install dedicated left-turn signal heads over each traffic lane, including turn lanes.

2. Left turns at the intersection are very challenging for drivers to navigate. Can this be improved?

The project recognizes the difficulty in making left turns, and it is a key element of the proposed design. Left-turn lane alignment on all approaches will be improved with this project, which will improve motorists' ability to see oncoming traffic. In addition, placing traffic signal heads over each lane will improve their visibility for drivers.

3. The proposed raised median on US 12 will be a problem for local traffic trying to turn left out of driveways on both sides of the road. How will drivers make this movement if its restricted?

There is a documented high crash frequency on US 12 at the location of these driveways. The raised median was identified as the preferred solution in a safety study conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Local drivers visiting these businesses are expected to use the remaining access to state and local roads as needed to safely arrive to their destination. This may require a less direct path depending on the route chosen by the driver, but the goal of the project is to improve the safety for drivers.

4. Will the eastbound US 12 right-turn island be yield or stop controlled for drivers turning right onto southbound WIS 25?

Traffic control will remain a yield condition for this movement. Yielding drivers are expected to wait for suitable gaps prior to merging into traffic. Additionally with the reconstruction of the island, sight lines for drivers will be improved, providing better visibility to safely make the movement.

5. Will sidewalks be impacted?

Pedestrian improvements on the project include updated curb ramps and updated crosswalk locations.



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6. Will pedestrian refuge be provided for pedestrians crossing US 12/WIS 25/Broadway Street?

No pedestrian refuge is proposed across US 12/WIS 25/Broadway Street. Within the limits of the existing curb and gutter, the available roadway width would not provide enough space for vehicle travel lanes and the accommodation of large turning vehicles while also providing pedestrian refuge compliant with the standards of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

7. Can the crosswalks be retimed for the pedestrian movements?

Traffic signal timing, including for pedestrians, will be updated with this project to ensure that the operations of the updated traffic signal system is compliant with the Wisconsin supplement to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Wisconsin Department of Transportation standards.

8. Is it possible to consider installing a traffic signal or pedestrian crossing signal at the intersection of WIS 25 and Elm Avenue?

The scope of this project does not provide for additional improvements beyond the safety improvements identified at the intersection of US 12/WIS 25/Pine Avenue East.

9. Is it possible to consider a roundabout at this intersection currently?

The intersection's existing crash history was evaluated by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. After evaluation, the proposed improvements were defined as described in the recorded presentation on the project website. The proposed project is expected to improve the identified issues while providing the best return on investment for the project budget. A roundabout would have considerably greater construction cost as well as more property acquisition.

10. Where will property be purchased?

Property will be acquired at the intersection to accommodate pedestrian curb ramp improvements and freight mobility, and the owner of any parcel affected by these acquisitions will be contacted in fall 2023.

