

# Public Involvement Handout

US 8

Ladysmith - Prentice

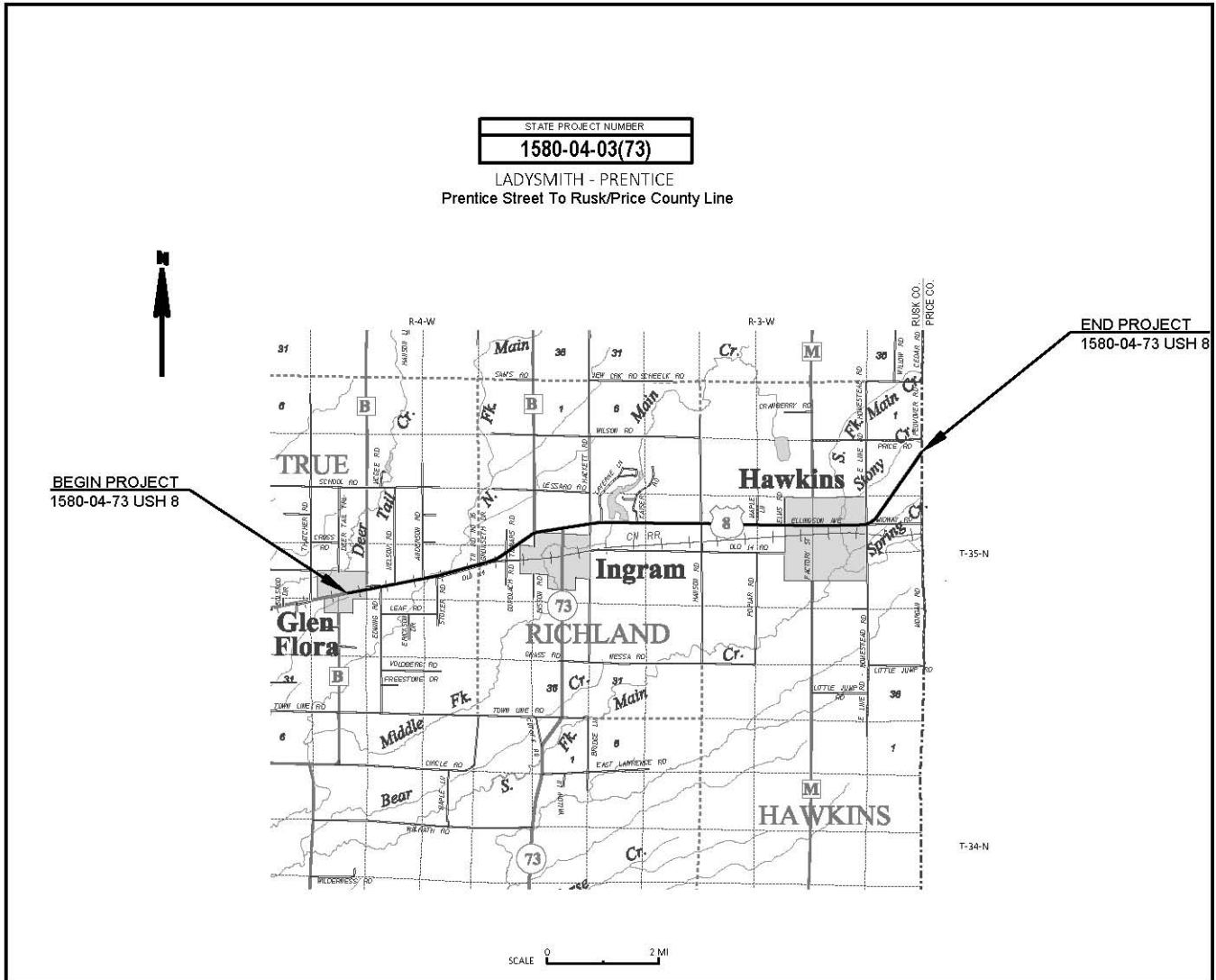
Prentice Street to Rusk/Price County Line

Rusk County

**Project ID: 1580-04-73**



## Project ID 1580-04-73 Location Map



### Project Purpose and Need

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is undertaking an 11.14-mile resurfacing project on US 8 in Rusk County from Prentice Street in the village of Glen Flora to the Rusk/Price county line. Within the village of Hawkins, the project includes storm water drainage improvements, curb and gutter replacement, and curb ramp replacement. See project location map.

The project was initiated because the pavement within this segment of US 8 has extensive cracking, and it has reached the end of its useful life. US 8 is a principal arterial highway and a state and federal long truck route. This segment of US 8 was last resurfaced in 2007.

## Project information

Proposed project improvements include:

- Mill 2.25 inches of asphalt from the roadway surface and place 3.25 inches of new asphalt from Prentice Street in the village of Glen Flora to German Street in the village of Hawkins.
- Mill the asphalt roadway full depth and mill the underlying concrete pavement up to 2 inches in the village of Hawkins from German to Washington streets. Clean and patch the milled concrete pavement with asphaltic surface in the same segment.
- Remove and replace curb and gutter with a curb head elevation at 0"-2" below the existing curb head in the village of Hawkins from German to Washington streets. In the same segment:
  - A minimum 3.25-inch depth of new asphalt will be paved to match the new concrete gutter. The existing gutters have been almost completely filled with asphalt, diminishing their flow capacity.
  - Curb and gutter will be replaced to improve drainage by allowing storm water runoff from the street to collect in full-depth concrete gutters, which will drain into existing ditches. The result will be a decrease in the amount of street runoff entering private property via overtopping of curb.
- Remove an existing parking lane that is no longer needed for the telecommunication business east of Main Street in the village of Hawkins. Replacement curb and gutter will follow the standard offset and eliminate parking along this segment of US 8.
- Remove existing curb ramps and replace with Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps at existing crosswalks on US 8 at Main Street and at the west side of Washington Street, all in the village of Hawkins.
- Mill 2.25 inches of asphalt from the roadway surface and place 3.25 inches of new asphalt from Washington Street in village of Hawkins to the east Rusk County line.
- Add shoulder gravel to match resurfaced elevation of US 8 and at gravel side road intersections
- Replace curb and gutter where needed at rural side road intersections.
- Install centerline rumble strips in rural areas to enhance safety.

## Proposed traffic impacts

During construction, US 8 will be reduced to one lane of traffic during milling and paving operations. Motorists can expect to encounter flagging operations and also reduced width restrictions in the village of Hawkins.

Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during curb and gutter replacement in the village of Hawkins. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.

## Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project in the form of temporary limited easements (TLEs) for the purpose of replacing curb ramps and short segments of sidewalk in the village of Hawkins. TLE-acquisition impacts are minor for ADA-compliant curb ramps. The required TLE exhibits are expected to be complete and recorded by Rusk County early in July 2021.

## Schedule

Construction currently is scheduled for 2024.

## Public input/comments

Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. 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.

Please mail any written comments about the project to WisDOT Project Supervisor Jeff Olson before Feb. 17, 2021. You also can email your comments to Olson and Jeff Saxby, WisDOT consultant project manager. Their contact information is listed below.

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Information about the project also is posted on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website at: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/us8ruskco/default.aspx>.

# Public Involvement Comment Form

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