

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

## WIS 46 US 8 to WIS 35 Polk County

Project ID: 8030-00-00



Summer 2022

## **Purpose**

Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs and proposed improvements along WIS 46 between US 8 and WIS 35 in the towns of Balsam Lake and Milltown and villages of Balsam Lake and Milltown.

The purpose of the project is to preserve the function, operation and safety of WIS 46.

The project is needed due to deterioration of the pavement surface in the form of transverse and longitudinal cracking. Properly timed pavement improvements will prevent further deterioration of the lower layers of the roadway and extend the service life of the highway while also lowering maintenance costs of the road.

The project will also address secondary needs including replacing substandard pedestrian curb ramps within the Village of Balsam Lake, removing and replacing substandard guardrail, and performing maintenance on culverts to allow them to function as intended.

A local officials' meeting has been held to coordinate with local community officials.

WisDOT is hosting virtual public involvement efforts, and residents and businesses within the project corridor will be notified that a presentation and exhibits are available on a project website. A comment form and project contacts will be provided, so questions or comments can be submitted to the project team.

## **Project information**

WisDOT is proposing to improve 11.4 miles of WIS 46, stretching from US 8 to WIS 35. Proposed improvements include:

- Recycling 4 inches of the existing pavement and placing 2.75 inches of new asphalt pavement in rural areas.
- Removing 3.25 inches of the existing pavement and placing 3.25 inches of new asphalt pavement in urban areas through the village of Balsam Lake, including parking lanes.
- Performing culvert work, including cleaning, extending, lining or replacing culverts, to restore roadway drainage.
- Replacing or adjusting the existing guardrail after the asphalt overlay to meet current safety standards.
- Reconstructing pedestrian curb ramps within the village of Balsam Lake to meet Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2026, but the project could occur as early as 2025.

During construction, WIS 46 will remain open to traffic, but motorists can expect to encounter single-lane closures and flagging operations during normal construction hours. Access to



## Real estate

No permanent right-of-way acquisition will be required for this project.

Temporary limited easements (TLEs) will be required within the village of Balsam Lake to ensure that pedestrian curb ramps are constructed correctly. These acquisitions will be used to replace existing sidewalk areas on private property with sidewalk that is properly sloped for the curb ramps. TLEs are anticipated at the following intersections:

- WIS 46 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- WIS 46 and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- WIS 46 and Courthouse Avenue
- WIS 46 and Mill Street

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

## Project update/next steps

Local Officials Meeting	Spring 2022
Environmental Process Completion	July 1, 2022
Preliminary Design Reports & Plans	Oct. 1, 2022
TLE Acquisition for Curb Ramps	Spring 2023
Final Plans	May 1, 2024
Construction currently scheduled	April – September 2026

## Public input/comments

We encourage you to contact the project representatives and ask them questions.

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 submit them by **July 1, 2022**, by mail or email. A comment form is attached, and project contacts are below.

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