

Public Involvement Meeting

WIS 46, US 8 to WIS 35

Polk County

Summer 2022

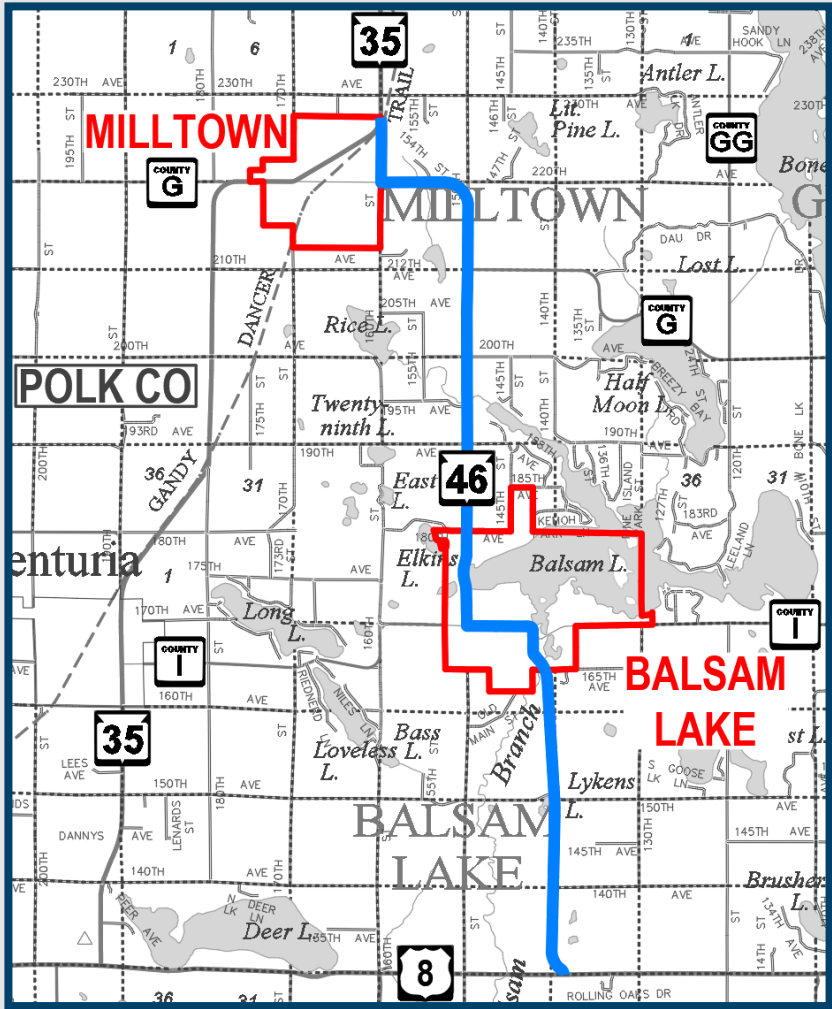


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Location



Purpose and Need

- Purpose:

- Preserve the function, operation and safety of WIS 46 and minimize the overall life cycle cost of the corridor.

- Need:

- Prevent poor riding surfaces and further deterioration on WIS 46.
- Make pedestrian curb ramps in the village of Balsam Lake Americans With Disabilities Act compliant.
- Restore function of highway drainage system.
- Upgrade guardrail to current safety standards.



Proposed Improvements

- Recycle the existing pavement surface and place new hot-mix asphalt pavement in rural areas.
- Remove a portion of the existing pavement surface and place new hot-mix asphalt through the village of Balsam Lake.
- Remove and replace non-compliant guardrail.
- Upgrade pedestrian curb ramps to meet ADA standards.
- Repair or replace deteriorated culverts.



Proposed Traffic Impacts

- Motorists can expect to encounter the following conditions:
 - WIS 46 will remain open to traffic, but there will be lane closures controlled by flagging.
 - Traffic may be reduced to one lane on side roads when construction operations are occurring within the intersection
 - Parking may be limited or restricted in the village of Balsam Lake while pavement removal and replacement is occurring.
 - Culvert replacements may require lane shifts and gravel surfaces during removal and replacement.



Proposed Traffic Impacts

- Temporary sidewalks and curb ramps will be provided while curb ramps are under construction.
- Access to business and residential driveways will be maintained during construction.
- Local and emergency access will be maintained to all businesses and residences throughout construction.





Real Estate Needs

- Temporary limited easements (TLEs) will be required for pedestrian curb ramp reconstruction to provide correct slopes.
- No permanent real estate acquisition will be needed.





Next Steps

- Complete environmental studies and coordination: July 1, 2022
- Finish preliminary design reports and plans: Oct. 1, 2022
- Acquire TLEs for curb ramps: Spring/summer 2023
- Submit final plans: May 1, 2024
- Begin construction: 2026
 - Could occur as early as 2025 if funding is available



Input

- Provide input by July 1, 2022
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