

Public Involvement Meeting #1

**WIS 31 (Green Bay Road)
WIS 11 (Durand Avenue) to WIS 20 (Washington Avenue)
Racine County**

Project ID: 2390-12-00



**February 11, 2020
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church
1700 South Green Bay Road, Racine WI**

Purpose of the meeting

The intent of this meeting is to receive public input regarding the reconstruction of WIS 31 (Green Bay Road). Public input is a vital and critical component in shaping this project. Improvements are not anticipated to begin for another six (6) years dependent on schedule, which allows ample time for you to ask questions and assist us with our design process.

The meeting will be an open house format. WisDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and review project information and concepts.

Project information

WisDOT is proposing to improve 1.5 miles of WIS 31, a high traffic corridor with commercial, institutional and residential land uses. Proposed improvements include the modernization and reconstruction of WIS 31 from WIS 11 (Durand Avenue) to WIS 20 (Washington Avenue). This includes new pavement, storm sewer, and traffic signals.

The project proposes to improve pavement and enhance operations, safety and accessibility. The need for improvement is based on several factors:

- Pavement has exceeded its useful life and requires frequent repairs.
- Intersection operations are poor and are anticipated to decline.
- Traffic signals, congestion and median openings contribute to crashes.
- Corridor has limited multimodal transportation options.



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Pavement Condition

The WIS 31 roadway was originally constructed in 1975, with rehabilitations in 1992 and 2006. The pavement is in very poor condition. The deteriorating overlays are also impeding efficient drainage.

Traffic

WIS 31 currently carries approximately 31,100 to 38,100 vehicles per day. By the year 2045, the traffic is anticipated to grow to approximately 34,000 to 40,000 vehicles per day. The intersection operations are poor – there are long intersection delays and queues – and are anticipated to decline. The traffic signal equipment is outdated, and the signal timing and phasing is inefficient.

Multimodal Transportation

The WIS 31 corridor has limited multimodal transportation options. There are generally no pedestrian facilities, other than a few short sections of sidewalk. No bicycle accommodations are provided along the corridor; the travel lanes are 10-ft to 11-ft wide and do not provide width for bicycles.

Several Racine RYDE transit lines provide service along or across WIS 31. Bus stops within the corridor lack Americans with Disabilities Act compliant pads and do not connect to sidewalks, requiring bus users to walk on the grass or snow or in the roadway.

Design Concept

WIS 31 is anticipated to be reconstructed with three driving lanes in each direction, along with shoulders and sidewalk throughout the corridor.



Environmental Coordination

Environmental studies, including hazardous materials, archaeological and historic surveys, and environmental documentation are ongoing. Wetland delineation has been completed.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. In general, throughout the corridor, strip right of way (approximately 5-ft to 15-ft) and temporary easement acquisition is anticipated. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in 2021 or later.

Project update/next steps

A local officials meeting was held on January 21, 2020, to provide a project update to village, city, county, and other affected agencies.

The following is the current anticipated schedule for the project:

- Public involvement: throughout project, with Public Involvement Meetings anticipated in summer 2020 and spring 2021
- Real estate acquisition: April 2021 – April 2023
- Construction: 2026 (or 2025 if funding available)

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below.

Persons with a concern for, or knowledge of, historical or archaeological resources, drainage problems, or environmental issues such as hazardous waste and underground storage tanks, are encouraged to provide information to the project team. Comments are also welcome regarding potential impacts to the Racine County Bike Trail.

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. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

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