

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**US 14
Bohmann Drive to County O
Richland County**

Project ID: 1640-03-03/73



**October 18, 2023
5:30 PM
Richland Center Municipal Building**

Purpose of the meeting

Welcome to the public involvement meeting for the proposed improvements to US 14 between Bohmann Drive and County O in the city of Richland Center and town of Richland.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is currently in the design phase of this project. The roadway will be restored to provide a safe, durable roadway that is capable of handling the needs of the traveling public along US 14 for years to come.

The objective of this meeting is to obtain your input on the identified needs and proposed improvements to the roadway. After a brief presentation, the meeting will follow an open house format.

Please take time to review the information presented. WisDOT project representatives are available to answer questions. A public input form is also available for you to give written comments.

Project Information

The roadway is an important and popular route within Richland County. US 14 from Bohmann Drive to County O is an approximately 1.57 mile 4-lane undivided urban/rural transitional roadway with a two-way left-turn lane that was constructed in 1987. Projected 2046 traffic volumes range from 13,500 – 18,100 vehicles/day, with approximately 6.8% of that volume consisting of trucks. The posted speed limit is 40 mph.

The existing pavement along this section of US 14 has exceeded the typical pavement life of 20 to 30 years and is in poor condition. The existing non-doweled concrete has failing joints, mid-panel and corner breaks, spalls, and potholes, as well as broken sections of curb and gutter.

The guardrail systems at the eastern entrance to the Richland Square shopping center are showing deterioration and are of an outdated design. The curb ramps at the Bohmann Drive intersection do not meet current Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards. Additionally, a culvert pipe located west of Simpsons Tractor is deteriorated and requires replacement.



Figure 1: Project Location Map

Proposed improvement

The proposed improvements include:

- Replacement of the existing pavement with 8-inches of doweled concrete over 6-inches of base aggregate over 16-inches of select crushed material
- New curb and gutter or asphalt shoulder, matching existing locations
- Replacement the guardrail with the current design
- Repair or replacement of storm inlets as necessary
- Replace deteriorated culvert pipe
- Reconstruction of curb ramps at Bohmann Drive as ADA-compliant ramps
- Replacement of existing signal equipment with monotube signals
- Replacement of pavement marking

Currently anticipated construction impacts

This improvement project is scheduled for 2026.

The proposed improvements will be completed while US 14 remains open to single lane traffic in each direction, utilizing a temporary crossover to move all traffic to one side of US 14 at a time. Access to US 14 from all intersections will be maintained throughout construction.

Access to US 14 from all driveways will be maintained during construction; however, there may be brief periods of time when access will not be possible at certain locations due to construction operations. Every effort will be made to maintain access to the greatest extent possible through construction staging, and any access interruptions at driveways will be communicated well in advance by the contractor.

Pedestrian access will remain open at the Bohmann Drive intersection throughout the project. Temporary pedestrian accommodations will be provided when the pedestrian curb ramps are under construction.

Business coordination during construction

Business coordination is available through the WisDOT In This Together program. These resources help businesses with tips and tools during construction, including temporary business signage recommendations and resources such as planning worksheets. More information on the program can be found at the following URL: <https://wisconsin.gov/together>

Real estate

This project will require a minor right of way acquisition, but no relocations will be required. Approximately 0.02 acres will be required for permanent acquisition (FEE) at the guardrail systems at the eastern entrance to the Richland Square shopping center.

Project update/next steps

The next steps for this project include the preliminary and final design of the corridor. You can follow along and stay involved by checking for updates on the project website using Figure 2. You can also follow the Southwest Office of WisDOT on Twitter (@WisDOTsouthwest) to be informed about information from around the region.



Figure 2: Project Website

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 **by November 17, 2023** or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contact listed below.

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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