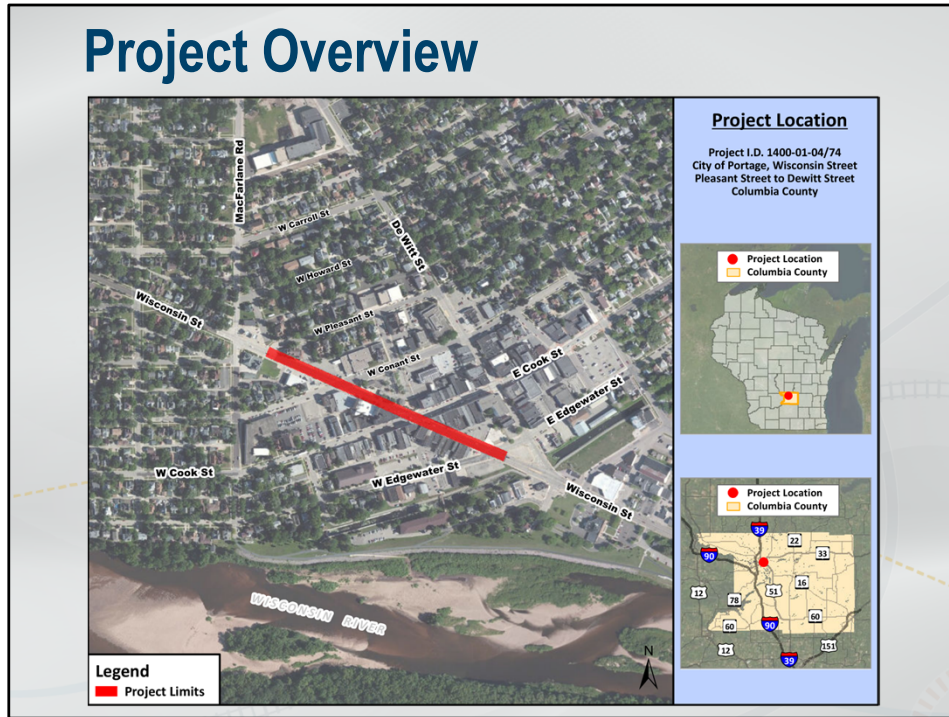


Welcome to the virtual public involvement presentation for the upcoming project along US 51 in the City of Portage. The purpose of this presentation is to discuss the improvements proposed for a segment of US 51 in downtown Portage, and to gain public feedback. If you have any questions or comments after viewing this presentation, we ask that you use the contact information posted at the end of this presentation to let us know. There also is a comment form on the project website that you can print and mail or email if that is your preferred method of communication to offer feedback.

# Project Overview



The proposed project will run along US 51 from Pleasant Street at the northern limit concrete/asphalt joint to just north of the Edgewater Street intersection abutting the limits of the recently completed construction project on Wisconsin Street. The project is a little under 0.25 miles in length. Currently there are about 10,250 vehicles that travel on US 51, with an estimated 7% of them being truck traffic.

## Purpose & Need

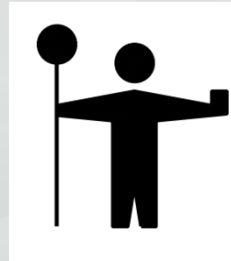
- Deteriorating Pavement Condition
- Substandard Pedestrian Facilities



The primary need for this project is the pavement on US 51 is worn out and is reaching the end of its usable life. This project will consist of a mill and overlay of the existing asphalt pavement and will address layout and condition of the curb ramps within the project limits. As shown in the pictures, the curb ramps in the area do not meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. During the project, the curb ramps will be brought up to current ADA standards for design consistency and for the safety of pedestrians. Some of the curb ramp upgraded will require small amounts of acquisitions for right-of-way and temporary easements for construction of the curb ramps. Modifications to the pedestrian buttons will also be made to meet standard and create a safer crossing experience for pedestrians in the City of Portage.

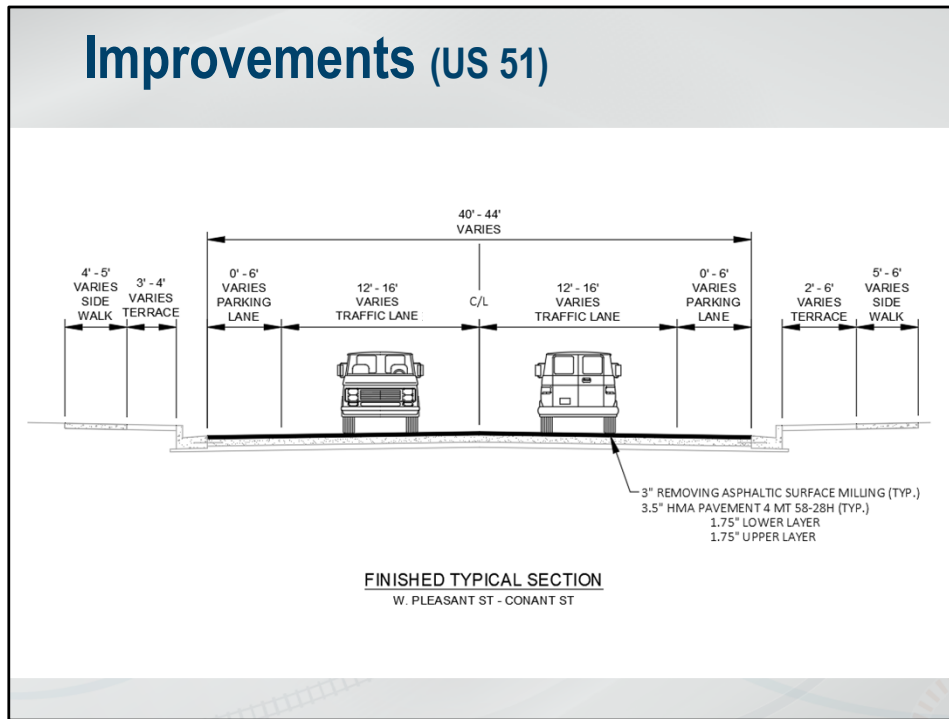
## Traffic Control

- Construction under flagging
- Off-Peak Hours
- Sidewalk Construction



We are anticipating that US 51 will remain open during construction. During milling and paving operations, flagging will occur to ensure traffic is able to safely move through the work zone. Milling and paving will take place during off-peak hours to minimize the impact to traffic.

During curb ramp construction, some sidewalks will be closed, and localized pedestrian detours will be utilized.



Looking at the proposed improvements for this project, no changes to the typical section or lane configurations will take place with this project. 3.5 inches of the asphalt pavement will be removed and replaced with 3.5 inches of new asphalt. Select curb and gutter may be replaced to accommodate curb ramp upgrades.

## Project Schedule

- **Environmental Document** (Submit August 2022)
- **60% Preliminary Design** (August 2022)
- **R/W Acquisition** (August 2022 – August 2023)
- **Utility Coordination** (December 2023)
- **Final Plans** (May 2024)
- **Construction** (2025)

Looking at the project schedule, the project team is working on the 60% plans being submitted in August. The environmental document will also be submitted in August 2022. Real estate acquisition will be ongoing from August of 2022 to August of 2023, and utility coordination will be completed by December of 2023. The final plans are scheduled in May of 2024, with construction occurring in 2025.

## Information & Website

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/us51-columbiacounty/default.aspx>

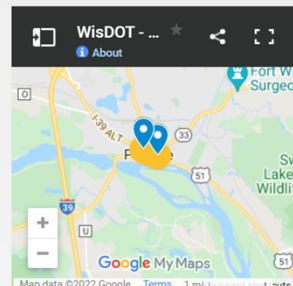
### US 51 (Pleasant Street to DeWitt Street) - Columbia County

Southwest Region

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#### Project Location

US 51 (Pleasant Street to DeWitt Street), City of Portage - Columbia County



There is a project page on the DOT website for this project that contains a description of the project location, overview of the proposed improvements, the current project schedule, expected traffic impacts during construction, public involvement information and contact information for the project team.

# Comments & Feedback

Please complete and return comment form by **July 18, 2022**

**Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form**

Project ID 1400-01-84 (74)  
City of Portage, Wisconsin Street, US 51  
(Pleasant Street - DuVette Street)  
Columbia County  
(July 2022)

Please place this form in the comment box or mail by July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to [joshkoebemick@dot.wis.gov](mailto:joshkoebemick@dot.wis.gov). 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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Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Madison, WI 53704-2569  
Attn: Josh Koebemick

Also on the project web page, along with this presentation and project information, you also will be able to find a comment form to use for asking any questions or sharing any comments and feedback with the project team. We ask that if you have any comments related to the project that you fill out one of these comment forms and have it returned to one of the project team members by July 18th. Again, this form can be found on the project website.



## Questions or Comments?

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Here is the contact information for the project team. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of us directly or fill out a comment form and send it in.

Thank you so much for taking the time to watch our virtual public involvement meeting. We hope that you all have a great day.