



WIS 11 and WIS 23/County P Intersection Improvement Project Lafayette County

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Project Overview

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proposing to improve the intersection of WIS 11 and WIS 23/County P located between the Villages of Shullsburg and Gratiot (see next page for project location). Construction is currently scheduled for 2026. This newsletter has been prepared to provide you with an update on the proposed project and instructions for providing comments on the proposed design. All persons with an interest in the project are encouraged to provide comments by March 8, 2023, either by phone, email, or mail using the attached comment form. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to address the safety concerns at the WIS 11 and WIS 23/County P intersection. The project is needed to reduce the high crash rate and severity of crashes at the intersection. Of the crashes at this intersection, 80% of them are failure-to-yield or failure-to-stop crashes.

Summary of Proposed Improvements

The following alternatives were considered for this intersection:

- Traffic Signals – This alternative is not viable as this intersection does not meet the signal warrants/requirements for installing traffic signals.
- Addition of left-turn lanes on WIS 11 – This alternative would not be effective at addressing the failure-to-yield/failure-to-stop problem.
- Single-Lane Roundabout – This alternative is the only alternative that will adequately address the purpose and need of the project.

The proposed improvements listed below and shown on the next page are for the roundabout alternative and would involve reconstruction of the intersection along with some land acquisition and driveway removals. Improvements include the following:

- Reconstruct approximately 500 to 700 feet along the west and east WIS 11 and north WIS 23 legs of the intersection
- Reconstruct approximately 900 feet of the south County P leg to lower the roadway to improve sightlines approaching the intersection
- Add lighting, signing, and pavement markings
- Replace the existing drainage structures and remove the existing guardrail

The project is still early in the design phase and WisDOT is looking for feedback on the roundabout alternative being considered.

Traffic Impacts

WIS 11 would remain open during construction with flagging operations anticipated. WIS 23 and County P would be closed during construction and WIS 23 detoured. Access would be maintained to local businesses and property owners. Construction is expected to last one construction season.

Project Schedule (subject to change)

2023	Preliminary Design, Environmental Document, and Plat
2023 – 2025	Real Estate Acquisition Process
August 2025	Final Plan
2026	Construction

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