

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 113  
WIS 78 to Mound Street  
Sauk County**

Project ID: 5620-00-02



**March 23, 2023  
5 to 7 p.m.  
City of Baraboo Municipal Building**

## **Purpose of the meeting**

Welcome to the WIS 113 (WIS 78 to Mound Street) public involvement meeting.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning improvements to WIS 113 in the Baraboo area to address the deteriorating pavement. Our objectives for today's meeting are to familiarize the public with the purpose and need for the project and to obtain input on the proposed improvements.

The purpose of this project is to extend the pavement service life of WIS 113 before more substantial improvements, such as pavement reconstruction, will be needed. The pavement on WIS 113 is deteriorating. The existing pavement has extensive alligator cracking, edge cracking, longitudinal and transverse cracking. A horizontal curve has been identified as a safety issue.

Coordination with Local Officials took place immediately prior to this public involvement meeting.

The meeting will be an open-house format.

## **Project information**

WisDOT is proposing to improve 7.6 miles of WIS 113, between WIS 78 and Mound Street. Proposed improvements include: Removal and replacement of existing pavement, providing standard width shoulders, removal and replacement of existing beam guard, and reconstruction of a horizontal curve.

A horizontal curve approximately 0.5 miles south of County DL (west)/Tower Rd has been identified as a safety issue. Additional funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) was secured to reconstruct the curve to a radius that is more appropriate for the highway.

## Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is scheduled for 2026.

During construction, WIS 113 at the horizontal curve reconstruction – approximately 0.5 miles south of County DL (west)/Tower Rd – will be closed to traffic and a detour will be provided. The detour route will utilize WIS 78 and US 12. The remainder of WIS 113 will be open to local traffic and reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction. Motorists can expect to encounter lane closures and flagging operations.

Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before closing a driveway.



Figure 1 - Location/Detour Map

## Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. The horizontal curve reconstruction will require right of way to be acquired from Devil's Lake State Park land managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in August 2023.

## Project update/next steps

Coordination with Local Officials took place immediately prior to this public involvement meeting.

Work completed to date:

- Beam Guard evaluation
- Encroachment Report
- Pavement Design Report
- Archeological Surveys
- Preliminary (30%) Plans

Anticipated schedule:

- Environment process – April 2023
- Preliminary (60%) Plans – May 2023
- Design Study Report – May 2023
- Begin Real Estate Acquisition – August 2023
- Final Plans – August 2025

## 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 before April 6, 2023 or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts 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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