

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

## STH 131 Wauzeka – Soldiers Grove Crawford County

Project ID: 5780-03-31  
Wauzeka – Soldiers Grove  
STH 60 to 0.49 Mi E of Railway St

Project ID: 5780-03-01  
Wauzeka – Soldiers Grove  
0.49 Mi E of Railway St to Sunny Ridge Road

Project ID: 5780-03-02  
Wauzeka – Soldiers Grove  
Sunny Ridge Road to Pleasant Street



**Thursday, February 17, 2022,  
from 6:00PM to 8:00PM,  
at Gays Mills Community Building,  
16381 State Hwy 131, Gays Mills, WI 54631**

## **Purpose of the meeting**

The informal meeting is being conducted to inform the general public and local officials, in regard to the upcoming improvement project on STH 131, located in the Town of Wauzeka, Town of Marietta, Village of Steuben, Town of Haney, Village of Bell Center, Village of Gays Mills, Town of Clayton, and the Village of Soldiers Grove in Crawford County.

A Local Officials Meeting was held on February 9, 2022 to allow for officials to provide feedback on the project.

A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 6:30PM. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open house format.

## **Project information**

We are proposing to improve 26.5 miles of STH 131 within the three (3) following projects.

### **Project Purpose:**

The purpose of the three (3) projects on STH 131 between Wauzeka and Soldiers Grove, in Crawford County, is to address the pavement deficiencies of this section of the STH 131 corridor by addressing the pavement conditions, roadway cross-sections, and ADA compliance in urban locations.

The project segments are currently in the Environmental Document stage of the design process. Archaeological and historical studies were conducted in 2021 and are currently being reviewed by WisDOT. The environmental document is estimated to be completed in the spring of 2022.

See project location map and overview sheet attached for project locations.

**PROJECT SEGMENT LOCATION MAP**

5780-03-02/72  
 STH 131  
 Wauzeka – Soldiers Grove, Sunny Ridge  
 Road to Pleasant Street  
 Crawford

END PROJECT  
 5780-03-72

5780-03-01/81  
 STH 131  
 Wauzeka - Soldiers Grove  
 0.49 MI E of Railway St to  
 Sunny Ridge Road  
 Crawford

END PROJECT  
 5780-03-61

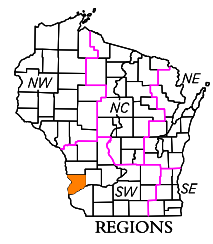
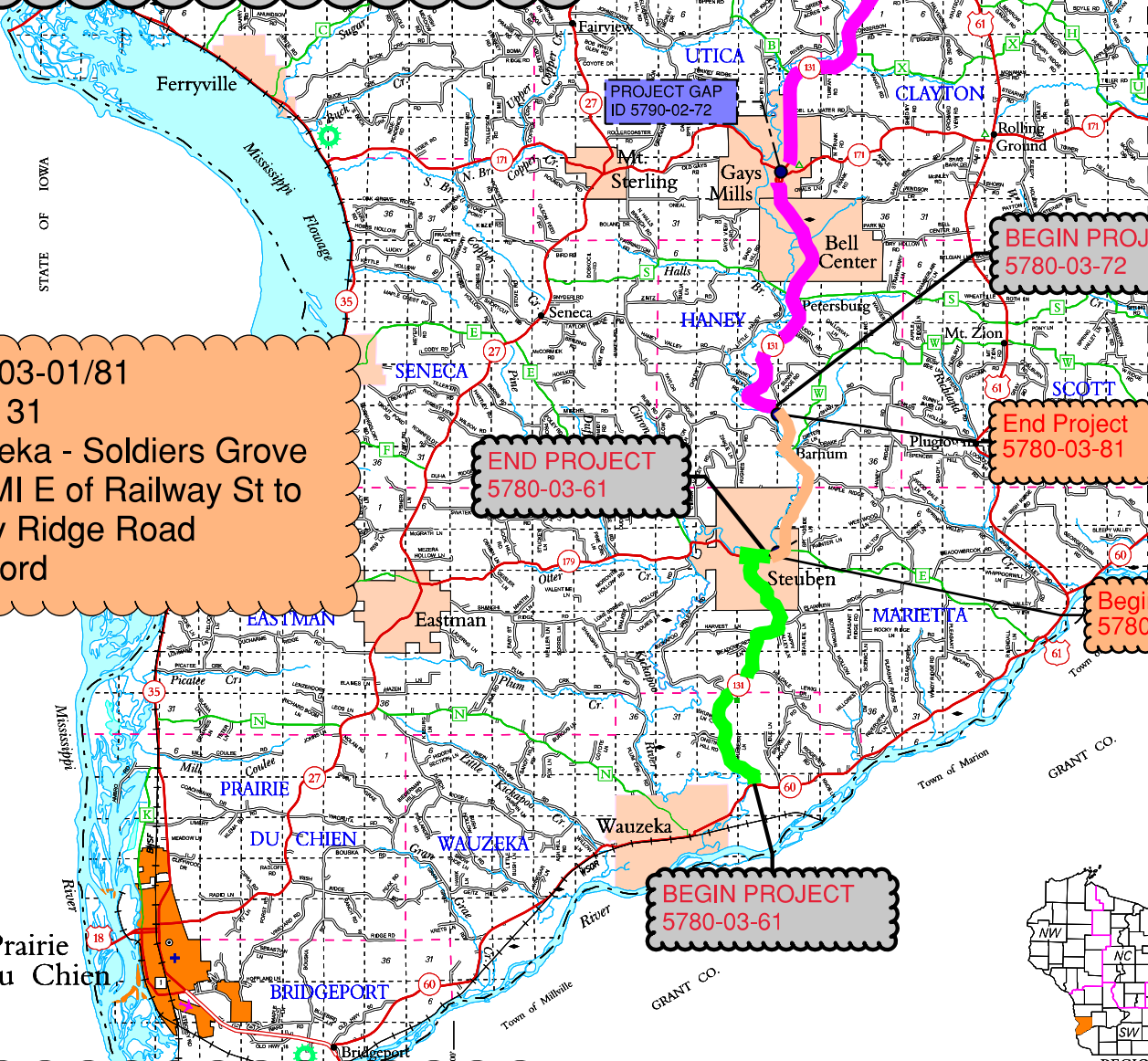
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 STH 131  
 Wauzeka – Soldiers Grove, STH 60 –  
 Sunny Ridge Road  
 Crawford



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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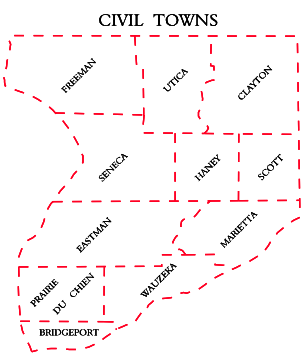
MILES OF HIGHWAY  
 as of Dec. 31, 2017

STATE	183
COUNTY	132
LOCAL ROADS	769
OTHER ROADS	5
TOTAL FOR COUNTY	1089

Land Area (2010 Census) ..... 571 sq mi  
 Population (2010 Census) ..... 16644  
 County Seat ..... Prairie du Chien

SECTION NUMBERING  
 OF A TOWNSHIP

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36



R-3-W LEGEND

- Freeway
- Multilane Divided
- U.S. or State Hwy
- County Trunk Hwy
- Town Road
- Firelane
- Railroad
- State Trail
- Interchange
- Highway Separation
- Interstate Highway No.
- U.S. Highway No.
- State Highway No.
- County Highway Letter
- Great River Road
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Civil Town Boundary
- Section Line
- Dam
- Hospital
- Airport
- County Seat
- Unincorporated Village
- Fish Hatchery
- Game Farm
- Public Hunt or Fish Grds.
- Public Camp & Picnic Grds.
- Ranger Station
- State Park
- County Park With Facilities
- Without Facilities
- Rest Area Modern Facilities
- Wayside
- Rustic Facilities
- Prairie du Chien Correctional Inst.

**Project #1, ID: 5780-03-31.**

**Roadway Segment: STH 60 to 0.49 Mi E of Railway St.**

**Project length: 7.61 Miles.**

The project is located in the Town of Wauzeka, Town of Marietta, and the Village of Steuben on STH 131. The project limits are from WIS 60 TO 0.49 MI E Railway Street with a project length of 7.61 miles. The project segment was constructed in the 1940's and last overlaid in 1995.

The project segment will consist of a mill and relay of the existing pavement and then an HMA pavement overlay of the STH 131 roadway with 3.5-Inch asphaltic pavement. The existing shoulder will also be paved to a variable 1ft to 4ft width with a 1ft gravel shoulder outside the paved limit.

The urban section in the Village of Steuben, will be reconstructed with parking lanes, new curb and gutter, storm sewer and sidewalk. ADA compliance will be improved at intersections by upgrading existing handicap ramps to meet current ADA guidelines.

No structure work is part of this roadway segment of STH 131.

**Project #2, ID: 5780-03-01.**

**Roadway Segment: 0.49 Mi E of Railway St to Sunny Ridge Road.**

**Project length: 4.48 Miles.**

The project is located in the Village of Steuben, Town of Marietta, and the Town of Haney on STH 131. The project limits are from 0.49 Mi E of Railway St to Sunny Ridge Road with a project length of 4.48 miles. The project segment was constructed in the 1940's and last overlaid in 1995.

The project segment will consist of a mill and relay of the existing pavement and then HMA pavement overlay of the STH 131 roadway with 3.5-Inch asphaltic pavement. The existing shoulder will also be paved to a variable 1ft to 4ft width with a 1ft gravel shoulder outside the paved limit.

The project segment will include six (6) new bridge structures and one (1) new box culvert replacing obsolete structures within the project length. Bridges B-12-705, B-12-817, B-12-818, C-12-1792, B-12-697, B-12-698, and B-12-801 will be replaced with new structures in similar locations. The new structures will be designed to meet current WisDOT Standards.

**Project #3, ID: 5780-03-02.**

**Roadway Segment: Sunny Ridge Road to Pleasant Street.**

**Project length: 14.42 Miles.**

The project is located in the Town of Haney, Village of Bell Center, Village of Gays Mills, Town of Clayton, and Village of Soldiers Grove on STH 131. The project limits are from Sunny Ridge Road to the Kickapoo River in the Village of Soldiers Grove with a project length of 14.42 miles. The project segment was constructed in the 1940's and last overlaid in 1990's.

The project segment will consist of a mill and relay of the existing pavement and then HMA pavement overlay of the STH 131 roadway with 3.5-Inch asphaltic pavement. The existing shoulder will also be paved to a variable 1ft to 4ft width with a 1ft gravel shoulder outside the paved limit.

The urban section in the Village of Soldiers Grove, will be reconstructed per typical sections with 12ft lanes, 4 ft shoulders, new curb and gutter, storm sewer and sidewalk. ADA compliance will be improved at intersections by upgrading existing handicap ramps to meet current ADA guidelines.

No structure work is part of this roadway segment of STH 131

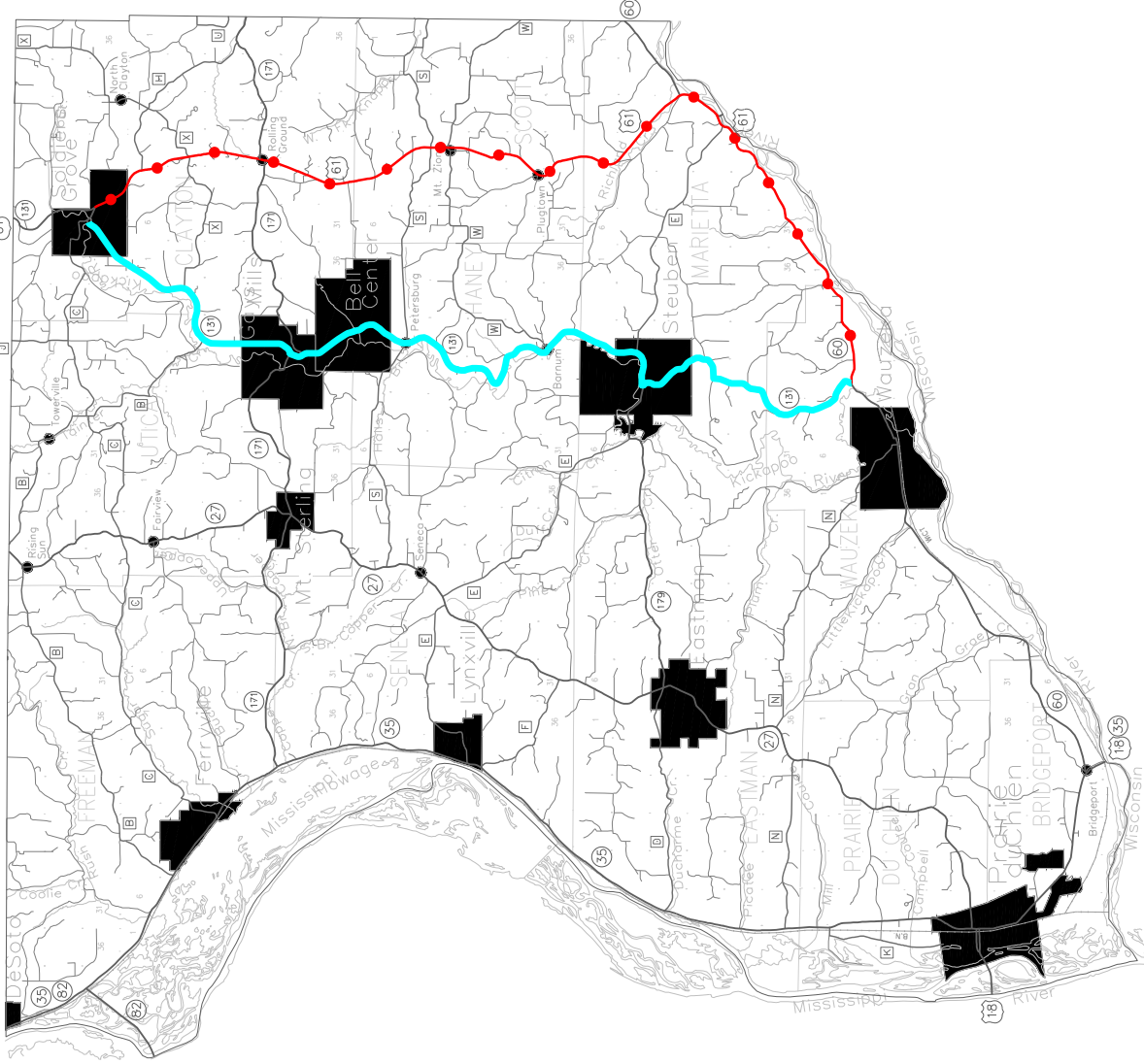
## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is scheduled to begin on (2025).

During construction, STH 131 will be closed to through traffic and detoured onto STH 60 and USH 61. See detour overview map.

Access to local traffic and businesses will be allowed. There may be times during construction that traffic local traffic may be delayed, such as culvert or structure work required for the project.

**PROJECT DETOUR ROUTE**



**LEGEND**

● — ● DETOUR ROUTE (STH 131)

— PROJECT WORK ZONE







## **Real estate**

Additional right of way will be required for this project in various segments of the project. The right of way impacts are anticipated at new structure and culvert replacements in the rural sections of the project.

It is also anticipated that several parcels with the area of the Village of Steuben and the Village of Soldiers Grove where roadway and sidewalk improvements are to be completed that right of way impacts will be needed. Small strip acquisitions are anticipated to accommodate the new road improvements. No relocations are anticipated.

Preliminary right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in late 2022.

## **Project update/next steps**

No other general public meetings are anticipated for this project.

Additional meetings may be conducted with local officials as needed.

## **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 (February 28, 2022) 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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