

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 146  
WIS 16 to WIS 33  
Columbia County**

Project ID: 6707-01-03



**January 11, 2023  
5:30 pm  
Cambria Community Room**

## **Purpose of the meeting**

The purpose of this meeting is to gather public input and answer any questions about the proposed project on WIS 146.

The purpose for this project is to improve the safety and service life of this section of WIS 146. The need for this project is the pavement distress, curb ramps not up to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, guardrail not up to Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) standards, safety concerns, cross culvert deterioration, and structure deterioration.

## **Project information**

WisDOT is proposing to improve 13 miles of WIS 146. Proposed improvements include:

- Pavement Improvements
  - Remove 4 inches of existing pavement
  - Stabilize 8 inches of remaining pavement and base
  - Pave 4 inches of new asphaltic pavement
- Widen the paved shoulders to 3 feet
- Add shoulder rumble strips
- Improve the curb ramps to meet ADA standards
- Add 2 new curb ramps next to the Tarrant Lake Pier
- Remove the guardrail in Cambria
- Add high friction surface treatment to curve just north of Rupnow Rd
- Repair or replace 13 cross culverts
- Remove or abandon 1 cattle pass
- Repair 2 bridges – 1 over a railroad and 1 over the Crawfish River
- Replace the railroad crossing just south of Commerce St in the Village of Cambria

Environmental Studies

- Bridge Hazardous Materials Inspection – completed December 2021
- Historical Survey – in progress
- Archaeological Survey – in progress

The WIS 146 location/detour map is attached at the end.

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is scheduled to begin on Spring/Summer 2026.

During construction, WIS 146 – between WIS 16 and WIS 33 – is planned to be closed to through traffic for the entire duration of construction. During the closure, a detour is planned to be in place using WIS 16, US 151, WIS 73, and WIS 33. Motorists can expect to encounter lane closures and flagging operations while the road is being milled and repaved.

During curb ramp construction, portions of the sidewalk around the curb ramps are planned to be closed. The curb ramps are planned to be constructed in stages and a pedestrian detour in place to allow for access around each intersection.

Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and businesses in advance before temporarily closing a driveway. The driveway would likely be open in a few hours.

The railroad crossing just south of Cambria is anticipated to be closed for 7 days, while its being replaced. During the closure, access for emergency services will be maintained.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in Summer/Fall 2026.

## Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. Right of way could be acquired at the curb ramps, cross culverts, and cattle pass. The right of way is anticipated to be an average of 50 square feet per curb ramp. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in August 2023.

## Project update/next steps

### Anticipated Schedule

- Local Officials Meeting – December 2022
- Environmental Report Signed – April 2023
- Real Estate Process Begins – August 2023
- Final Plans and Real Estate Process Completed – August 2025
- Construction Begins – Spring/Summer 2026

## 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 10, 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.

For more information, please visit the project website at:  
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis146>

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