WIS 19 and US 151 Interchange

Sun Prairie, Dane County

Virtual Public Involvement Handout

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is conducting a virtual public involvement meeting to present project information for the proposed safety improvements along WIS 19 at the US 151 interchange. WIS 19 is an east-west highway that provides a connection around the north side of Madison to Waunakee and Mazomanie to the west, and Marshall and Watertown to the east. US 151 provides a connection to Madison and far southwest Wisconsin, and to Columbus and destinations in eastern Wisconsin.

Project purpose

The purpose of this safety improvement project is to reduce the overall number and severity of crashes along WIS 19 at the US 151 interchange; and to better accommodate turning lane capacity and large truck turning movements in an effort to minimize impacts to through traffic.

The project is needed to reduce high-speed angle crashes. During the period from 2014 through 2018, 34 crashes occurred at the WIS 19 intersection with the southbound US 151 ramps, and 31 crashes occurred at the intersection with the northbound US 151 ramps, for a total of 65 crashes. At both locations, high-speed angle crashes are most common.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP
WISDOT ID 6085-02-05/75
WIS 19
US 151 INTERCHANGE
DANE COUNTY

Traffic during construction

Staged construction will allow at least one lane of WIS 19 to remain open in each direction during daytime operations. Overnight closures of WIS 19 and the US 151 ramps are likely. Construction is anticipated in summer 2023.

Summary of proposed improvements

The following safety improvements are being proposed along WIS 19 between Lois Drive and Davison Drive:

o The existing traffic signal poles located along the side of the roadway will be replaced with signal heads above each lane. Overhead signals offer drivers a better visual and understanding of the lanes to aid in their safe navigation through the intersection. A protected left turn movement will be included in the signal phasing that restricts opposing traffic from entering the intersection while left turns are being made.

o Left turn lanes along WIS 19 will be lengthened to provide more storage for vehicles waiting to turn left. Longer turn lanes will allow vehicles waiting to turn left to be removed from the path of through traffic.

o The southbound US 151 ramp terminal will be evaluated to determine if improvements are needed to better accommodate large truck turning movements onto WIS 19.
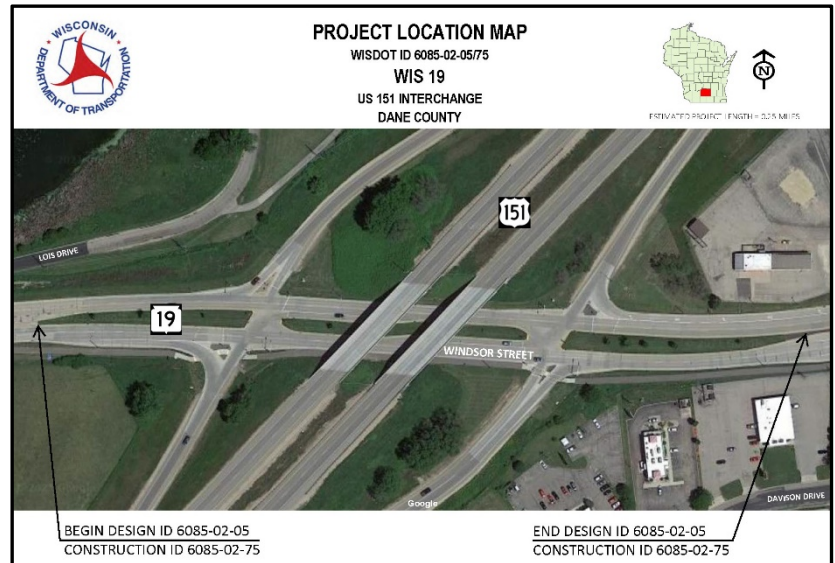
An environmental review will be completed in spring 2021, prior to the project moving into the final design phase. The review will identify any natural, cultural, historic, and socio-economic conditions that may be present in the area. Strategies will be evaluated and, whenever possible to a reasonable extent, implemented into the design to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts to these valuable resources.

There are no temporary or permanent real estate acquisitions, or relocations anticipated with the project.

Website information

A virtual slide presentation (PDF format) is available to view along with this handout on the project website at: https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis19-us151/default.aspx.

 All persons interested in the project are encouraged to view the website and provide input by contacting project staff via email, postal mail, or phone. Your comments will assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. Comments received prior to **July 10, 2021** will be included in the environmental document.