


Project 3050-04-01/81  
City of Watertown, Main Street  
Rock River Structure B-28-0906  
WIS 19  
Jefferson County  
Public Involvement Meeting  
May 2020

WisDOT Southwest Region



Welcome to the online public involvement meeting for Project Design ID 3050-04-01 (construction ID 3050-04-81) along Wisconsin Highway (WIS) 19 in Jefferson County.

## Who can I talk to about the project?

- Steven Porter, PE
  - WisDOT Project Manager
- Brenda Schoenfeld, PE
  - WisDOT Project Development Supervisor
- Emily Kuehne
  - WisDOT Bridge Designer



Who can I talk to about the project?

This is a list of people who are working on this project. Their contact information will be on the last slide of this presentation, which will include their emails and phone numbers, as well as the address of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Southwest Region Office in Madison. Feel free to contact them with any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the project.

## Presentation Agenda

- Project Location
- Project Purpose & Need
- Design Overview
- Upcoming Schedule
- Environmental Process
- Detour Route
- Contact Information.



The presentation will follow the outline shown here. First discussing the project location, second the purpose and need of the project, third the proposed design improvement, fourth the next activities in the schedule, fifth, the environmental process, sixth, the project detour route, and finally ending with the project team contact information.

# Project Location



Where is the project located?

The proposed project begins in the City of Watertown 100 feet West of the Main Street bridge and stretches to about 100 feet East of the bridge across the Rock River.

## Why do we need this project? Structure Service Life



The reason for this project is the bridge structure over the Rock River on WIS 19 has reached the end of its service life. This means the bridge has deteriorated to the point where repairing the structure is no longer a cost effective measure and a new structure is warranted.

## What Improvements are Proposed?

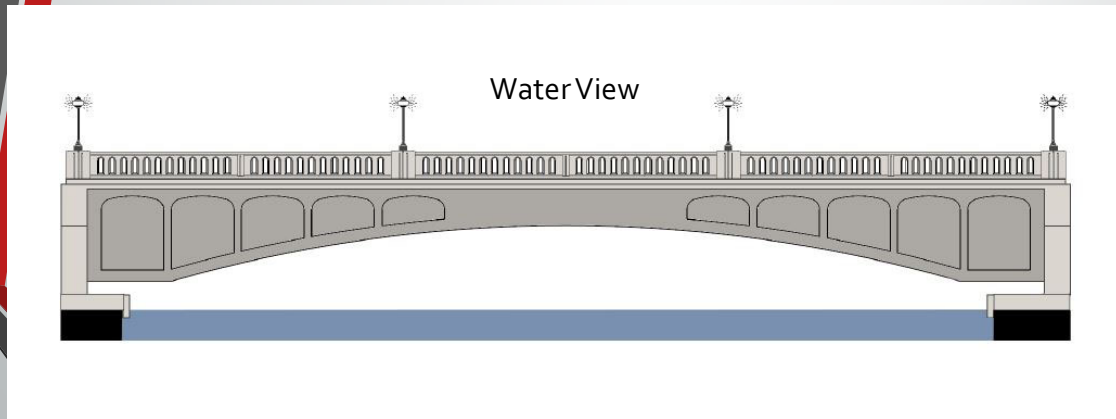
- Improvements include:
  - New bridge structure over the Rock River
  - New concrete approach slabs
  - Asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, and concrete sidewalk



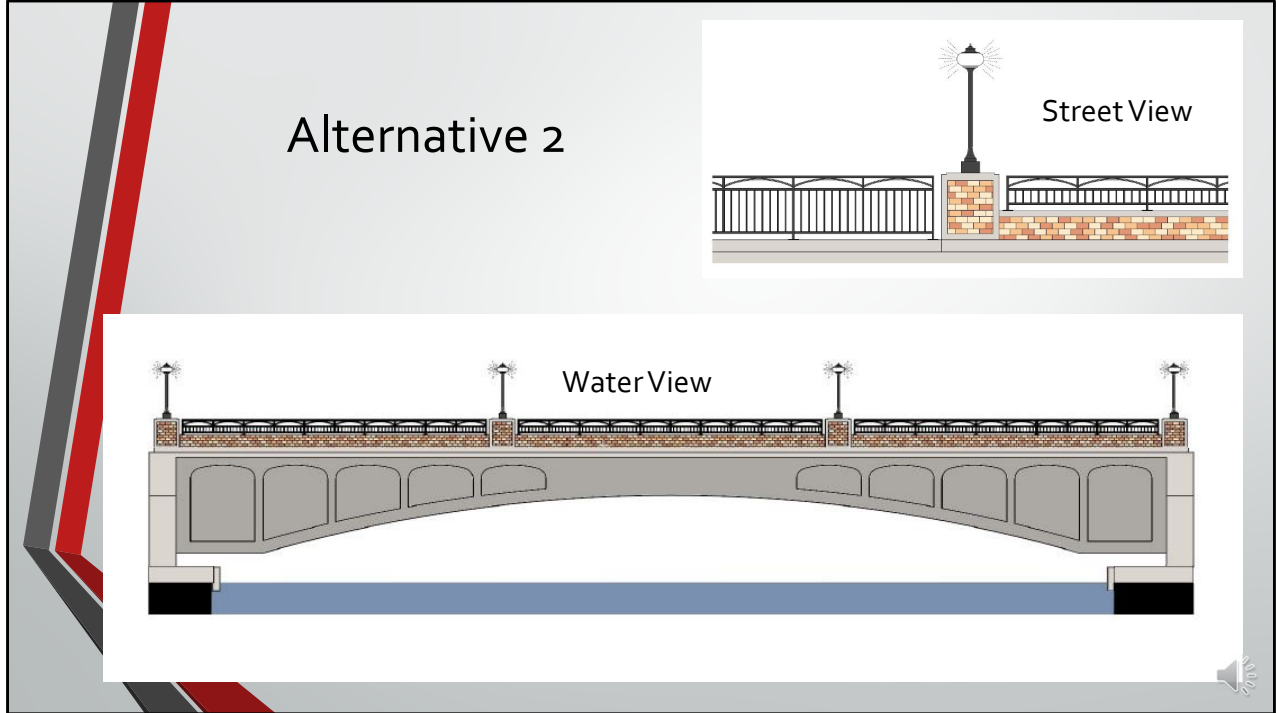
What improvements are proposed?

The proposed project includes the replacement of the bridge structure over the Rock River on WIS 19 (Main Street). This new structure would be a single span concrete girder structure, with one traffic lane and sidewalk in each direction. The new structure will also have a slight vertical adjustment as a result of the replacement of the roadway approaches leading up to the structure. The next four slides will present four alternatives to how the new bridge structure may look.

## Alternative 1



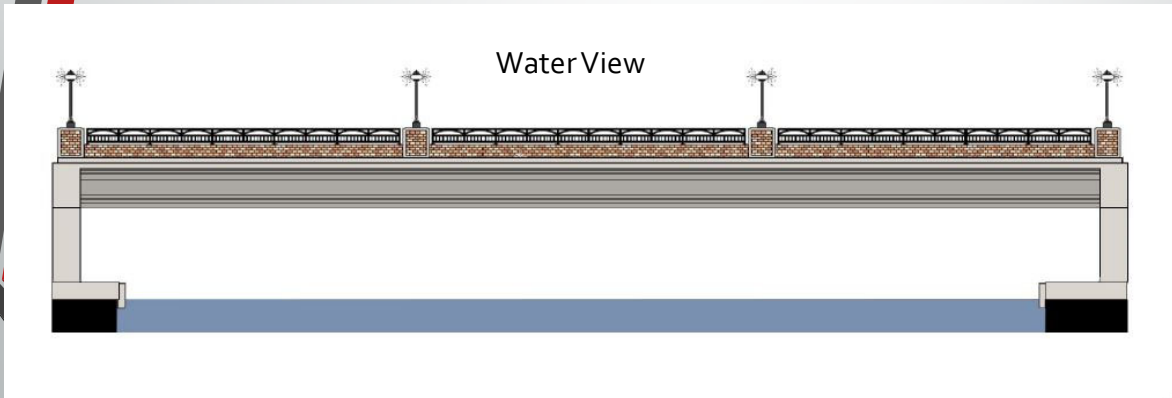
This is alternative 1. This alternative is a single span concrete girder structure with false panels to maintain the arch visualization of the old structure. The panels have a decorative indentations for added visual appeal. The railing shown on the top of the structure is a concrete Texas rail style similar to the Milwaukee Street bridge to the south.



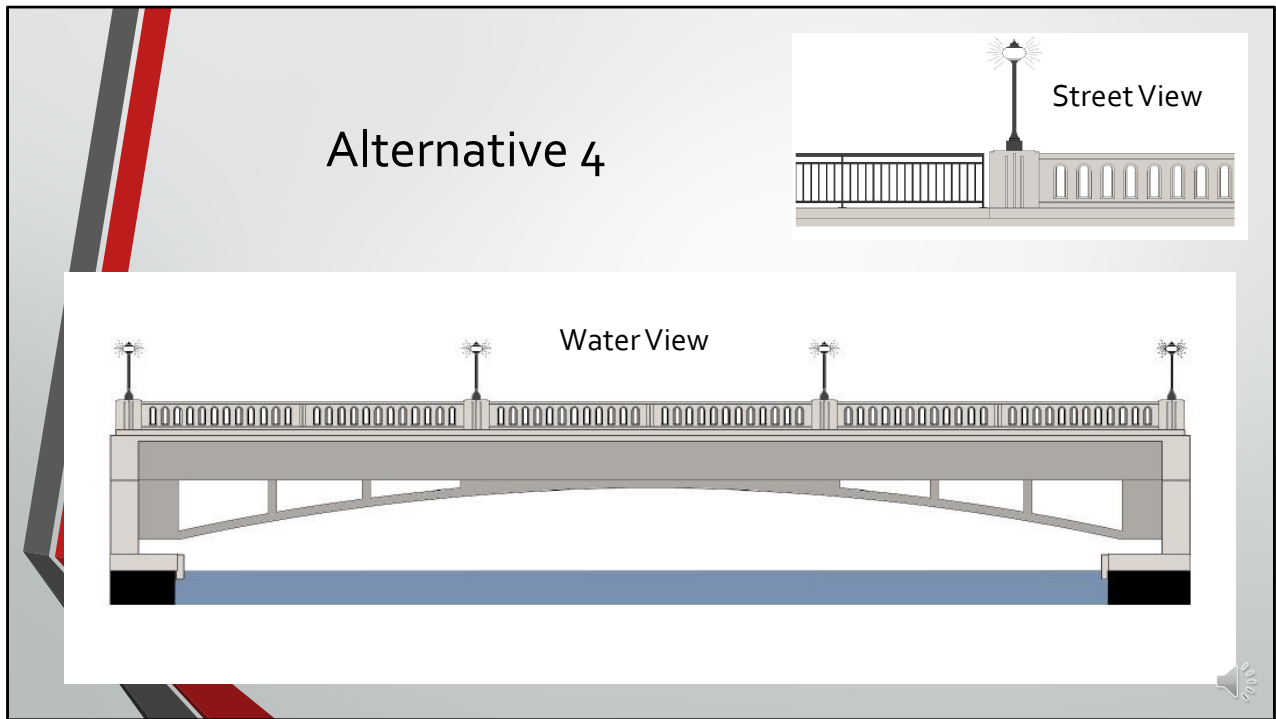
Alternative 2, similar to alternative 1, is a single span concrete girder structure with false panels to maintain the arch visualization of the old structure. The panels have a decorative indentations for added visual appeal. The railing shown on the top of the structure is a WisDOT C-Style railing. This railing consists of a short concrete parapet wall with a metal railing attached. This railing combination allows for decorative concrete staining to give the structure a similar look to the surrounding buildings.



## Alternative 3



Alternative 3 is a single span concrete girder structure without the false panel arches. This alternative could utilize either the concrete Texas rail or the WisDOT type C rail as shown.



Alternative 4 is a single span concrete girder structure with the false arch panels to give the structure the visual look of being an arch type structure. These arch panels would be open so that you could see through the panel windows. This structure could utilize either the WisDOT type C railing or the concrete Texas Railing as shown.

## What we need from you?

### Choose Your Preferred Design Alternative

Alternative 1

Alternative 2

Alternative 3

Alternative 4

Project Website:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis19>

Responses Returned by June 15, 2020



## What we need from you?

As part of the design process the Department of Transportation needs to gather information and share our initial design alternatives with the public. The Department is requesting for you to fill out a comment form stating which preferred alternative you would like to see constructed in the beautiful City of Watertown adjacent to the new town square. Please feel free to share any concerns or comments you may have about the project on this form as well. You can find the forms at the project website shown here and return them to any of the team members shown on the last slide of this presentation by June 15, 2020.

## Project schedule

- Public Involvement Virtual Presentation #1 May 2020
- Environmental Document July 2022
- 60% Plans September 2022
- Public Involvement Meeting November 2022
- Real Estate Plat November 2022
- Real Estate Acquisitions Complete September 2024
- 90% Plans January 2025
- Final Plans May 2025
- Construction Spring 2026



Currently, the project team is beginning work on the environmental document and preliminary design of the structure. The environmental report is anticipated to be signed by July 2022. The 60% plans are anticipated to be completed in September 2022. The right-of-way plat is anticipated to be done by November 2022 and the real estate acquisitions completed by September 2024. The final plans should be completed by May 2025 and construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.

# Why so far away?

## Environmental Process

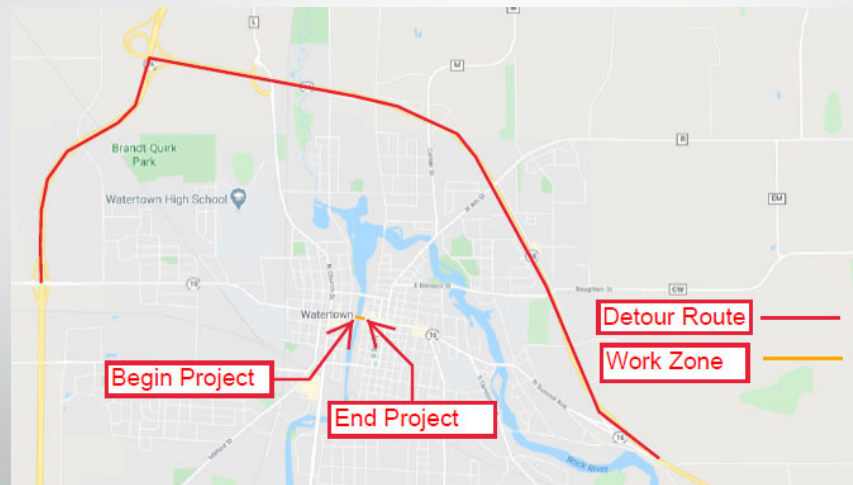
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| • Public involvement meeting for public input                             | June 2020      |
| • Select preferred alternative  | July 2020      |
| • Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) approved                            | September 2020 |
| • Submit final MOA to WisDOT Central Office for approval                  | November 2020  |
| • Submit MOA to State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for approval    | December 2020  |
| • Submit MOA to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval        | April 2021     |
| • Complete draft environmental document                                   | July 2021      |
| • Final environmental document approved by WisDOT Central Office and FHWA | July 2022      |



Why is the project so far away?

The Main Street Bridge is an historic structure, and thus the replacement will result in a lengthy environmental process. This slide shows the steps that the design team will need to complete and the anticipated dates of completion in order for this project to move forward. We are currently in the beginning stages of the process. With this presentation we are looking to gather public input on a preferred alternative. The team will then collaborate with the City of Watertown utilizing the gathered information to choose a preferred structure design. Once a design is selected the team will write a draft memorandum of agreement, or MOA, and submit to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Central Office, Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office, the Federal Highway Administration (or FHWA), and other consulting parties for review, revision, and eventual approval. Once the MOA has final approval from WisDOT, State Historic Preservation, Federal Highways, and other consulting parties, the environmental document can be completed and submitted for review, revision and approval. That review and approval is done through WisDOT Central Office and the Federal Highway Administration. With FHWA's final approval of the environmental document, the project team will be able to move forward with the design and construction of the new bridge.

## What will happen to WIS 19 Traffic?



What will happen to WIS 19 Traffic during construction?

The anticipated construction for this project is in the year 2026 and the project will be using a detour route during construction. The reason for the detour is that the structure over the Rock River will be removed. This means that during construction WIS 19 will be closed to thru traffic, but will remain open for local business access. The proposed detour route, shown in red, will use WIS 26 and WIS 16 for both eastbound and westbound traffic.



# Thank you for your time

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please send us an email, give us a call, or send us mail at 2101 Wright St, Madison, WI 53704.



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