

Public Involvement

WIS 27 North Avenue to County C Crawford County

Project ID: 5540-02-01



**Public Comment Period:
April 12, 2021 to April 26, 2021**

**An in-person meeting is not planned based on public health guidance to limit public gatherings.
Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin
Telecommunications Relay system (dial 711).**

Purpose

Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, and real estate needs along WIS 27 between North Avenue in the town of Seneca and County C in the town of Utica, Crawford County.

Project information

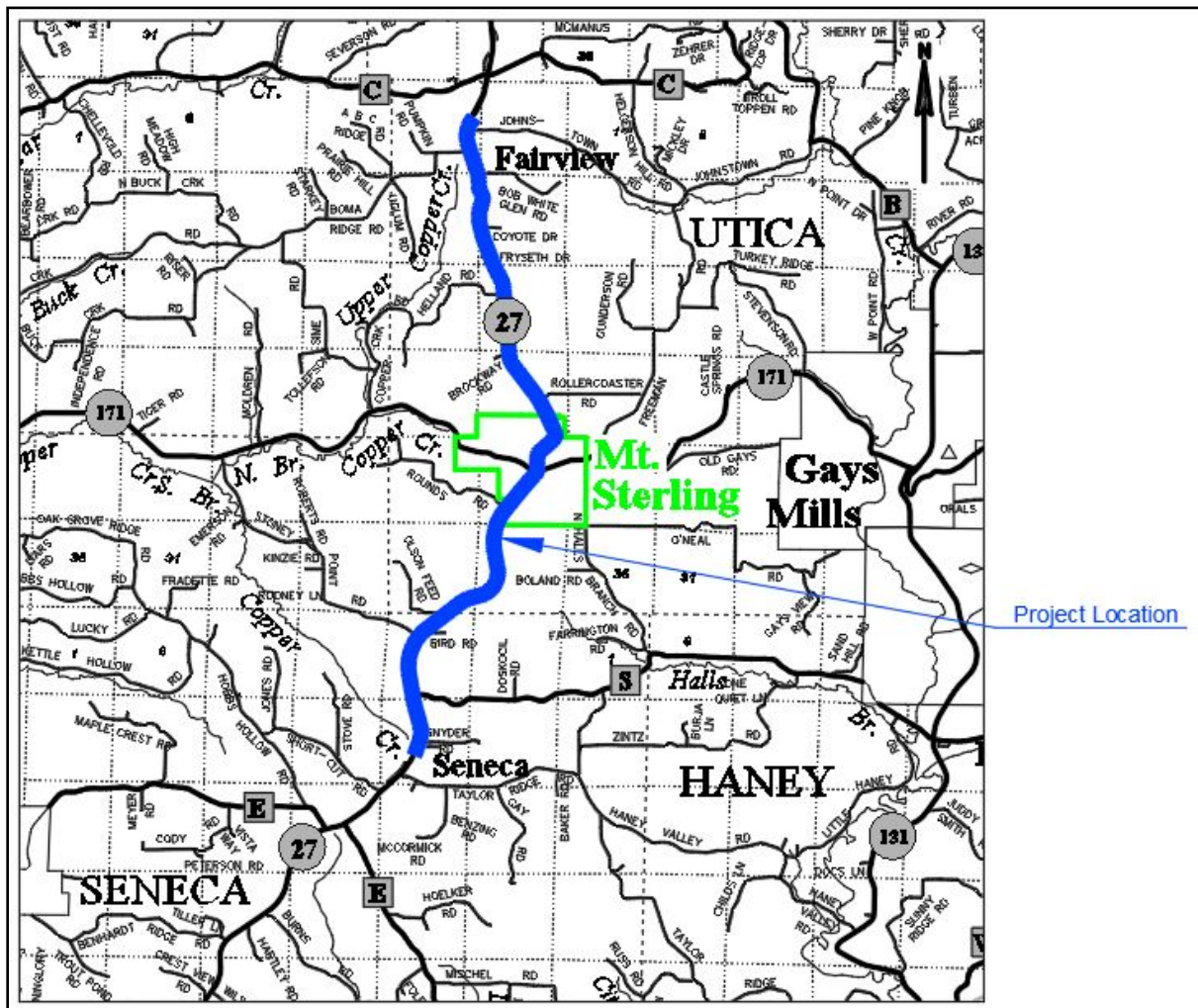
We are proposing to improve approximately 8.5 miles of WIS 27.

The existing asphalt pavement has reached the end of its useful life and is showing signs of deterioration including alligator, edge, longitudinal and transverse cracking, and rutting. A cycle of well-timed pavement maintenance is required to ensure that the taxpayers' investment continues to be maximized.

The purpose of the proposed action is to preserve the roadway asset and minimize the overall life cycle cost of the corridor. This can be accomplished by addressing the following needs:

- Deteriorating pavement
- Deteriorating culvert pipes
- Curb ramps do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- Guardrail is nearing the end of its service life

WIS 27 Location Map



Proposed improvements

- Resurfacing the roadway by removing the top layers of the existing pavement surface and replacing with new layers of hot mix asphalt (HMA) pavement.
- Reshaping and restoring the existing gravel shoulders.
- Repairing the deteriorated culvert pipes.
- Replacing non-ADA compliant curb ramps.
- Upgrading and replacing guardrail.

By repairing the pavement now, the roadway will have the opportunity to serve its full life expectancy.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this proposed project. This will include small areas of permanent (fee) and temporary (temporary limited easement) land acquisitions at some of the curb ramp locations. Estimated right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits posted on the project website. The impacts are not anticipated to impede or affect the existing use of the adjacent properties.

A landowner rights pamphlet is available on the project website. Real estate acquisition is expected to begin in the early part of 2022. Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners.

Proposed traffic impacts

An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2024. The project is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2024 and is expected to be completed by fall of 2024.

The proposed improvements will be completed while WIS 27 remains open to traffic with the use of flaggers.

Access to business and residential driveways will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways when construction operations occur immediately in front of the driveway. Where multiple driveways serve a single property, construction will be staged so at least one of the driveways remain open. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

Temporary pedestrian accommodations consisting of temporary sidewalks and curb ramps will be provided when the pedestrian curb ramps are under construction in the urban sections of Mount Sterling.

Project update/next steps

Upcoming project milestones include the following:

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| • Preliminary design and plans | August 2021 |
| • Final right of way plat | November 2021 |
| • Real estate negotiations begin | January/February 2022 |
| • Final plans | May 2023 |
| • Construction currently scheduled | Summer 2024 |

Public input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the travelling public as well as the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

There are several ways to submit your feedback by **April 26, 2021**:

1. Fill out the comment form listed on the project website and mail it to WisDOT.
<https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis27-crawfordcounty/default.aspx>
2. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below.

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