

WIS 39 Bridge Replacement Iowa County

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Project Overview

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proposing to replace a bridge (B-25-250) that carries WIS 39 over the Mineral Point Branch. The project is located approximately 0.1 miles south of the junction with County QQ in the Town of Mineral Point. Construction is currently scheduled for 2028 but could occur as early as 2027. This newsletter has been prepared to provide you with an update on the proposed project and instructions for providing comments on the proposed design. All persons with an interest in the project are encouraged to provide comments by either phone, email, or mail using the attached comment form. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to improve the structural safety, roadway safety, and operational characteristics of WIS 39 over the Mineral Point Branch. The project is needed to address the structural deficiencies of the deteriorating substructure and existing bridge railing.

Summary of Proposed Improvements

The following alternatives were considered for this project:

- Structure Rehabilitation – This alternative is not viable as this does not serve as a long-term solution to the structural deficiencies and safety concerns of the existing bridge.
- Structure Replacement – This alternative is the only alternative that will adequately address the purpose and need of the project.

The proposed improvements listed below and shown on the next pages are for the structure replacement alternative and would involve reconstruction of the bridge approaches, some land acquisition, and a new bridge. Improvements include the following:

- Reconstruct approximately 600 feet of asphaltic approaches.
- Install guardrail on all quadrants of the new structure.
- Construct a new bridge.

This project is still early in the design phase, and WisDOT is looking for feedback on the bridge replacement alternative being considered.

Traffic Impacts

WIS 39 would be closed during construction, and a detour route would be posted. Construction is anticipated to last one construction season.

Project Schedule (subject to change)

2023	Preliminary Design, Environmental Document
2024-2026	Plat and Real Estate Acquisition Process
May 2026	Final Plan
2027 or 2028	Construction

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