

Public Involvement Handout

**WIS 56
South Junction WIS 131 to Fancy Creek Bridge
Richland County**

Project ID: 5730-00-34



**Tuesday, November 14, 2023
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Viola Municipal Building
106 W. Wisconsin Street, Viola, Wisconsin**

Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning improvements to WIS 56 southeast of Viola to preserve the roadway assets, while minimizing the overall life cycle cost of the roadway corridor. The project is located on WIS 56 beginning approximately 350 feet east of the intersection with WIS 131 in the village of Viola and extending east to approximately 825 feet west of Merry Hill Drive at the Fancy Creek bridge in the towns of Bloom, Forest, and Marshall in Richland County.

Project information

The pavement between WIS 131 and Fancy Creek has reached its initial service life that preventative maintenance is typically feasible. The pavement is in poor condition and showing signs of deterioration in the form of fatigue cracking, longitudinal cracking, and rutting. Additionally, much of WIS 56 has no paved shoulders and a history of run-off crashes.

Some bridges located within the project are showing signs of deterioration and are in need of repair. If not addressed, those bridges will continue to deteriorate beyond routine maintenance capabilities and require those bridges to be closed.

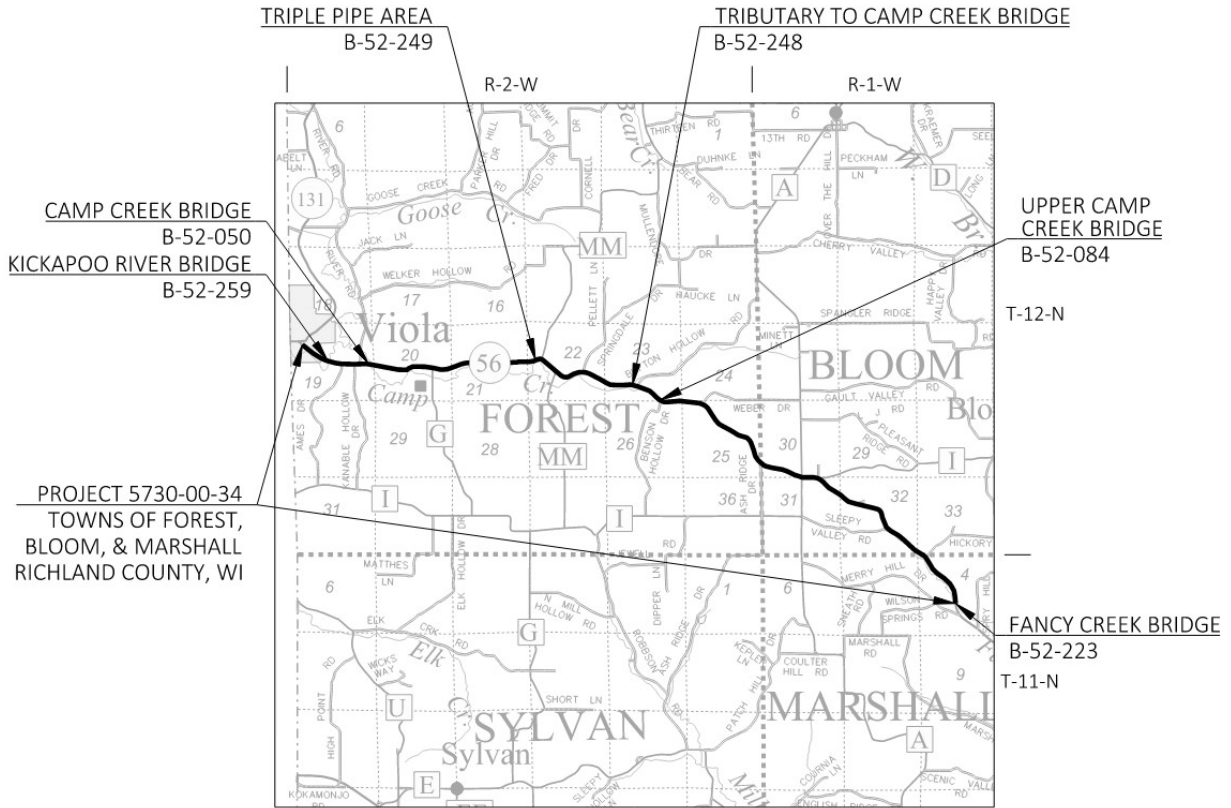
Proposed improvements include:

The project will address the pavement deficiencies in two segments. In the first segment, from the beginning of the project in Viola to the Camp Creek bridge approximately one mile, the project will remove 3.5 inches of existing asphalt and then pave 3.5 inches of new hot mix asphalt (HMA) pavement. In the second segment, from the Camp Creek bridge to the end of the project at the Fancy Creek bridge approximately 8.9 miles, the project will mill 5 inches of existing asphalt, relay the milled material to the widened width, and then pave 3.5 inches of new HMA pavement. The project will also pave 3 foot wide shoulders in the second segment and add shoulder rumble strips in one area to help reduce run-off crashes.

Additionally, the project will add guardrail and curb and gutter in various locations, add curb ramps in the short section in Viola, extend culvert pipes for widened shoulders, and perform maintenance on two bridge structures.

The environmental, archaeological, and historical studies have begun and are anticipated to be completed by early 2024.

WIS 56 Project Location Map



Proposed traffic impacts

During construction, WIS 56 will remain open with the use of temporary single lane closures, shoulder closures, flagging operations, and temporary traffic signals. The contractor will be required to maintain access to adjacent properties at all times during construction.

Real estate

Additional right of way and easements will be required in a few isolated locations along the project. Acquisitions will be needed for grading the side slopes of the widened roadway. Preliminary estimated right of way impacts are shown on the meeting exhibits. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in 2024.

Project update/next steps

Project ID 5730-00-34 – Timeline

MFCOMILOS	Project Activities	2022				2023				2024				2025				2026				2027			
		Quarter				Quarter				Quarter				Quarter				Quarter				Quarter			
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	Design								●																
	Real Estate Acquisitions																								
	Utility relocations (if any)																								
	Construction																								

- Public Involvement Meeting (one public meeting only)

A meeting with local officials was held on November 13, 2023.

It is anticipated that the environmental process will be completed in late 2023. It is currently scheduled for final plans to be completed in spring 2026 with construction occurring in 2027.

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 December 14, 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.

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