

# WisDOT - DTSD - Southwest Region

## STH 78, Local Officials Meeting

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## Meeting Agenda

Location: Skype

Date/Time: November 19, 2020 3:00 PM

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Subject: Project 5630-06-00/80  
Project 5630-06-03/73  
Sauk City – IH 39  
V Merrimac N Limit to CTH DL  
STH 78  
Sauk & Columbia County  
Local Officials Meeting

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### Introduction:

Welcome, Introduction of attendees.

- Emily Kendall – WisDOT
- Jeremy Rach – WisDOT
- Lalitha Balachandran – WisDOT
- Patrick Gavinski – Sauk County Highway Commissioner
- Tim McCumber – Town Administrator for the Town of Merrimac

### Project Location:

The box culvert repair project (5630-06-00) will replace C-11-3005 approximately 0.23 miles north of Blau Road. The resurfacing project (5630-06-03) will begin at the Village of Merrimac Northern Limit and extend northeast 2.85 miles to the WIS 78/CTH DL intersection.

### Project Need and Proposed Improvement:

- Pavement Deterioration
  - 5630-06-03: Mill and relay 3 ½-inches of pavement
  - 5630-06-00: Pave 5 ¼-inches of pavement
- Safety Concerns
  - Upgrade beamguard end terminals to the newer energy absorbing terminals
- Drainage Concerns
  - Structure work on box culvert C-11-2027, within the 5630-06-03 project limit



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### **Construction Schedule:**

The projects are currently expected to begin construction in 2026. During construction WIS 78 will be detoured using WIS 60 and I-90 as the alternate route. During the detour, WIS 78 will be closed to through traffic within the project limits (open for local traffic and businesses).

### **Real Estate:**

- C-11-2027
- C-11-3005

### **Discussion**

- Patrick – Will the box culvert work be completed with the roadway closed, or will local traffic still be able to use it?
  - C-11-2027 will likely be an extension. As part of developing this project, the design team will determine if it is possible to close one lane at a time while structure work is being completed, or if it will need to be a hard closure.
  - C-11-3005 will be fully replaced so it will likely be a hard closure at the structure, but we will check if it would work to construct the structure half at a time.
- Tim – Is it possible for the detour to use WIS 113, from WIS 78 to Baraboo.
  - There is a resurfacing project (Project ID 5620-00-72) scheduled along that stretch the same year in 2026. The design team will keep an eye on the schedule for that project. If the project is constructed in a different year, that will likely become the detour route.
- Is there a time frame when the structures are anticipated to be completed? Summer sees heavier traffic with vehicles driving to Devil’s Lake.
  - The design team will work closely with WisDOT’s Traffic Section and the Local Officials on what time of year will have the lowest impact to traffic while keeping in mind the heavier traffic in the summer vs. the effects to school bus routes during the school year.

### **Project Schedule:**

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| • Public Involvement Meeting        | December 2020      |
| • 30% Plans                         | February 2021      |
| • Environmental Document            | March 2021         |
| • 60% Plans                         | February 2022      |
| • Real Estate Plat                  | June 2022          |
| • 90% Plans                         | February 2024      |
| • Real Estate Acquisitions Complete | June 2024          |
| • Plan Submittal                    | August 1, 2025     |
| • Project Letting                   | November 11, 2025  |
| • Construction                      | Spring/Summer 2026 |

### **Project Website:**

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis78-saukcity/default.aspx>