

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

STH 54 - Taylor County C to Rabbit Run Road County N Jackson County

Project ID: 7026-00-01/71

Welcome to the Public Involvement Meeting for the County N pavement replacement project.

The following sheets will give you some information about the project.

Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about this project.

Consulting Engineer:
Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc.
3406 Oakwood Hills Pkwy, Suite 300
Eau Claire, WI 54701
Phone: (715) 900-2602
Project Manager: Dan Gerling, P.E.
Email: daniel.gerling@jewellassoc.com

Jackson County Highway Department
Jay Borek, Highway Commissioner
119 Harrison St
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: (715) 284-0233
Email: jay.borek@jacksoncountywi.gov

WisDOT Project Manager
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
718 W. Clairemont Ave
Eau Claire, WI 54701
WisDOT Project Manager: Teresa Davis, P.E.
Phone: (715) 836-7279
Email: teresa.davis@dot.wi.gov

November 28, 2023
5:00 – 6:00 PM
Town of Franklin Town Hall

Purpose of the meeting

The Jackson County Highway Department, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation through the Local Roads Program, are proposing to replace the pavement on County N from County C to Rabbit Run Road. The project is in Sections 4 and 9, T20N, R6W, Town of Franklin and Sections 16, 17, 20, 21, 28 and 30, T21N, R6W Town of Springfield, Jackson County, Wisconsin.

The existing road is a two-lane rural county highway with 10 to 11-foot driving lanes and 2 to 4-foot gravel shoulders. The proposed road will be built with 11-foot driving lanes and 3-foot shoulders to meet current design standards. The roadway has a speed limit of 55 mph for the entire project length. The design class for this road is C2 with a minimum design speed of 50 mph but would be designed for 55 mph wherever possible. County N will be closed during the construction of this project but will be open to local traffic and services.

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system by addressing roadway deficiencies that affect highway serviceability and maintainability and could also affect highway safety.

Need

The project needs which support the purpose are identified by the pavement structure deficiencies noted below:

- Pavement structure cracking and deterioration resulting in poor driving conditions.
- Increased cycles and costs of routine maintenance.

An Operational Planning Meeting was held with local officials and agencies on October 11, 2023.

The purpose of this Public Involvement Meeting is to obtain public input into the proposed improvements.

Project information

Jackson County and WisDOT are proposing to improve approximately 27,757-feet (5.3 miles) of County N. The 2025 construction year Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 520 vehicles per day and the 2045 design year ADT is 590 vehicles per day. Heavy trucks account for about 10% of the ADT. Proposed improvements include pulverizing and relaying the existing pavement and base or full pavement replacement, placing a new driving surface, new shoulders, new guardrail, and new signing and pavement marking. Some roadside clearing and grading are anticipated. Existing drainage patterns will be maintained with culvert extensions as needed.

These improvements will improve the overall operation and safety of the roadway.

The environmental document for this project will be submitted in December 2023.

Estimated Construction Costs – Please note that construction costs are only an estimate. As final plans are developed, the estimate will be updated. Final costs will depend on the results of the bid letting.

Estimated Construction Cost: \$4,050,000

Federal: 80% (\$2,573,834 current federal funding cap – additional federal funding will be requested)

Local (County): 20% + Balance

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2025 and is expected to take 115 working days (about seven calendar months).

County N will be closed during construction but will remain open to “local traffic only” using flagging operations. A moving flagging operation will be used during removal/pulverizing and paving work, as traffic will be limited to one lane within the work zone. Additional flaggers will be provided at side roads. Work on the roadway shoulders will also be conducted using flagging operations. There will be no signed detour, but alternate routes are available. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Motorists can expect a gravel surface along County N prior to paving.

Mail and all other deliveries will continue during construction. Mailboxes should not be affected by construction.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in Fall 2025.

Real estate

Temporary Limited Easements (TLE) are anticipated to construct roadway side slopes and embankments.

Project update/next steps

Environmental Document	December 15, 2023
Design Study Report	March 1, 2024
Right of Way Plat	April 1, 2024
PS&E to Region	June 1, 2024
PS&E to Central Office	August 1, 2024
Project Letting Date	December 10, 2024

Agency Coordination to Date

Native American Tribes

Native American Tribes have been contacted regarding this project. There are no historic properties affected by the project of significance to the Forest County Potawatomi Community. No other responses have been received to date.

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

State and local historical societies have been or will be contacted regarding this project and an archaeological review of the corridor has been completed. The project is not expected to have archaeological or historical impacts, but any comments will be included in the environmental document when they are received.

Department of Natural Resources

The WisDNR has been contacted regarding this project. Comments will be included in the environmental document and plans when they are received.

US Fish & Wildlife Service

The USFWS will be contacted regarding this project. Their comments will be included in the environmental document when they are received.

Utilities

Brightspeed, Jackson Electric Cooperative, and Xcel Energy have facilities in the project area. Major impacts to utilities are not expected, but some minor adjustments may be required. Utility companies have been contacted regarding the project and will be contacted again once more detailed plans have been developed.

FOLD HERE

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc.
Attn: Dan Gerling, P.E.
3406 Oakwood Hills Parkway
Suite 300
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Project I.D. 7026-00-01/71

FOLD HERE

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING COMMENT FORM

Project ID: 7026-00-01/71
STH 54 - Taylor
County C to Rabbit Run Road
County N
Jackson County

Please provide comments on the form below and **submit by December 8, 2023**. Comments can be submitted to Dan Gerling, P.E. – Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. by email at daniel.gerling@jewellassoc.com, by mail at 3406 Oakwood Hills Parkway, Suite 300, Eau Claire, WI 54701, or by phone at (715) 900-2602. Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public and the local community. Your input is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

From:

(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Representing)

To:

Dan Gerling, P.E.
Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc.
3406 Oakwood Hills Parkway
Suite 300
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Comments:

Are additional pages included? [] Yes [] No

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Records Law, Sections 19.31 – 19.39 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.