



# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

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COUNTY K

US 63 TO SUNSET LANE

WASHBURN COUNTY

PROJECT ID: 8800-00-00

Public Involvement Period:  
January 18 – February 18, 2024



# Project Team

- Brian Danielsen – Highway Commissioner
  - Washburn County
- Nick Koverman – City Administrator
  - City of Spooner
- Paula Groom, P.E.
  - WisDOT Northwest Region Local Program
- Dennis Mack, P.E. – Consultant
  - Cedar Corporation

# Purpose of Public Involvement

The public involvement effort for this project was developed to inform the general public and users of this portion of County K of the proposed project and potential traffic impacts along the project area during construction. Objectives include:

- Identifying stakeholders which may be affected by the project and include them in the project development process
- Communication with concerned parties to understand expectations and address issues brought forth by the public and other stakeholders
- Coordination with local officials and law enforcement to complete the project safely and in accordance with community needs

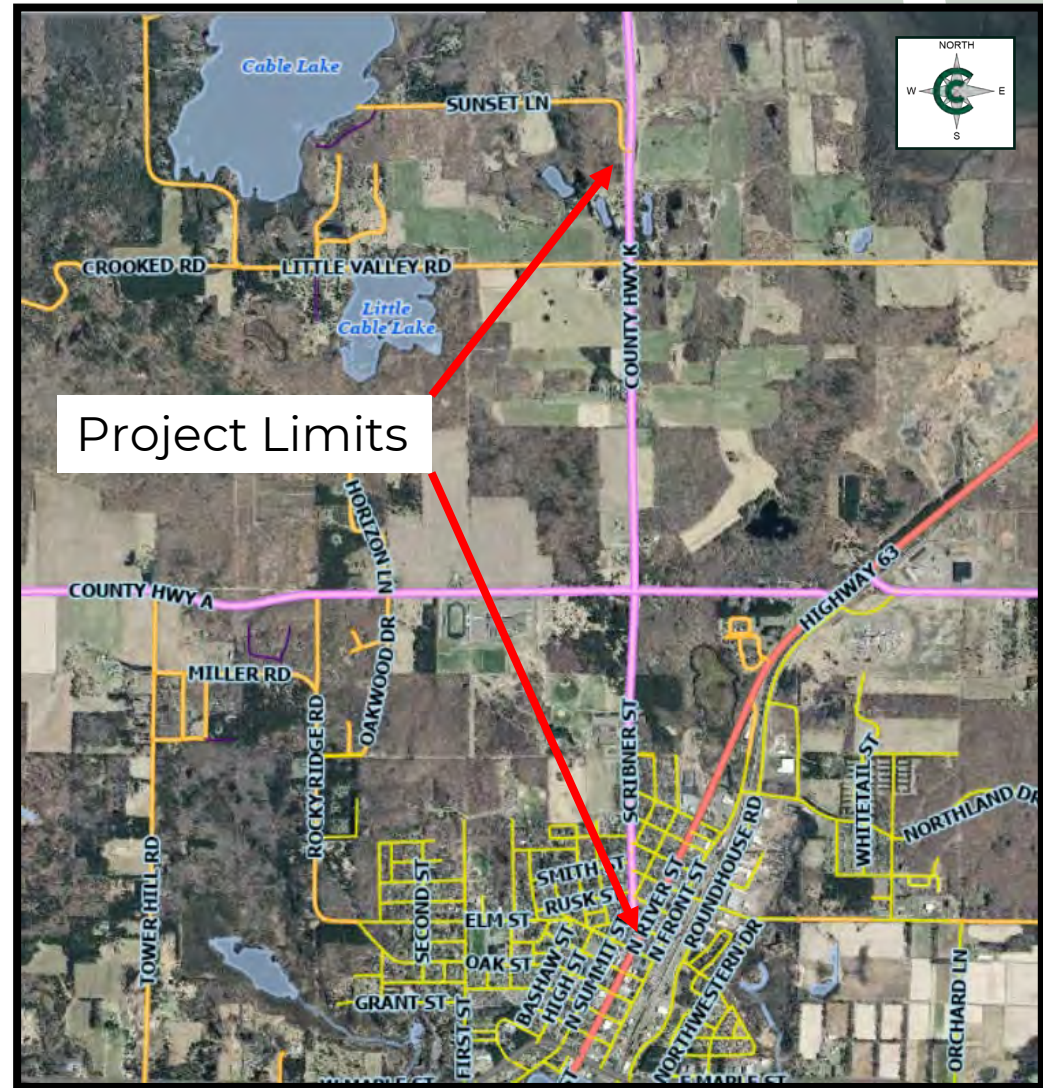
The effort includes holding public meetings, developing press releases, and sending letters to affected parties.

# Objectives

- Purpose
- Project Location
- Existing Facilities
- Project Purpose and Need
- Current Deficiencies
- Proposed Improvements
- Proposed Traffic Impacts
- Costs
- Project Schedule
- Questions

# Project Location

- The proposed project would involve improvements to County K between between US Highway 63 and Sunset Lane.
- The project is located on the north side of the City of Spooner, extending north into the Town of Spooner.



Project Location (Washburn County GIS)

# Existing Facilities: Urban Section

- The County K proposed project length is approximately 2.5 miles long, serving primarily local traffic.
- Urban Section: US 63 to Division Street
  - 28-ft. asphalt travel lanes
  - Concrete curb and gutter: west side
  - Gravel shoulder: east side
  - Speed Limit: 25 mph
- 66-ft. Right-of-way
- Land use in the vicinity of the roadway is primarily residential, commercial, municipal, and institutional.



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# Existing Facilities: Rural Section

- Rural Section: Division Street to Sunset Lane
  - 12-ft. asphalt travel lanes
  - 6-ft. shoulders (3-ft. asphalt, 3-ft. gravel)
  - Speed Limit: 45 mph Division Street to County A, 55 mph north of County A
- 66-ft. Right-of-way
- Land use in the vicinity of the roadway is primarily residential and institutional.



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# Project Purpose and Need

- Purpose
  - The purpose of the proposed action is to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system by addressing roadway deficiencies that affect roadway serviceability/maintainability and could also affect roadway safety.
- Need
  - The project need which supports the purpose is identified below:
    - Roadway Deficiencies: existing County K pavement is showing signs of distress including longitudinal, transverse, and alligator cracking as well as rutting, patching, and potholes. There is curb and gutter deterioration within the urban section of the roadway as well as excessively wide intersections.
    - The roadway has a current Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) of 4 out of 10 and is classified as “Poor” condition.



# Current Deficiencies



Potholes



Rutting

Patching

# Current Deficiencies



Excessively wide intersections



# Current Deficiencies



Transverse cracking



Longitudinal cracking

# Proposed Improvements: Urban Section

- Urban Section
  - Remove and replace existing pavement and base course
  - Curb and gutter replacement
  - Spot storm sewer repair
  - Spot sanitary sewer and water utility improvements
  - Marking and Signing
- Intersection improvements are being considered along the project area
- All work would take place within existing sidewalk/shoulder points
- Minimal work is proposed behind the back of curb
- No changes to speed limit are proposed
- No new right-of-way or other real estate impacts are proposed

# Proposed Improvements: Rural Section

- Rural Section
  - Pulverize and repave existing asphalt pavement
- No changes to speed limit are proposed
- No new right-of-way or other real estate impacts are proposed
- Vertical and horizontal alignment of the roadway would be similar to existing
- All work is proposed to take place within the existing shoulder points of the roadway

# Proposed Traffic Impacts

- Construction is proposed for Summer 2025
- Flagging during construction would allow the rural portion of the project area to remain open during construction
- The urban portion of the project area would be closed during construction
- Access would be maintained for residences, businesses, other properties, and emergency vehicles
- Work would be scheduled during summer months to minimize school impacts
- Impacts may include:
  - Temporary inconveniences to adjacent landowners
  - Slower travel speeds during construction
  - Lane closures in rural section during construction
  - Urban section road closure during construction

# Costs

- Funding for this project is provided in part by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) STP-Rural Program
- Federal funding will represent 80% of the total cost of the project and the City of Spooner and Washburn County would fund the remaining 20%.
- The total cost for this project is anticipated to be approximately \$1,420,000; the final cost would be based on final quantities for the project.

# Project Schedule

- Public Involvement – January 18 to February 18, 2024
- Preliminary Plans – January 2024
- Environmental Document – March 2024
- Final Plans – June 2024
- Construction would be scheduled for 2025



# Questions?

*Comments are welcomed. If you have any concerns, or would like to request additional information, please contact the following individuals:*

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Comments can be sent by mail, email, or phone to either of the above individuals. A comment form is provided on the same webpage as this presentation

(<https://www.co.washburn.wi.us/departments/highway>)

Comments regarding this project may be submitted until: February 18, 2024