



WIS 29 Right of Way Preservation Plan PROJECT UPDATE

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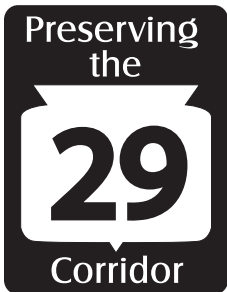
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WisDOT begins finalizing WIS 29 right of way map in Shawano Co.



Recommended right of way map

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) held a public hearing in November 2010 on the recommended right of way map for the WIS 29 corridor in Shawano County. The map identifies the locations of future interchanges, overpasses and local roads when WIS 29 is ultimately converted to a limited-access freeway. This means access to WIS 29 in the future will only be provided at interchanges; all other public and private access points will be removed. No construction is scheduled at this time.

WIS 29 Right of Way Preservation Plan recommendations

Interchanges

Interchanges are recommended at the following WIS 29 intersections:

- County J
- County D/G
- Leopolis Road
- County U
- County MMM
- County F

Overpasses

Overpasses are recommended at the following WIS 29 intersections:

- Rock Road
- Range Line Road
- Broadway Road
- Hofa Park Drive/
Main Laney Drive
- St. Augustine Street

Local roads

WisDOT has worked closely with local communities, residents, farmers and businesses to develop concepts for future local road access. The map shows local roads needed to maintain local access while minimizing costs and environmental impacts.

Need for right of way map

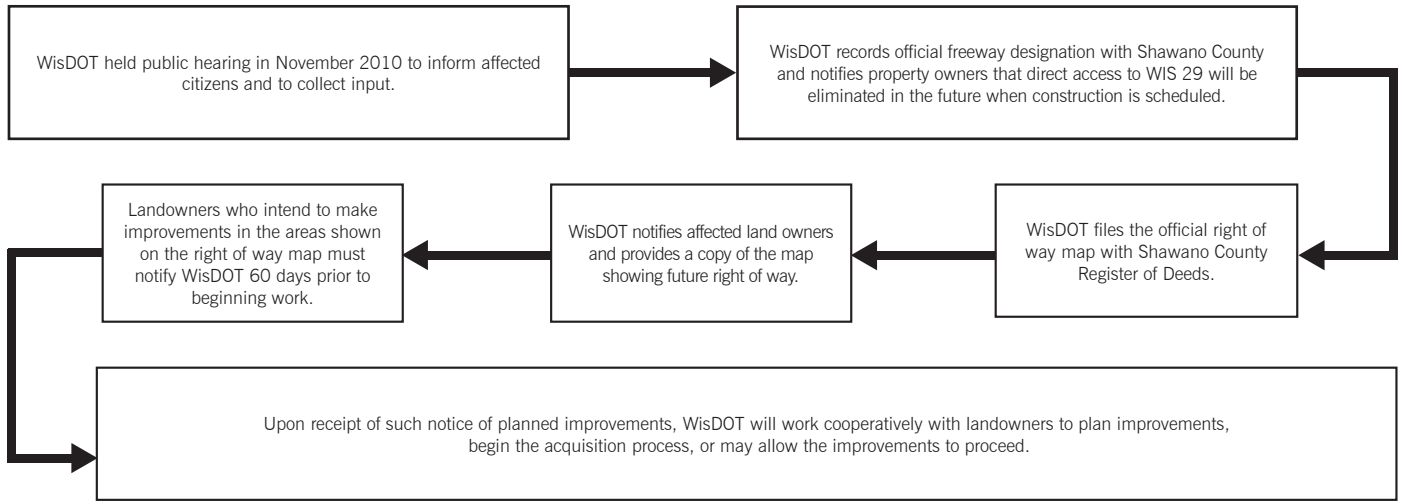
WisDOT is planning for future infrastructure needs to preserve the long term safety and mobility of WIS 29. Planning now helps reduce right of way costs since development cannot occur in areas designated as future right of way on the map. In addition, local communities benefit because the map gives them greater certainty about future highway improvements. Communities can make more informed decisions about land use and development plans.

Current activities

Before the formal freeway designation and mapping process can occur, WisDOT must complete the environmental review process. Since the public hearing, WisDOT has been working with the State Historical Society and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to develop agreements to manage and reduce potential impacts at a historic farmstead in the corridor. Now that the agreements are in place, it is anticipated that the environmental document will be completed in the spring of 2012. Formal right of way mapping is expected to be completed in 2012.



Freeway designation and mapping process



Wisconsin State Statute 84.295 gives WisDOT the authority to map right of way needs for freeways and expressways. The diagram above shows the freeway designation and right of way mapping process.

Notify WisDOT before making improvements

Property owners who own land within the designated right of way map are able to continue using their property as they do today. However, once the map is officially filed with the Shawano County Register of Deeds, property owners must notify WisDOT 60 days before beginning any work within the areas shown on the map. Then, WisDOT will work with the property owner to plan the improvements or determine if the land should be acquired. If the property owner does not notify WisDOT, reimbursement for the new improvements will not be provided when future freeway construction is scheduled.

What happens when construction is scheduled?

When future construction is scheduled, WisDOT will re-evaluate current conditions in the corridor with local communities to confirm or update the planned freeway improvements. WisDOT is committed to continuing its successful collaboration with local communities that has resulted in a plan balancing the need to preserve WIS 29 operations long term with local needs for access and land use planning.