



US 10 Marshfield – Stevens Point



Welcome to the US 10 public hearing and information meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 84.295 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the purpose of the **public hearing** is to provide interested persons the opportunity to present relevant verbal and/or written testimony concerning the new US 10 project between WIS 13 near Marshfield and I-39 at Stevens Point. Full consideration will be given to all verbal and written testimony.

The **public information meeting** will allow for discussion concerning current construction projects and the status of remaining design projects.

Project background

US 10 serves central Wisconsin as an east/west highway connecting the Twin Cities and the Fox Valley. It is a key regional, state, and national link for business, industry, recreation, and agriculture. US 10 is on the National Highway System and is an important route in Wisconsin's Corridor 2020 transportation plan.

Providing a safe and efficient highway system is an important factor in meeting the needs of continued economic growth for central Wisconsin. US 10 currently is unable to provide the function as described in the Corridors 2020 transportation plan. The existing highway is a two-lane facility routed through five communities, which increases conflict points between local and through traffic. Traffic volumes on US 10 are also expected to increase, which will further reduce the function of this highway.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is expanding 31 miles of US 10 between WIS 13 (Marshfield) to I-39 (Stevens Point). The new four-lane highway will bypass the communities of Auburndale, Blenker, Milladore, and Junction City. The project will also remove US 10 from downtown Stevens Point, west of I-39.

The project represents an estimated \$234 million investment in central Wisconsin's transportation system.

Project design

The US 10 expansion project will provide a highway facility that will safely and efficiently handle increasing traffic volumes.

US 10 will be constructed as a four-lane, 65-mph highway between Marshfield and Stevens Point. Controlled access on US 10 will increase safety and provide improved traffic flow. The highway between WIS 13 and WIS 34 south will have limited access at intersections located at approximately one-mile spacing.

Access to new US 10 between WIS 34 south and I-39 will be restricted to interchanges located at WIS 34 south, WIS 34 north, and I-39. An interchange will also be located at WIS 13/Wood County A, near Marshfield.

The new I-39 and US 10 west interchange will be designed with free-flow access, which will allow for high-speed ramp movements between the two highways. This interchange will be located near the current Portage County X interchange, which will require the removal of local access to I-39 at this location. Local access will be provided approximately two miles south with the construction of the new Casimir Road interchange.

Expressway designation

Through the use of Wisconsin Statute 84.295 (Wis. Stats. 84.295) WisDOT can officially designate and preserve highway corridors. The new US 10 alignment in Portage County is already designated as a freeway in accordance with Section 84.295 of the Wisconsin Statutes. WisDOT is proposing that US 10 -- between WIS 13 and Trestik Road -- be designated as an expressway. An expressway typically consists of a 55 to 65 mph posted speed limit, a median to separate traffic, at-grade intersections (meaning you can get directly on/off/across at the intersecting roads), and some interchanges.

Unmanaged and unprotected highways can deteriorate quickly in terms of reduced operations and safety. The purpose of designating US 10 as an expressway is to protect the long-term safety and integrity of the new US 10 highway. Expressway designation will also give landowners and communities along US 10 a blueprint for planning future improvements and land use near future interchanges, overpasses, and local roads.

State highway system changes

Upon completion of the new roadway, portions of existing US 10 and other state highways are expected to revert to the jurisdiction of local units of government. WisDOT will coordinate the specifics of these jurisdictional transfers with county and local governments. These changes will take effect as each associated US 10 project is completed.

Project schedule

Environmental studies and preliminary design for US 10 began in 1990. All environmental documents for the corridor were complete in January 2007.

Design of each of the construction projects begins approximately three years prior to construction. Final design includes detailed engineering and data gathering needed for the development of construction plans.

Contact with property owners regarding right of way acquisition begins approximately one to two years prior to construction of each project segment.

The construction of the US 10 Marshfield to Stevens Point corridor began in 2006. Completion is currently scheduled for 2012.

Project contacts

Additional information about the US 10 project between Marshfield and Stevens Point, including current project schedule maps, can be found at the US 10 Web site: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/us10

For more information about the US 10 project, contact:

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Guidelines for presenting verbal or written testimony

If you wish to testify directly to the court reporters **verbally** during the open-forum hearing:

1. Please complete the verbal testimony form on the last page of this handout. Include:
 - Your name
 - Your address
 - The community where you work (if applicable)
 - Who you represent (optional)
2. Proceed to the reporter, provide the court reporter with the verbal testimony form and present your statement.

If you wish to testify by **written** statement:

1. Write out your statement using the attached form.
2. Place the form in the box provided OR mail your statement, using the self-addressed stamped envelope provided:

Note: All statements postmarked by **June 13, 2008** will become part of the public hearing transcript.

US Highway 10 expressway declaration Public Hearing Comment Form

Verbal Testimony

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Name: _____

Representing (Optional): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Municipality (i.e. city of Marshfield, village of Auburndale, town of Milladore):

Municipality you work in (if applicable): _____