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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is currently working to finalize plans to improve WIS 64, Wolf River Bridge, Antigo - Langlade, Town of Wolf River in Langlade County. Construction is currently scheduled for 2027.

The purpose of the project is to:

- The purpose of this project is to preserve the function of the existing state highway while maximizing safety and minimizing social, economic, and environmental impacts.

Proposed improvements include:

- Wolf River Bridge

The proposed work includes removing the existing bridge on WIS 64 over the Wolf River and replacing it with a two-span pre-stressed concrete girder structure. The proposed structure will be widened to 40 feet wide for the roadway. The structure will also have a 14-foot wide shared-use path for snowmobiles and ATV/UTV. Some work is anticipated in the Wolf River to remove of the existing structure supporting and the installation the new structure support. Roadway improvements approaching the structure include new pavement and a widened shoulder to accommodate the shared-use path for snowmobiles and ATV/UTV.

- South Branch Oconto River Bridge

The proposed work includes removing and replacing the existing concrete on either end of the WIS 64 bridge over South Branch Oconto River. Work will require the removal of the beam guard metal railing adjacent to the structure to access the concrete approach slabs for replacement. No beam guard posts will be excavated or added. Beam guard metal railing will be salvaged and replaced once the approach work is complete. No work in the South Branch Oconto River is anticipated.

Traffic & Recreational impacts

Construction is planned to be done in stages and WIS 64 will remain open to traffic the duration of construction. Temporary signals will be used during construction to facilitate the safe flow of traffic. No impacts to businesses or residences are expected.

Wolf River Bridge: Stage 1 will consist of both lanes operating as existing, while the shared-use path and bridge section is constructed. During Stage 2, traffic will utilize the shared-use path, reducing the traffic to one-lane. Stage 3 will have both lanes of traffic open on the new structure. A temporary signalized intersection will be utilized for a single-lane bypass of the construction zone.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in Spring 2027 and be completed in Fall 2027, with an approximate duration of 5 months.

Waterway signs and a portage will be used to direct recreational waterway users around the Wolf River bridge during construction and will remain in place until safe passage can be established under the bridge.

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South Branch Oconto River Bridge: Construction will consist of two (2) stages. A single lane of traffic will be open at all times and a temporary signal will be used to control traffic through the work zone.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in Spring 2027 and be completed in Summer 2027, with an approximate duration of 3 months.

In addition, a project website has been created and will be kept up to date with regards to the project scope and schedule. The website can be found at the following address:

Current North Central Region Design Projects

<https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/default.aspx>

Your input on the proposed reconstruction of the Wolf River Bridge and the improvements to the approaches on the South Branch Oconto River Bridge is appreciated. To ensure the project stays on schedule, please forward any comments or questions to me at 715-365-5880 or email at marijean.hoppe@dot.wi.gov by January 5, 2026.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Project Location Map