

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE LOCATION ASPECTS AND  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR  
THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF  
COUNTY HIGHWAY M  
BETWEEN ONCKEN ROAD AND STATE HIGHWAY 113  
DANE COUNTY**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will be holding a public hearing as provided by law to consider the general location and design aspects of the proposed improvement of County Trunk Highway (County) M, including those aspects that may require application to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

The proposed improvement would include:

- Expansion of the roadway from the two-lane section to a four-lane section with an urban median from Willow Road to Oncken Road.
- Resurfacing of the roadway from Willow Road to Wisconsin State Highway (WIS) 113
- Improvements to intersections.
- An additional bridge over Six Mile Creek and reconstruction of the existing bridge.
- An off-road, multi-use trail connecting Governor Nelson State Park to WIS 113.
- The relocation of one commercial structure.

Further information including exhibits, a statement about the project and other hearing materials are available on the study website for review:

<https://highway-projects-countyofdane.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cth-m> Information is also available for viewing, by appointment only, at the KL Engineering Office in Madison, Wisconsin at the address given below. Please contact Gerry Schmitt, the Project Manager, to schedule an appointment.

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There will be two opportunities to attend the public hearing for this project—one component held virtually online, and one component held in-person. In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is encouraged that the public participate in the process through the virtual public hearing component to the extent possible. Both opportunities will allow for recording of public and private testimony. All interested persons are invited to attend one or both public hearing components to present relevant verbal and/or written testimony concerning the general location and design aspects of the proposed improvement of County M, including those aspects that may require application to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

**Virtual Public Hearing Component**

The virtual public hearing component will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, via YouTube Live from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Link: <https://youtu.be/bLCeAbc4epE>). Interested persons may attend to learn about the project and provide testimony. If interested parties do not have internet access, they may call 1-872-240-1858, followed by access code 6969016# to listen to the virtual public hearing component. A recording of the virtual public hearing component will be available on the project website shortly after the hearing.

The virtual public hearing component will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will end when all interested persons have provided testimony or 8:00 p.m., whichever occurs first. The virtual public hearing will begin with an informational project presentation prior to accepting verbal public testimony. Instructions on how to give verbal testimony publicly through YouTube Live or privately by phone to a court reporter will be provided at the virtual public hearing. Instructions are also available on the study website.

## **In Person Public Hearing Component**

The in-person public hearing component will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at the Holy Wisdom Monastery, 4200 Co Hwy M, Middleton, WI 53562. The in-person public hearing will be conducted from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **Attendance**

Attendance at the in-person hearing will be by appointment only. Prior to the public hearing, please call the Project Manager Gerry Schmitt, at (608) 663-1218, extension 806, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, to make an appointment and receive further instructions regarding the in-person option. Interested persons that have made an appointment may attend the in-person component public hearing to review displays and other hearing materials, ask questions, and provide testimony. Information provided when making an appointment (including names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses) 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 Statutes.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, enhanced safety measures will be applied to the in-person public hearing. Guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Protection and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services will be followed, including the request for attendees to wear a face mask and physically distance while in attendance at the in-person public hearing. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait outside until space is available to accommodate their attendance to ensure occupancy restrictions are maintained.

At the in-person public hearing component, project staff will be available for informal discussion to explain the project and answer questions. Exhibits will be on display and a statement about the project will be available for review.

## **Special Accommodations**

If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact the project manager (listed below) no later than three working days prior to the public hearing. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711).

Provisions have been made for the submission of written statements or other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, the testimony presented at the virtual and in-person public hearing components. This additional testimony will be included in the hearing record if postmarked/received no later than Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Testimony should be sent via phone, email, or US Mail to the Project Manager at:

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of an Environmental Report (ER) of the proposal's impacts and effects which has been prepared and filed according to the State and National Environmental Policy Acts (NEPA). This document indicates that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of the proposed improvement. An electronic copy of the ER is available and can be viewed online at:

<https://highway-projects-countyofdane.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cth-m>

Additionally, paper copies of the ER are available for inspection and potential copying (please note, a fee may be required for copying service). Contact the person listed and set up an appointment at the following locations:

Southwest Region Office Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM)  
2101 Wright Street  
Madison, WI 53704  
Zachary Pearson, P.E.  
(608) 246-5319  
[Zachary.Pearson@dot.wi.gov](mailto:Zachary.Pearson@dot.wi.gov)

Town of Westport – Kennedy Administration Building  
(Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Friday: 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM)  
5387 Mary Lake Road  
Waunakee, WI 53597  
Jessica Duffrin  
(608) 849-4372  
[jduffrin@townofwestport.org](mailto:jduffrin@townofwestport.org)

Dane County Highway and Transportation Department (7 AM to 3:30 PM)  
2302 Fish Hatchery Road  
Madison, WI 53713  
Pam Dunphy, P.E., Deputy Commissioner  
(608) 266-4036  
[dunphy@countyofdane.com](mailto:dunphy@countyofdane.com)

Comments regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the proposed improvements will be addressed in the final environmental document if postmarked/received no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Written comments on the Environmental Assessment should be sent via US mail or email to:

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**Note: A previous version of the Notice of Public Hearing posted on February 14, 2022, on the Dane County Highway website for the County M project (5954-00-00) incorrectly stated the hearing would be held on March 15, 2021 (virtual) and March 16, 2021 (in-person). A corrected version is now posted as of February 24, 2022. The hearing will be held on March 15, 2022 (virtual) and March 16, 2022 (in-person). Public hearing notice timelines and comment periods for the Public Hearing and environmental document remain valid.**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will review all comments and testimony presented as part of this public hearing process and reserves the right to make a final determination on the proposed improvements as described in this notice.