

Sen. LeMahieu: Legislators announce key Highway 23 public hearing

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Hearing Follows New State-Federal Analysis Supporting 4-Lane Expansion

Madison - Legislators representing citizens near the Highway 23 corridor from Plymouth to Fond du Lac are urging constituents to attend an upcoming Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) public hearing. State Senators Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg), Dan Feyen (R-Fond du Lac), and Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) along with State Representatives Terry Katsma (R-Oostburg), Tyler Vorpapel (R-Plymouth), and Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R-Fond du Lac) noted strong attendance is needed to continue to demonstrate the overwhelming public support for a four-lane expansion of Highway 23.

The newly completed environmental analysis represents a major victory for those that regularly use the Highway 23 corridor. The state has been working closely with the Federal Highway Administration on the new limited-scope environmental review.

The new environmental analysis became necessary due to a 2015 ruling by U.S. District Judge Lynn Adelman. Judge Adelman blocked the Highway 23 project the weekend before construction was set to begin in response to a lawsuit by Madison-based *1000 Friends of Wisconsin*. On the 3rd anniversary of Judge Adelman's

decision, the new analysis confirms a four-lane expansion is needed to improve operational efficiency and enhance safety.

During a public comment period on the analysis last fall, more than 600 residents indicated support for a 4-lane expansion. Only 24 favored simply adding passing lanes, the next highest alternative.

The new public hearing by WisDOT is required in order for the federal government to give final approval for the project. The details are as follows:

6 - 8PM (*short presentation by WisDOT at 6:30PM*)

Tuesday, June 19

UW-Fond du Lac

**400 University Drive
Fond du Lac, WI**

For more information on the hearing: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/-projects/by-region/ne/wis23exp/pi.aspx>.

To review the new environmental analysis: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/-projects/by-region/ne/wis23exp/enviro.aspx>.