

# Dept. of Transportation: Public input requested for future of US 51, Stoughton to McFarland, in Dane County

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Southwest Region office in Madison is planning a virtual public involvement meeting to discuss the design and environmental aspects of the preferred alternative (Alternative H) for the US 51 Corridor Study, with limits from I-39/90, east of Stoughton, to US 12/18 (Madison Beltline) near McFarland in Dane County.

Proposed improvements with Alternative H:

- Reconstruct the US 51 corridor on the existing alignment between I-39/90 and Larson Beach Road in McFarland;
- Replace the pavement and add an auxiliary lane in each direction in McFarland between Siggelkow Road and Terminal Drive/Voges Road just south of US 12/18.
- A passing lane would be provided east of Stoughton and intersections along the corridor would be improved.
- Pedestrian facilities would also be provided in urban areas.
- Bicycle accommodations would be provided on paved shoulders in rural sections of the US 51 corridor.
- In the urban sections of the corridor, various options for accommodating bicycles would be provided where determined feasible.

The environmental document is anticipated to be available for public review in December 2020. Construction is anticipated for the mid- to late-2020s.

**The public meeting will be a virtual recording available on the study website beginning Tuesday, October 6.** To access the website, go online to [wisconsindot.gov](http://wisconsindot.gov) and search “US 51 Study” and click on “US 51 Corridor Study (Stoughton to McFarland)”. There will be various methods for submitting comments. Project maps and other information will also be available on the website.

If you are unable to access the virtual public involvement materials, or have general questions or concerns about the study or virtual meeting, please contact Jeff Berens, P.E., WisDOT Project Manager at (608) 245-2656.