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RE: Local Officials Project Notification

Project ID: 8510-01-02 (72)
WIS 13: Port Wing - Superior
County A to Bayfield-Douglas County line
Bayfield County

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is in the process of designing a roadway improvement on WIS 13 in Bayfield County. The proposed improvement is 8 miles in length and runs from County Highway A in Port Wing to the Douglas County line. Construction now is tentatively scheduled for 2028.

WisDOT plans to hold a public involvement meeting to share details about the proposed project and obtain public input on the proposed improvements and traffic control. This project will require a detour route as mentioned in prior notification letter dated Nov. 11, 2025. This detour is currently expected to be in effect for eight to 10 weeks in the summer of 2028. A tentative proposed detour route is attached. WIS 13 will remain accessible to local traffic but will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the detour.

The details of the proposed public involvement meeting are as follows:

- **When: Thursday, April 16th, 2026, at 7pm**
- **Where: Port Wing Fire Hall in Port Wing, WI**

During the remainder of the design process, various surveys may be conducted in the project area including right of way, utility and archaeological. The information obtained from these will be used when an evaluation is made about the possible improvements for this roadway and the project's effect on the environment. Some of this work may require staff to enter private property to conduct their work or take photographs of the land. This work would be non-destructive in nature in accordance with Wisconsin statute 84.01 (10).

Further project information and updates can be found at the WisDOT project webpage: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/wis13bc/default.aspx>. To help business owners navigate the challenges of roadway construction, WisDOT has created the "In This Together" program - <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/intogether/default.aspx> - that includes a number of tips.

Please feel free to share this information with other interested parties in the area who may be impacted. If at any time you would like more information about the project, please contact:

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WIS 13 Pavement Replacement

Port Wing to Bayfield/Douglas County Line

March 2026

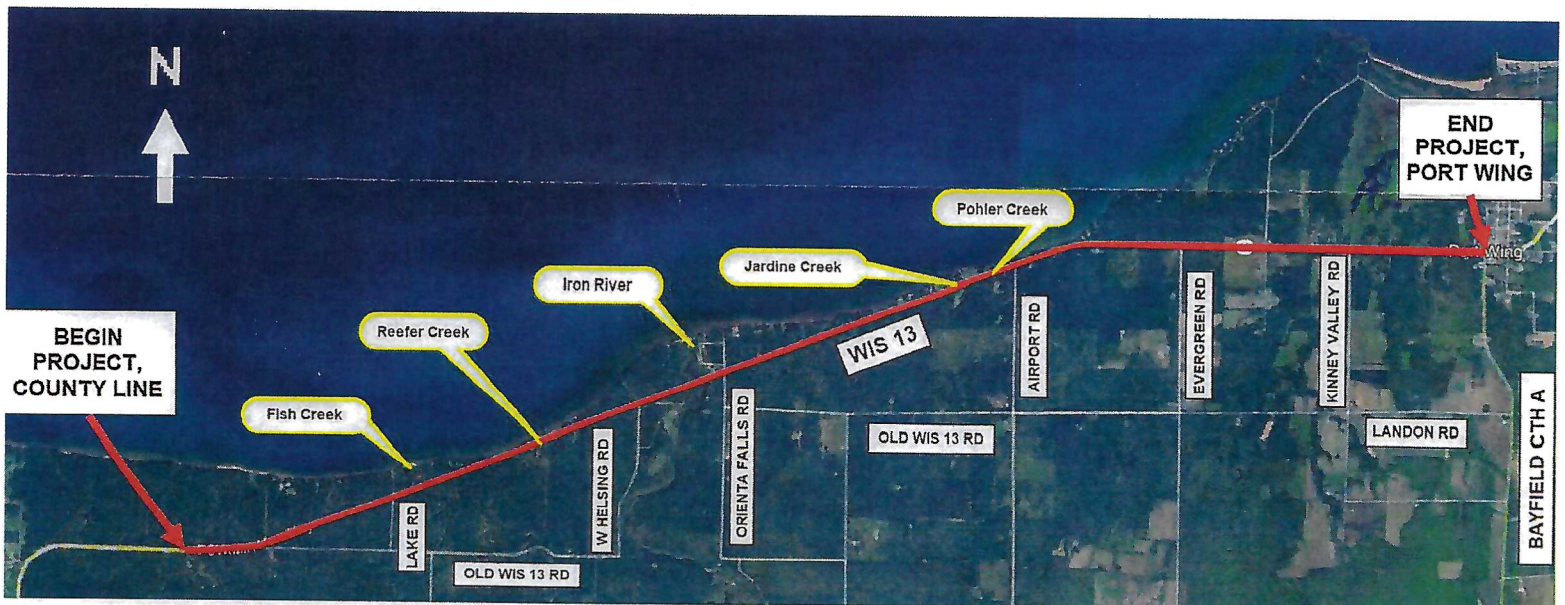


The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of designing a proposed roadway improvement of WIS 13 between Port Wing and the Bayfield/Douglas County line.

Construction is expected to take place in summer of 2028.

Planned work includes:

- Milling top layer of existing asphalt.
- Pulverizing and mixing the existing asphalt and base aggregate with an asphalt emulsion to stabilize the base.
- Paving with new asphalt, matching points of access along WIS 13 and marking the pavement.
- Placing and shaping gravel to build existing gravel shoulders up to match level of new paved surface.
- Repairing abutments on the Iron River and Fish Creek bridges with grout.
- Adding riprap at the Iron River and Fish Creek bridges and the Jardine Creek and Pohler Creek box culverts to prevent further erosion.
- Removing brush for maintenance and to allow access for construction activities.
- Replacing existing guardrail, including grading slopes behind guardrail to meet current standards.



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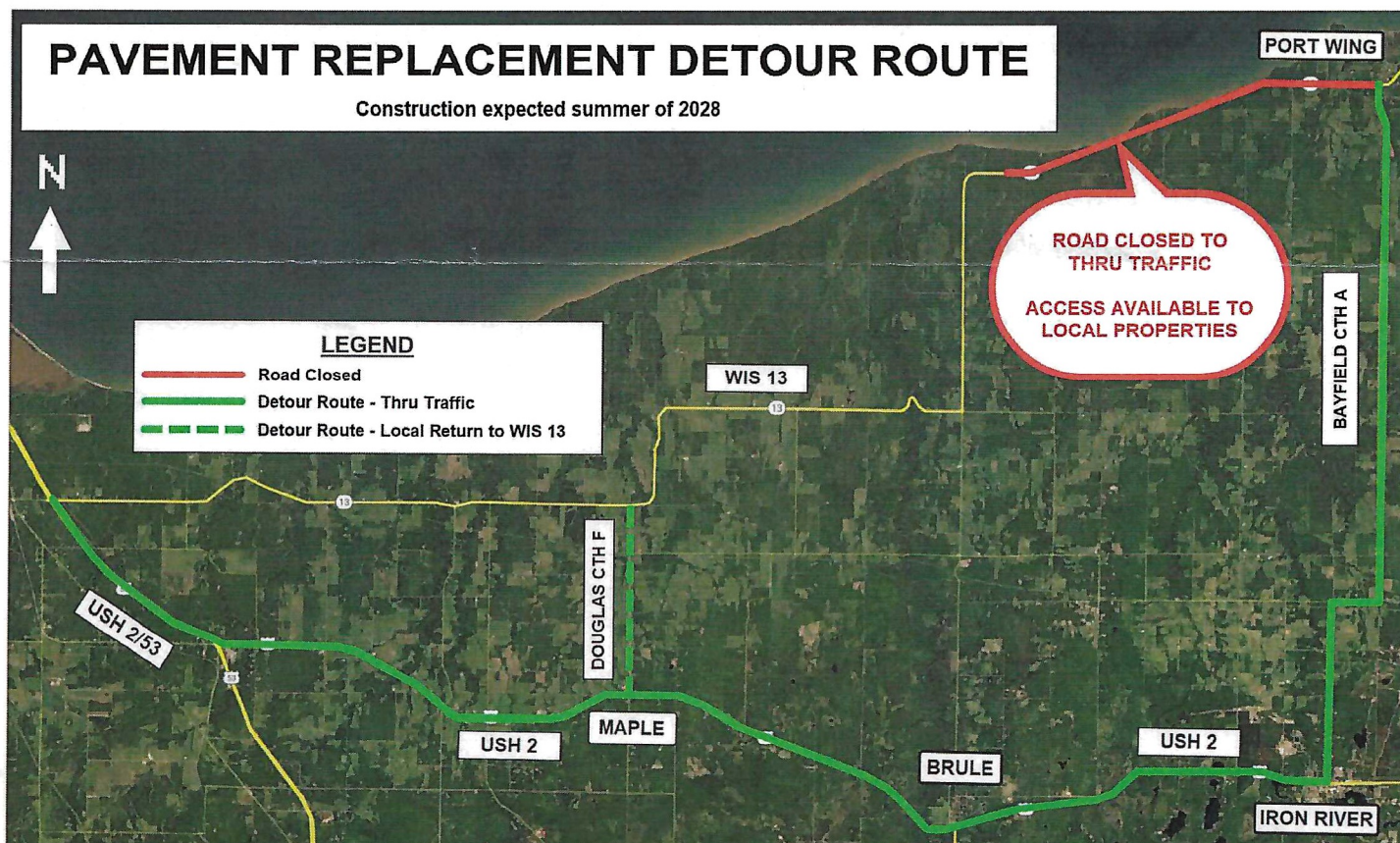
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The road pulverization and stabilization would require temporary road closure. Construction activities requiring closure are expected to last for eight to ten weeks. The following detour would be in place during closures:



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