

# Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**T Forest – T Wellington  
Billings Creek Bridge B-41-0332  
County Z  
Monroe County**

Project ID: 5165-00-73



**July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
5:00 P.M.  
Town of Wellington Town Hall**

## Purpose of the meeting

Our objective is to obtain your input on the identified needs and recommended alternative along County Z over Billings Creek in the Town of Wellington, Monroe County.

## Project information

WisDOT and Monroe County are proposing to improve 0.051 miles of County Z. The existing structure exhibits delamination, spalling, and cracking of the prestressed concrete girders; decay, section loss, splitting, and distortion of the timber abutments; decay, section loss, and splitting of the timber piles; corrosion and distortion of the metal rail; and deterioration of the wingwalls. The existing structure has a sufficiency rating of 43.5 out of a possible 100, which classifies the structure as structurally deficient.

The purpose of the project is to improve County Z in order for it to remain an important part of the Monroe County transportation system.

### County Z Project Location Map



## **Recommended alternative**

The purpose of the recommended alternative is to address a structurally deficient bridge. The recommended alternative consists of the following:

- Replacing the existing single-span prestressed concrete girder structure with a new two-span concrete flat slab structure.
- Reconstructing 50 feet of south approach roadway and 150 feet of north approach roadway to ensure a smooth transition between the existing roadway and the new structure. Along with the approaches, 65 feet of Orchid Road will be reconstructed. The proposed horizontal and vertical alignments will closely match the existing roadway.
- Installing beam guard at the northeast quadrant of the structure in order to shield errant vehicles from the steep slope down to the stream edge.
- Grading side slopes to improve safety and to meet current design standards.

## **Proposed traffic impacts**

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in the spring of 2027.

During construction, County Z will be closed to traffic without a posted detour for the duration of construction.

Brief interruptions in access may occur at driveways and field entrances within the project limits. Temporary driveway closures may be necessary during parts of the construction process. Construction staff will contact homeowners and businesses before closing a driveway. If you have special access needs during construction, please let us know so these can be considered as much as possible, and if needed, included in the bidding documents.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in the fall of 2027.

## **Real estate**

Additional right-of-way will be required for this project. Permanent right-of-way acquisition is anticipated at the intersection with Orchid Rd. Preliminary right-of-way impacts are shown on the exhibits. Monroe County expects to begin real estate acquisition in early spring 2025.

## Project update/next steps

The project team is currently in the preliminary design phase of preparing the construction plans. Construction is currently scheduled for 2027.

The project schedule is as follows:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| • Preliminary Design and Plans | June 2023         |
| • Environmental Document       | December 2023     |
| • Design Study Report          | March 2024        |
| • Final (90%) Plans            | February 2026     |
| • PS&E                         | August 1, 2026    |
| • Let Date                     | November 10, 2026 |
| • Construction                 | Spring 2027       |

## Public input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

There are several ways to submit your feedback by September 1, 2023:

1. Fill out the comment form and mail it to Westbrook Associated Engineers, Inc.
2. Email comments or questions to the contact(s) listed below.

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