

September 12, 2023

Welcome

Thank you for attending this public involvement meeting for the County A Bridge reconstruction project. The purpose of the project is to address the deteriorating condition of the County A bridge over the Milwaukee River. The project will be constructed in 2025.

When you Arrive

- Please sign in
- Review the exhibits and discuss the project with representatives
- Document your comments on the comment form provided and send via email to steven.schowalter@graef-usa.com or via mail to the address provided on the comment form.

Meeting Purpose & Format

The purpose of this meeting is to present the proposed design, provide information about the project's impacts, construction timeline, detour and gather your thoughts and insights. Please review this handout and the exhibits on display. The displays illustrate the design concept that have been developed for the bridge reconstruction.

A short presentation will be held at 6:00 pm followed by a general question and answer session. **These questions should remain general to the project.** Once the Q&A is finished, attendees will be able to review exhibits of the project and talk to representatives from Washington County and the design team. Questions regarding specific topics related to a property can be addressed one-on-one at this time.

Need for the Project

The existing bridge, Structure B-66-944, is structurally deficient and functionally obsolete with a sufficiency rating of 36.1 out of 100, and it has a substandard roadway width of 24 feet. The concrete deck has heavy cracking throughout, has required repeated deck patching, and has exposed rebar on the curbing and side faces. The steel girders have heavy corrosion near the deck drains and along the top flanges. The abutments and piers have cracking, delaminations, and spalling. The heavily rusted metal railing is missing sections of posts and rail. There are large farms in the area that utilize this road with their wide farm equipment. This bridge sees heavy recreational use from kayakers and canoeists as a drop off/pickup location.

Project Description

Since the bridge's deteriorated condition dictates the need for a full replacement, Washington County is proposing to construct a three span, concrete haunched bridge, with concrete abutments and piers supported on piles. The current alignment will be maintained. The proposed profile will flatten the crest vertical curve lowering the profile by less than 1 foot.

The proposed bridge will have a 40-ft clear width for vehicles. Approach guardrail will be upgraded to current standards. The Riverside Road intersection will be relocated to the west allowing the installation of standard guardrail on the approach to the structure.

Environmental Investigation

Various environmental surveys are underway, including wetland, soil testing/borings, archaeological, historical building, endangered species, and contaminated material investigation. The information obtained from these surveys will be used when an evaluation is made about the proposed improvement. Any information regarding environmental impacts or concerns is appreciated.

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Public participation is encouraged, and information will be exchanged at this meeting.

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Detour and Construction Staging

Construction of the County A bridge is anticipated to begin in early 2025 and conclude in late summer of 2025. County A will be closed during the construction of the new bridge. Traffic will be detoured along County M, County H (Kohler Drive) and County H (Cigrand Drive) to maneuver around the construction zone.

Riverside Road Construction

The relocation of Riverside Road to the west is proposed as part of the project. This will allow for the installation of standard guardrail protection in the northwest corner of the new bridge.

Riverside Road will be closed at County A during the initial phases of the bridge reconstruction and during the relocation of the roadway to the west. Access to local traffic will resume following the construction of the new Riverside Road intersection.

Real Estate

Property acquisitions are anticipated on this project. It is expected that permanent acquisition will occur in areas where the bridge and roadway are being widened and where Riverside Road is being relocated, Temporary easements will occur in areas where grading occurs outside of the existing right-of-way.

These permanent and temporary acquisitions are identified on the exhibits presented. Any specific questions about a property can be answered by one of the project representatives.

Schedule

The following are scheduled dates for key activities in the design of the project:

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| 60% Plans | November 1, 2023 |
| Final Plat | December 2023 |
| Final Plans | August 1, 2024 |
| Project Bid | November 12, 2024 |
| Construction Start | February 2025 |
| Construction Complete | Summer 2025 |

Project Overview

